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## Activity Plan 2025

### Introduction

The 2025 Activity Plan addresses the beginning of a new Strategic Plan 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 supports the numerous activities undertaken by its Observatories and Laboratories, as well as ongoing researchers' initiatives. Over the next five years the Strategic Plan will support 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 a member of the association Iscte - Conhecimento e Inovação (Knowledge and Innovation) therefore fully engages within the conditions and framework 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.

The next five years CIES will execute its Strategic Plan relying on the collaboration between researchers to build alliances and promote a dynamic work environment where research initiatives can contribute to evidence-based policy recommendations and solutions.

## Strategic Plan and Organization

### Implementation of the Strategic Plan

1. The results from the Evaluation of R&D Units 2023-24 are expected in 2025. CIES developed and published its six-year brochure *Connecting Science to Society (2028-2023)* [on-line](#) and in paper format providing a comprehensive overview of its activities during this period.
2. CIES will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a series of events spread out throughout the year. Some of these events and initiatives to be organized include: an CIES Anthology of major published contributions, a podcast with interviews, the CIES Research Forum dedicated to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary; an exhibit of photos, posters and early publications to be shown in the building Iscte-Knowledge and Innovation, a research prize for two papers published by PhD students in the CIES e-working papers.
3. The seven research groups continue to engage in research activities with CIES supporting meetings, seminars, events and ensuring an environment that promotes and encourages joint activities and activities. The seven groups are Inequality, Work and Social Well-Being; Migration, Mobility and Ethnicity; Education and Science; Media and Culture; Gender, Life Course and Health; Politics and Citizenship; and Historical Dynamics and Global Integration of the World.
4. Support for its research infrastructures - Observatories and Laboratories. It is expected to increase the number of in-house Observatories and Laboratories to eight: 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. The new lab, Laboratório da Esfera Pública, will begin to address civic culture, citizenship and more generally, the public sphere. CIES will continue to support 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.

5. Continue to support collaborations in national and international social science research infrastructures, such as ESS-ERIC (European Social Survey) and PASSDA (Production and Archive of Social Science Data), as well as the active engagement in Collaborative Laboratories, such as 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). Integration of an ERC Consolidated Grant is expected.
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 maintained and supported. Social media platforms continue to be maintained.

## 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 and assessment of the process of evaluation of full-time tenure-track 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. CIES will open calls for full-time tenure-track research positions based on those obtained in the FCT-Tenure national competition. These positions will contribute to strengthen the Unit's emerging research topics across different research groups, and in many cases, working with the Observatories and Laboratories:
  - Migration and Education Studies – Expertise on social and educational inequalities of migrants, addressing transnational identities contributing to the Inequality Observatory.
  - Inequality, Migration and Public Policy – Expertise in global patterns of mobility, inequality, migration dynamics and dimensions such as gender, ethnic groups, contributing to the Emigration Observatory.
  - Health, Citizenship and Public Policy - Expertise in health-related quality of life, working conditions, families, and lifestyles to inform public policies on healthier lifestyles and work environments, linked to Nascer.pt.
  - Science and Technology Studies – Expertise in how scientific knowledge is produced, validated, disseminated, and interpreted within society, with strong methodological capabilities able to explore the policy implications of research.
  - Education, Training, and Work – Expertise in education, training, and work, in articulation with professions, organisations and families, contributing to the Inequality Observatory.

- Urban Studies and Urban Cultures – Expertise in urban and transnational mobilities, housing, inter-ethnic relations, social participation, and youth cultures, contributing to public policies.
  - Environment and Sustainability – Expertise in environment and sustainability, climate change and environmental challenges in different fields, contributing to public policies.
  - Digital Transformation and Sustainable Development – Expertise in bridging digital transformation and sustainable development goals.
  - Digital Society, Inequality and Public Policy - Expertise in digital society, inequality, and public policy, to build inclusive and resilient public policies.
13. Ensure doctoral grants for PhD students, such as Iscte merit scholarships, PhD grants (FCT general competition or attributed through CIES's Strategic Plan) or integrated in research projects. It is expected that Iscte will assume a more engaged role in the attribution of PhD grants with the predicted FCT transition of management of doctoral grants to higher education institutions.

## **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.
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 and the third annual conference focused on the five years of the European Pillar on Social Rights.

16. Continued support initiatives by the Rectorship to promote Iscte – Knowledge and Innovation, the Centre for Valorization and Technology Transfer and prepare the organization and management of the Association. Regular meetings held to ensure the planning and coordination of joint activities of the Association.

## Doctoral Programmes

1. Support, manage and coordinate the eight 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. A new PhD program in Public Administration will begin in 2025-26.
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.
4. The revised CIES website will provide further dissemination of PhD thesis defended.

## Debate Activities

Throughout 2025 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.