

# **Integrated Master in Mechanical Engineering (MIEM) at FEUP**

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**TITLE: Adopting Multifunctional Composites**

## **Objetives:**

The project main objective is to identify the potential of **Multifunctional composites** as a tool for **INNOVATIVE** ideas to develop healthier, safer, cost effective and more environmental friendly products

## **PROJECT OVERVIEW AND BACK GROUND**

**Composite systems are MULTI\_FUNCTION Materials** (e.g. the matrix transfers the load to the fibre and also has the role of aggressive environment protection).

Multi-functions may include mechanical, electrical, chemical and thermal functions

One may consider:

- Multi-function structure
- Multi-function materials
- Functionally Graded Materials (FGM)
- Hybrid materials (either referring to two constituents at nano and molecular level or laminates with different type of fibres)

Multi-functional composites go from molecular to macro scale and include working at different, more or less extreme, environments

This project seeks to make a state of the art review and propose methodologies in order to answer to the challenges of adopting the use of multifunctional composite systems.

## **TASKS**

Task 1: Identification of multifunctional composite systems

Task 2: Challenges in adopting multifunctional composites

Task 3: State of the art review

Task 4: Proposed methodologies as a tool for **INNOVATIVE** ideas to develop healthier, safer, cost effective and more environmental friendly products

## **WORKING PLACE: FEUP**

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