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## Portuguese Interest Groups Survey

### *Sampling Procedure*

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## CREATION OF THE DATABASE

The creation of the database and sampling procedure consisted of three manually carried out stages.

### 1. Selecting the units: Triangulation of information sources

In Portugal, there are no official and publicly available interest group registers of any kind. Neither there are comprehensive previous studies that could be used as starting point to form a sample of national interest groups.

Therefore, to identify the population of interest groups, we used a combination of several different sources:

- (1) Central Registry of Companies (*Ficheiro Central de Pessoas Colectivas – FCPC*), requested from its issuing authority – Registration and Notary Institute (*Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado – IRN*);
- (2) Information from relevant Ministries and other governmental bodies, including:
  - Youth Portal – National Register of Youth Associations (*Portal da Juventude – Registo Nacional do Associativismo Jovem*),
  - Presidency of the Council of Ministers (*Presidência do Conselho de Ministros*) – Public Entities List (*Lista de entidades públicas*), <http://www2.sg.pcm.gov.pt/geupf/FullAccess/ListaEntidades.aspx?ReqType=1>
  - Registration and Notary Institute – List of Foundations (*Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado – Lista de Fundações*),
  - Portuguese Environment Agency – National Register of Non-Governmental Organisations (*Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente – Registo Nacional de Organizações não Governamentais de Ambiente e Equiparadas*),
  - Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development – List of Group Agricultural Associations (*Direção Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural – Listagem das Sociedades de Agricultura de Grupo*);
- (3) Member-associations of the main Portuguese trade union and business confederations, obtained through the confederations' websites (*Confederação Geral dos Trabalhadores Portugueses, União Geral de Trabalhadores, União de Sindicatos Independentes, Confederação Empresarial de Portugal, Confederação do Comércio e Serviços de Portugal, Confederação dos Agricultores de Portugal, Confederação do Turismo Português, Confederação dos Serviços de Portugal, Confederação das Micro, Pequenas e Médias Empresas, Confederação Portuguesa da Construção e do Imobiliário*)
- (4) Data on the Portuguese interest groups from the European Transparency Register;
- (5) Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation – Database of Portuguese NGO (*Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian – Contactos de ONG Portuguesas*);

- (6) Database of the Project ‘Professions in Portugal’ (*Profissões em Portugal*) as Professional Associations Database (Base de Dados de Associações Profissionais), compiled by CIES-IUL;
- (7) List of all interest groups, which participated in all Parliamentary Committees in the Portuguese Parliament (*Assembleia da República*) in the course of the four most recent legislatures<sup>1</sup>;
- (8) Extensive Internet desk research: consulting websites of key interest groups in all categories (Trade unions, Professional Associations, Trade Associations, NGOs – incl. The Portuguese Non-Governmental Development Organizations (NGDOs) Platform, etc.) – to collect information about their member organisations, plus additional Google search.

## **2. Classification of interest groups**

*According to the CIGS typology:*

- Business
- Professional
- Labour unions
- Identity groups
- Cause groups
- Leisure
- Institutions and public authorities
- Residual group

## **3. Data cleaning and finding contact information**

The resulting list of interest groups was carefully cleaned, to avoid any repetitions.

For each interest group, additional information was included in the database, i.e. group type, contact information, website link, name of the person in charge.

Those groups, which were no longer active at the time of the survey, and for which no contact information could be found, were excluded.

At this stage, we came up with a total population of 1079 interest groups.

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<sup>1</sup> The list was compiled from an innovative comprehensive database, recording the appearances of interest organisations and other governmental and non-governmental actors in all Parliamentary Committees of the Portuguese Parliament from 2005 till 2017.

### Final population (sample) by group type

<i>Interest Group Type</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Business	320	29.9
Professional associations	289	26.8
Labour unions	201	18.6
Identity groups	64	5.9
Cause groups	150	13.9
Leisure	29	2.7
Institutional	20	1.9
Other groups	6	0.6
Total	1080	100

### SURVEY

The survey was in field between May 30<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The questionnaires were sent out via e-mail to all IGs included in the database.

Three e-mail reminders were sent out to all organisations between June and July 2019.

Sample characteristics – IGs distribution by group type: Population (sample) vs Survey respondents

<i>Interest Group type</i>	<i>Population (sample)</i>	<i>Survey respondents (%)</i>
Business	320	162 (50.6%)
Professional associations	289	155 (53.6%)
Labour unions	201	82 (40.8%)
Identity groups	64	36 (56.3%)
Cause groups	150	75 (50.0%)
Leisure	29	13 (44.8%)
Institutional	20	8 (40.0%)
Other groups	6	4 (66.7%)
Total	1079	535 (49.6%)