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Introduction

The 2022 Activity Plan is developed based on the Strategic Plan defined by CIES-Iscte and approved by FCT for the five-year period, 2019-2023. The five-year Strategic Plan lays out the strategic orientation and the main lines of research. The Plan centers on providing study and analysis of societal transformations and confronting these challenges with contributions that address societal needs and public policy initiatives and requests. The Strategic Plan supports and develops activities undertaken by the research infrastructures, namely its Observatories and Laboratories, as well as supporting ongoing continuous researchers' initiatives. The Strategic Plan supports numerous research projects, large participatory debates in international conferences, organizes smaller seminars and workshops and includes different forms of communication, dissemination, and implementation.

CIES-Iscte is an organic unit of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (University Institute of Lisbon) and therefore a key component of its activity is to function efficiently within the conditions established within Iscte's research policy. This implies addressing and responding to regional, national, European and international competitions, such as competitive calls, tenders, PhD and other advanced training grants with an aim to confirming its recognized international position.

During 2022 it is expected that the challenges posed by the global pandemic will ease and that many research activities will gradually resume including more international travel. CIES will continue to make use of virtual meetings, remote digital work and online sessions. CIES will also continue to study and analyze the pandemic and its societal effects.

Strategic Plan and Organization

Implementation of the Strategic Plan

1. Support for the research infrastructures of the Observatories and Laboratories. Currently there are seven in-house Observatories and Laboratories: Laboratory of Methodological Innovation (LIM); Observatory on Democracy and Political Representation; Portuguese Observatory on Cultural Activities (OPAC); Laboratory for the Social Studies on Childbirth (nasc.pt); Inequality Observatory; Emigration Observatory (OEm), and MediaLab. Support involves ensuring the research conditions for their on-going activities, including researchers and PhD grants for doctoral students.
2. Consolidation of the seven research groups reorganized in 2021: Inequality, Work and Social Well-Being; Migration, Mobility and Ethnicity; Education and Science; Media and Culture; Family, Generations and Health; Politics and Citizenship; and Historical Dynamics and Global Integration of the World. Support includes regular meetings and ensuring an environment that encourages joint research initiatives and scientific activities.
3. Active collaboration in national and international social science research infrastructures. CIES is a core member of ESS-ERIC (European Social Survey) and PASSDA (Production and Archive of Social Science Data). Currently seeking to enlarge the participation of other research units in the country to ensure adequate funding for research initiatives.
4. Support for the active engagement in Collaborative Laboratories. CIES participates in CoLABOR, in the field of Labor, Employment and Social Protection, which promotes DATALABOR, a platform to provide data and legal information on work, employment and social protection.
5. Engage and encourage participation with internal and external partners to develop proposals and lead consortia in European research projects and programs and in international programs and venues. This also includes collaboration with Iscte's Research Support Office in submitting applications and tenders for European grants and

activities (Horizon Europe, ERC, Marie Curie Actions, COST, etc.), and Iscte's International Office in exchange initiatives with partner universities (Erasmus+, PIONEER Alliance).

6. Identify and lead partnerships and projects with public, private and social entities to produce and disseminate research results, updated information and provide contributions for the definition and evaluation of public policies and for knowledge transfer. This includes preparatory studies and public policy evaluations, participation in debates, round tables, conferences and other events for non-academic audiences, including participation as members of advisory bodies, frequent media presence, among others.

Scientific employment

7. Support measures that promote scientific employment and the development of research careers. Implement recruitment policies to contract researchers with work contracts within the observatories and research projects.
8. Implementation of the process of evaluation of full-time PhD researchers' performance, in a process that combines qualitative and quantitative elements, in respect of the differentiation of profiles. The evaluation of researchers is part of a broader framework, based on the Iscte Research, Science and Technology Staff Regulations and the research careers.
9. Ensure doctoral grants for PhD students, such as Iscte merit scholarships, FCT PhD grants (general competition or attributed through CIES's Strategic Plan), or integrated in research projects.

Institutional framework and development

10. Review of the CIES-Iscte Regulation in accordance with Iscte's guidelines for the general review of the Regulations of Research Centers, namely with regard to the set up and implementation of the Ethics Council of Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, and of the Ethics Committees of Iscte's decentralised organic units.
11. Develop the new SocioDigital Laboratory for Public Policy, an Associate Laboratory that consists of a consortium of 6 research units at Iscte that CIES leads as the proponent institution. This includes numerous activities such as research contracting and hiring, organization of different multidisciplinary workshops and annual conference of the digital transition.
12. Support initiatives by the Rectorship to promote Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation, the Centre for Valorization and Technology Transfer and prepare for the relocation to the new building which will be the hub for all of Iscte's research units, observatories and laboratories, scheduled for 2023.

Doctoral Programmes

1. Support, manage and coordinate the seven Doctoral Programs organized within CIES-Iscte and in collaboration with the School of Sociology and Public Policy - ESPP: 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. Organize, in collaboration with the Centre for International Studies and the School of Sociology and Public Policy, the annual International Cycle of Doctoral Conferences and the Doctoral Colloquium.

Debate Activities

Throughout 2022 CIES-Iscte will promote national and international conferences and seminars and continue to organize regular discussions and debates. These include:

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

In 2022, two large-scale events with thousands of participants from dozens of countries will take place at Iscte, with members of CIES-Iscte leading the organization:

1. International Conference of Europeanists of the Council for European Studies (CES)

From June 29-July 1. The 28th edition will focus on The Environment of Democracy and include virtual sessions from June 20-22.

2. Global Meeting on Law and Society

From July 13-16. It will be the 7th Global conference, which is held approximately every 5 years and will feature, for the first time, hybrid components.

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*. In 2022, a special edition and an event will be prepared to celebrate the launch of the journal No. 100.
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.