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INI-GraphicsNet presents VR technologies during the celebration of the *International day of Monuments and Sites* at the Convento de Cristo

In the context of the *International day of Monuments and Sites* on April 18<sup>th</sup> was officially opened an exhibition about the project "Thousand Years of Wisdom - From Middle Ages till the 21 century" at the *Convento de Cristo*, in Tomar (Portugal)

The project results from a partnership between the Portuguese Institute of Architectural and Archaeological Heritage (IGESPAR), the Polytechnic Institute of Tomar (IPT) and the INI-GraphicsNet, which role includes the development of a concept plan for setting-up a laboratory of augmented and virtual reality for the ICT use in the Monument with edutainment objectives.

INI-GraphicsNet was represented at the exhibition with technologies from the network members (Fraunhofer IGD and Capcom). During the opening ceremony, to which the Portuguese Minister and Secretary of State of Culture attended, the visitors were invited to experiment the potentialities of virtual reality and augmented reality solutions targeting Cultural Heritage.



Bruno Fernandes, staff member of INI-graphicsNet, shows the potentialities of the Panosreen to the Secretary of State of Culture and the President of IPT

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The official agenda of the ceremony also included the presentation of the official website of the Convent (<http://www.conventocristo.pt>) allowing, besides the virtual visits to the Convent, to learn more about the history of the Monument, book visits online, e-learning capabilities, among other multimedia features.



*Wolfgang Kniejski with the Director of the Convento de Cristo during the presentation ceremony of the monument official website*

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