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**Global Blue Job Shadow Day™ 2026**

“The blue economy does indeed play a huge role in Portugal's overall economy. Portugal is a maritime nation par excellence, and we are doing everything in our power to promote the blue economy in all its various dimensions.

Naturally, there are several constraints and problems, one of which is precisely attracting skilled and qualified young people, young people who are knowledgeable about the ocean in its many dimensions.

Therefore, there is no doubt that in order to get our blue economy up and running, we need people; we need new generations with adequate ocean literacy. And this is indeed a problem that we are currently facing and will continue to face in the future.”

“Without a doubt, once the problem has been identified, this event and this initiative are fantastic, because they allow us to tackle this enormous constraint head on. Many talk about business, and rightly so; many talk about the enormous opportunities that exist within the various dimensions of the blue economy. And then there are those who will put all this into practice, the so-called workforce.

What we saw today was precisely the combination of these two issues, always in a very collaborative and international atmosphere, in which we try to bring together young people, ocean literacy, and also attract these new professionals to a world of opportunities that is our ocean.

Therefore, from my point of view, this is an event that deserves enormous public recognition, and the Government of the Portuguese Republic is here because the blue economy is one of the top priorities of our government action. So, congratulations to the organizers, and you can count on the Government of the Portuguese Republic to consolidate this first step and to be at your side in future initiatives.

Your success will be Portugal's success.”