Hello! My name is Leonor Brito and I am currently completing an MSc in Statistics and Data Science at Leiden University. I will be conducting my thesis research at Wageningen University and would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I received my Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering with minors in Mathematics and Data Analytics from Northeastern University in Boston (USA). During this time, I completed two internships; the first one as a statistical consultant at a healthcare research institute and the second as a supply chain analyst at Bluebird Bio, a biotech firm. After graduating, I worked as a Sales Operations Analyst at a research and advisory company called Forrester Research where I drove sales performance through data-driven analysis and reporting. Most recently, and after leaving the US, I worked as a Senior Business Operations Analyst at an e-commerce software company called Salsify where I lead data management, reporting and strategy for the product functions.

Towards the end of my studies and in my subsequent job roles, I became passionate about the role of data science in designing healthy and sustainable food systems and urban environments. That is why I decided to pursue this master program, and why I am thrilled to be conducting my thesis with a focus on sustainability in food systems, agriculture and urban planning at Wageningen University.

I'm from Portugal (Lisbon) but I grew up and lived in many places around the world. In my free time I love to cook and I volunteer at an organization that works locally and sustainably to turn food waste into nutritious meals for the community. I am also a dogsitter / dogwalker and more generally love to go to music shows, restaurants, do yoga and see my friends and family!