

DELIBERATION NO 29 OF THE CONSELHO SUPERIOR DE ESTATÍSTICA (STATISTICAL COUNCIL)
ON THE DELEGATION OF POWERS OF STATISTICS PORTUGAL FOR THE PRODUCTION AND
DISSEMINATION OF OFFICIAL STATISTICS TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF EDUCATION AND
SCIENCE STATISTICS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE

Whereas Statistics Portugal, within the scope of its tasks, pursuant to Article 3 (3) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, " (...) is the central body that produces and disseminates official statistics, supervising and coordinating technical and scientific matters within the NSS".

Whereas, pursuant to Article 24 (1) of Law No 22/2008, the "Administration Board of Statistics Portugal may delegate to other bodies the necessary powers to produce and disseminate official statistics".

Whereas within the scope of its powers to oversee and coordinate the National Statistical System (Article 3 (2)), the Statistical Council shall "issue an opinion on proposals for the delegation of powers by Statistics Portugal to other entities, so they may produce and disseminate official statistics, for the purposes of Article 24" – Article 13 (i) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May.

Whereas in 2010 the Council issued a favourable opinion on the delegation of powers of Statistics Portugal for the production and dissemination of statistics on education, training and learning, science and technology and information society – Deliberation No 14 of the Statistical Council.

Whereas following the Plan for the Reduction and Improvement of Central Administration and the reorganisation of public administration Statistics Portugal has a process under way to reassess protocols for the delegation of powers, in the light of compliance with the Law governing the National Statistical System and the European Statistics Code of Practice, notably as regards the guarantee of technical and professional independence.

Whereas in this context Statistics Portugal has submitted to the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination (*Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* in Portuguese) for an opinion a protocol for the delegation of powers to the Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics of the Ministry of Education and Science.

Hence, pursuant to Article 3 (2) and Article 13 (i) of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, **the Council, at its plenary session on 4 July 2012**, following a favourable opinion of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination, **decided to issue a favourable opinion on the protocol for the delegation of powers of Statistics Portugal to the Directorate General of Education and Science Statistics.**

Lisbon, 4 July 2012

The Vice-Chairman of the Statistical Council, *Alda de Caetano Carvalho*

The Executive Secretary of the Statistical Council, *Maria da Graça Fernandes Caeiro Bento*