

Field trip 2025

Explore Portugal's first automated textile sorting line

Hosted by Lipor and Picvisa



Friday October 17

Depart from and optional return to Lisbon (field trip is in Porto area)

See cutting-edge textile sorting in action in this guided tour of Portugal's first automated waste sorting line. Hear about the latest sorting innovations, take part in interactive workshops comparing human and machine identification, and meet the teams who created and work with this groundbreaking technology before watching it in operation.

What you'll experience:

- An overview of current innovations in textile sorting with leading European tech company PICVISA, which installed the sorting line. This will include the latest on shape recognition, knotted versus woven identification, and advances in shoe and reuse sorting.
- A hands-on workshop comparing human and machine-based identification of textile types using the ECOSORT system's near-infrared (NIR) technology. This interactive activity will highlight the real-world challenges and value of automation in textile recycling.
- A live demonstration of the automated sorting line in action, with a tour of Lipor's facilities.

Recommended for:

- Recyclers and sorters
- Waste managers
- Recycled fabric manufacturers
- Anyone interested in automating textile sorting processes

Cost: 150 USD

Includes:

- Pick-up in Lisbon, travel to field trip facilities outside of Porto, and optional return to Lisbon
- Guided tour and presentations
- Interactive workshop
- Lunch

What to bring:

- Comfortable footwear and clothing

Agenda

8:00am Travel from Lisbon

11:30am Coffee and brief presentation from PICVISA on the technologies they're using and recent developments.

12:00pm Lunch at Lipor's catering facilities

1:00pm An introduction to the facility by Lipor, including the new textile section that they've recently implemented using PICVISA technology. A hands-on interactive sorting workshop will follow, and finally a live demonstration of the automated sorting line.

3:30pm Travel back to Lisbon (optional drop-off point near central Porto for those staying in Porto)

Arrival and departure details:

- Depart Lisbon at 8:00am for Baguim do Monte near Porto.
- Return to Lisbon around 7:00pm (Optional drop-off in Porto for those who are staying in Porto).

NOTE: Places on the tour are limited. Please register now to secure your place.

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