

**Protocol of the Institution of
LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK (RRLN)**

The undersigned institutions, represented at the **6th International Congress of Lusophone Law**, held in Fortaleza, Brazil, establish within themselves this Protocol of the institution of **LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK (RRLN)**

Whereas:

- a) The Portuguese language is a vehicle for common expression and cultural heritage of jurists from the countries that make up the Community of Portuguese Language countries, abbreviated in Portuguese as CPLP.
- b) That these countries share a common legal and cultural legacy that they have an interest in preserving;
- c) That the solution of complex problems of societies today demands the development of strategies based on the sharing of experiences and visions in a polycentric world;
- d) That it is important to stimulate the exchange of Portuguese-speaking researchers, as a way of increasing reciprocal knowledge, and promoting Portuguese as a language of science at international level;
- e) That it is important to disseminate the knowledge produced in the countries of the CPLP, at the level of legal sciences, on a global scale;
- f) That during six editions, the International Congress of Lusophone Law permitted the creation of bonds between Institutions and Individuals that already carry out, among themselves, some of the activities mentioned in the previous paragraphs;

This Protocol is governed by the following clauses:

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Objective

The signatories and other parties that accede to this protocol, through the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK (RRLN), undertake to make joint efforts to carry out research projects in Lusophone Law, with a view to promoting the dissemination of legal studies produced in the CPLP countries, to stimulate the development of comparative legal studies with regard to its various legal systems, and to encourage the exchange of researchers, particularly the younger researchers..

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Characterization

1. The LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK is a Scientific Research Platform, without legal personality, composed and represented by the signatory Members and others that may join.
2. The legal responsibility lies with the signatory Members and their representatives, duly represented, in accordance with the legal rules in force in each such country, in respect of the Member institutions of this Protocol, which they so represent.

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Members

1. Those Members whose founders have signed the Memorandum of Understanding on March 22, 2018, on the occasion of the Fifth International Congress of Lusophone Law, as well as those who subscribe to this Protocol, are founding Members of the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK.
2. Those which the Founding Members appoint and are approved by the Assembly of the LLRN are considered as accepted Members.

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Coordination

1. The General Coordination will be based at the Law School of the University of Minho, which will ensure, through its own resources and external financing, the normal operation of the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK, without prejudice to the special research projects being financed as the specificities thereof and the means and programmes available and subject to the provisions of paragraph 7 of this Clause.
2. Each Signatory Institution shall appoint a Coordinating Representative, ensuring that each Country and Region of Portuguese Language has at least one representative.
3. In case there are more than one Institution per country, there can be up to three Coordinating Representatives, which will be replaced after three years, in order to ensure a certain representative rotation of the Institutions.



4. Coordinating Representatives shall meet whenever convened by the General Coordinator.
5. The Coordinating Representative shall be appointed by the Member Institutions for a period of three years, after which, in the Assembly, they may be reappointed, for a further period, neither renewable nor to be replaced.
6. The General Coordinator shall be elected by the Assembly, upon proposal of the Members, for the term/period and conditions mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
7. The Institution from which the General Coordinator is elected or nominated, shall ensure the financing of the expenses related to the exercise of general coordination, applying, with the necessary adaptations, the provisions of the second part of paragraph 1 of the previous clause.

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Assembly

1. Without prejudice to the previous clause, all the signatory institutions shall participate in the Assembly of the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK, through a representative, which will be held annually, on the occasion of the International Congress of Lusophone Law, at which a Report will be presented and approved of activities of the previous year and the Plan of activities of the following year.
2. The President of the Assembly and the Secretary shall always be from different Countries, to be elected by the Members of the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK, in the Assembly, with the necessary adaptations, applying the provisions of sub-clause 5 of Clause 4.
3. The General Coordinator, the Coordinating representatives and the new members proposed by the General Coordinator or by the Members shall also be approved in the Assembly.

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Final dispositions

1. Research Projects, with a view to obtaining external funding, will be proposed by the entities that the General Coordinator considers to be more appropriate, taking into account the opening of financing programs and the specificities of each program and / or Project.

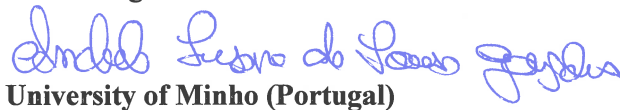


2. The General Coordinator may elaborate a Regulation of operation of the LUSOPHONE LAW RESEARCH NETWORK, to be approved in Assembly.
3. Any doubt as to the application of this Protocol shall be resolved by the Assembly.
4. Within thirty days from the date of signature of this Protocol, the signatory entities shall indicate the Coordinating Representative.
5. For the first three years, the General Coordinator, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Secretary of the Assembly shall be chosen from among the founding members present at the 6th International Congress of Lusophony Law.

Fortaleza, May 23, 2019

Institutions

Signatories / Founders


University of Minho (Portugal)

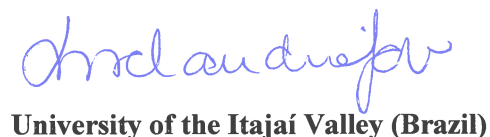
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