



The Partnership Agreement between Portugal and the European Commission, [Portugal 2020](#), establishes the programming principles and priorities for Portugal's economic, social, environmental and territorial development policy for the period 2014-2020.

The strategic intervention of the European Structural and Investment Funds of Portugal 2020 (PT2020) is developed around four thematic domains, resulting from the identification of the main structural constraints and opportunities presented by each of these areas: Competitiveness and internationalisation, Social inclusion and employment, Human capital, Sustainability and efficient use of resources.

[Portugal 2020 context and result indicator system](#) are organised according to the above mentioned four thematic domains and provide official statistical information to support Portugal 2020 and the monitoring and evaluation of its Operational Programs.

The Context Indicator System provides social, economic, environmental and territorial relevant information for monitoring the regional dynamics that characterise the context of PT2020 implementation. Thus, the context indicator system aggregates statistical information for the interpretation of the external factors influencing the objectives of co-financed public policies, as well as their results, in different territories throughout the programming period.

The Result Indicator System aims to measure the progress achieved towards the prioritized areas of investment by taking into account the targets agreed with the European Commission. The result indicators include the indicators regarding the potential beneficiaries of the prioritized areas of investment (and do not consider the indicators relating to effective beneficiaries, which arise from the Program's managing authorities information systems).

While the official statistical information assumes increasing importance for the formulation and monitoring of public policies, the availability of the Portugal 2020 indicator system aims to ensure access by public and private entities and the general public to an important analytical tool for Regional and Cohesion Development Policies.

This initiative is in accordance with the [Lisbon Memorandum 'Indicators for decision making and monitoring'](#), adopted by the Directors General of the National Statistical Institutes, in September 2015, which reinforced the relevance of statistical indicators for policy-making and monitoring of policy decisions, calling for a scaled-up research on the interaction between official statistics, other analysts and policymakers.

The identification of relevant indicators for the two indicators systems was developed within the scope of competences of the Statistical Council Territorial Based Statistics Standing Section, evolving the Statistical Authorities, the Agency for Development and Cohesion, the Regional Coordination and Development Committees, the Directorate-General for Territory, the Directorate-General for Maritime Policy and the Cabinet for Policy and General Administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, in a [Working Group for the creation of the Context/Result indicator system of Portugal 2020](#).