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# CIES-Iscte

## Activity Plan 2023

### Introduction

The 2023 Activity Plan addresses the final year of the five-year Strategic Plan (2019-2023) presented by CIES-Iscte and approved by FCT. The Strategic Plan laid out the strategic orientation, and the main lines of research priorities. CIES's Strategic Plan focused on promoting the study and analysis of societal transformations and confronting these challenges with contributions to address societal needs and public policy requests. The Plan also supported the numerous activities undertaken by its Observatories and Laboratories, as well as ongoing researchers' initiatives. Over the last five years the Strategic Plan has supported research infrastructures and projects, endorsed participation in international conferences and venues, organized seminars, workshops and numerous other initiatives and generally created an environment that sponsors open discussion and public debate. CIES is committed to ensuring that research activities as well as different forms of communication, dissemination, and implementation of research results continue to achieve the widest forms of recognition.

CIES-Iscte is an organic unit of Iscte – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (University Institute of Lisbon) and therefore fully engages within the conditions established by Iscte's research policy orientations. This entails 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.

Overall, during the last four years CIES has successfully executed the Strategic Plan and is preparing for the FCT evaluation of all research units that is expected to take place in late 2023.

# Strategic Plan and Organization

## Implementation of the Strategic Plan

1. Support for its research infrastructures - 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 (nascer.pt); Inequality Observatory; Emigration Observatory (OEm), and MediaLab. Support includes the physical and material conditions for on-going research activities, including contracting researchers and providing 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 initiatives and activities. Regular meetings with the coordinators of the Research Groups will start to prepare for the FCT evaluation of research units.
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. Active engagement and participation with internal and external partners to develop proposals and lead consortia in European research projects and programs as well as in international projects, programs and venues. This also involves full 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.) with other partners, and with 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, evaluation panels, media presence, among others.
7. With the decentralization of Iscte R&D awards, CIES assumed the responsibility to organize and distribute the CIES-Iscte Research Prizes. Monetary prizes are distributed by the Centre to its researchers according to top scientific publications in first quartile journals and indexed books and to financed projects according to amount of funding.
8. The CIES-Iscte website will be redesigned to present information from a more targeted and relevant search. There will be an updating of the image and the adaptability to the multiple screen types (including mobile) will be developed.

## Scientific employment

9. 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.
10. 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. In 2023, the assessment of the two-year period 2021-2022 will take place.

11. 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

12. Review of the CIES-Iscte Regulation in accordance with Iscte's guidelines for the Regulations of Research Centers, namely regarding the establishment and implementation of the Ethics Council of Iscte - Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, and of the Ethics Committees of Iscte's decentralized organic units.
13. Integrate initiatives within the SocioDigital Laboratory for Public Policy, an Associate Laboratory 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 the second annual conference focused on the green and digital transition.
14. 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 late 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 2023 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:
  - 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
  - Language and Literacy Policies
  - Migration Experiences
  - Migration in Digital Space: experiences, change and resistance
  - New Perspectives on Modern History
  - Social Movements and Political Action

## 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.