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Introduction

The 2024 Activity Plan addresses the final period of the Strategic Plan (five-years 2019-2023, extended for another year by FCT) 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, public debate and contributes to public policy. 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 confirm its recognized international position.

Overall, during the last years CIES executed the Strategic Plan and prepared for the FCT evaluation of research and development units that was expected to take place in late 2023. The FCT evaluation is now expected to take place in 2024 and the evaluation period is also expected to include six years: 2018 to 2023.

Strategic Plan and Organization

Implementation of the Strategic Plan

1. On December 28, 2023, FCT published the Notice of Call for the Evaluation of R&D Units 2023-24 with general guidelines for the process of evaluation. The guidelines presented the objectives and criteria for the international evaluation of the 312 R&D Units, including dates and timelines for the submission of the registration of the team. The evaluation process of R&D Units would include the period between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2023. The formal notice published by FCT led CIES to instruct an internal process, creating a Task Force, to prepare for the Evaluation with a discussion group that could help prepare detailed descriptions on the objectives, strategy, activity plan and organization for the multi-year period of evaluation. CIES is planning to develop a six-year brochure (2018-2023) that will provide an overview of all activities carried out during this period.
2. The seven research groups, reorganized in 2021, play a critical role in promoting research activities. These are 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. CIES support includes holding 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. 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 (nasc.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, and ensuring the articulation with the research groups.
4. On-going 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.

5. 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.
6. 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)
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The CIES-Iscte website will be redesigned and updated to present information that can be more easily accessed on relevant and ongoing research. There will include updating the image and adapting to multiple screen types (including mobile)..

Scientific employment

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. On December 28, 2023, FCT published the Notice of Call first edition of the FCT-Tenure Call to co-fund the hiring of PhD researchers, exclusively for permanent positions. CIES, with Iscte support and endorsement, will submit various proposals to address the precarity of the employment situation of many researchers.
13. 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

14. 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, thereby ensuring that researchers are on the Ethics Committee of the School of Sociology and Public Policy.
15. 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 (Brown Bag Seminars, Lab Talks) and the second annual conference focused on Inclusive Territories for Green and Digital Transition.

16. Support initiatives by the Rectorship to promote Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation, the Centre for Valorization and Technology Transfer and the relocation to the new building, which will be the hub for all of Iscte’s research units, observatories and laboratories. In late 2023 CIES moved into the new building on 40 Avenida das Forças Armadas, the 4th building on the Iscte Lisbon campus. CIES offices are situated on the first floor, adjacent to the other research units. The doctoral support services are located on the 4th floor of the same building. The building also hosts the Observatories and Laboratories. The new location with modern decor and facilities will help encourage interdisciplinary activities with researchers from other centers and promote integration of younger researchers with more experienced ones.

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 2024 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; Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Families; ETNO.URB Readings - Urban Ethnography; Migration Experiences; 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.