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Introduction

The 2021 Activity Plan is based on the current Strategic Plan defined by CIES-Iscte, approved by FCT for the five-year period, to be implemented in 2019-2023. The Strategic Plan is centered on providing analysis of current societal transformations and confronting these challenges with top research contributions. The Plan entails support and development to the activities undertaken by the long-term research infrastructures such as the existing Observatories and Laboratories, as well as by the ongoing and continuous researchers' initiatives, proposals and projects. The Strategic Plan also involves numerous participatory debates and different measures of implementation and dissemination.

A key component of the Center's activity is its capacity to function effectively within the conditions established by Iscte's policy to support all research activities. This implies achieving successful response rates to different regional, national, European and international competitions, such as competitive calls, tenders, PhD and other advanced training grants with an aim to securing a recognized international position. The year 2021 is expected to continue to pose new challenges as a result of the global pandemic and confinement measures. CIES will continue to adapt and adjust, making use of virtual meetings and scientific events, remote digital work and zoom sessions. CIES will continue to study and provide research analyses on the pandemic and its effects.

Implementation of the Strategic Plan

1. Support for the development of the reorganization of the research groups. The new structure consists of 7 research groups: Inequality, Work and Social Well-Being; Migration and Mobility; Education and Science; Media and Culture; Family, Generations and Health; Politics and Citizenship; and Modern and Contemporary History.
2. Development and support of in-house Observatories and Laboratories. Particular attention will ensure the recently created Laboratory of Methodological Innovation (LIM); Observatory on Democracy and Political Representation; Portuguese Observatory on Cultural Activities (OPAC) and the Laboratory for the Social Studies on Childbirth (nascer.pt) the conditions to promote their activities. This includes reinforcing staff and promoting PhD grants.

3. Engage actively in the Collaborative Laboratory CoLABOR, in the field of Labor, Employment and Social Protection, and promote DATALABOR, a platform to provide data and legal information on work, employment and social protection.
4. Continue to engage and actively promote collaborative social science infrastructures such as ESS-ERIC (European Social Survey) and PASSDA (Production and Archive of Social Science Data).
5. Continue to support measures that promote scientific employment, as well as doctoral grants.
6. Support and encourage synergies with internal and external partners to develop proposals and lead consortia in European research programs.
7. Promote, in collaboration with Iscte's Rectorship, applications and tenders for European grants (ERC, Marie Curie Actions, etc.).
8. Actively promote and seek new opportunities and new partnerships that advance research activities and support applications and submissions to European research projects and networks as well as to FCT's general and specific calls.
9. Identify and lead new partnerships and projects with public, private and social entities that involve knowledge transfers.
10. Promote, support and develop the new SocioDigital Laboratory for Public Policy, an associate laboratory that consists of an association of 6 research units at Iscte that CIES leads as the proponent institution.
11. Develop and support initiatives to promote Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation, the Centre for Valorization and Technology Transfer, in collaboration with the Rectorship of Iscte.

Organisation

1. Implementation of the Strategic Finance Plan attributed by FCT on the basis of the 2019 Evaluation of R&D Units.
2. Implementation of the process of evaluation of full-time PhD researchers' performance.
3. Implementation of Iscte's guidelines in the general review of the Regulations of Research Centers.
4. Support the reorganization of the Research Groups of CIES-Iscte.
5. Improve internal mechanisms that encourage and support research proposals and tenders for funding.
6. Reinforcement of access and distribution of IT equipment and software to support research activity due to the pandemic.

Doctoral Programmes

1. Support, manage and coordinate the seven Doctoral Programs organized within CIES-Iscte: Communication, Modern and Contemporary History, Political Science, Policies of School Administration and Management, Public Policy, Social Work and Sociology.
2. Continue to collaborate with different Interuniversity Doctoral Programs: Political Economy, Communication Studies: Technology, Culture and Society, Urban Studies, and History: change and continuity in the global world.
3. Maintain on-going collaboration with ESPP – the School of Sociology and Public Policy – with regard to the development and promotion of the PhD programs.
4. Organize the International Cycle of Doctoral Conferences and the Doctoral Colloquium.

Debate Activities

Throughout 2021 CIES-Iscte will promote national and international conferences and seminars and continue to organize regular discussions and debates, such as:

1. CIES Research Forum
2. CIES Research Workshops
3. Forum of Public Policy
4. Cycles of Research Seminars:
5. Biographies and Trajectories
6. China Studies
7. Cities & Empires: local dynamics, global flows
8. Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Families
9. ETNO.URB Readings- Urban Ethnography
10. Gender, Sexuality and other social markers of difference
11. Migration Experiences
12. New Perspectives on Modern History
13. Social Movements and Political Action
14. TALK (Art and Culture)

Editorial Activities

1. Continue to support the development of the editorial activity of CIES-Iscte, paying close attention to international journal rankings.
2. Support the publication of the journal Sociologia, Problemas e Práticas.
3. Support the Mundos Sociais Publisher.
4. Support the publication of the journal Ler História in partnership with CEI-Iscte; the Observatório (OBS*) in collaboration with Obercom; and the Portuguese Journal of Social Science (PJSS) in consortium with the other Iscte Research Units.
5. Continue to improve the publication of CIES e-Working Papers.

Activities to Promote Scientific Culture

CIES-Iscte will continue to undertake activities to promote scientific culture, such as participation in the programs of the Agência Ciência Viva - scientific occupation of youth during holidays, S&T week, and the European Researchers' Night.