



Portuguese Group of AIDP

Annual Report 2023

Pursuant to the By-Laws and the Internal Regulation of the Association, as well as to Article 10 (f) of the By-Laws of the Portuguese Group, it is hereby provided the annual report of the activities developed by the Portuguese Group during the year of 2023 up to this point.

Introduction

While during the year of 2021, with the enduring difficulties caused by the pandemic, the activity of the Group shifted to more organisational and editorial issues, in this first half of 2022 (covered in the previous report), the Group reprised the organisation of scientific events.

In the second half of 2022 and the first half of 2023, the Group continued both its organisational (I) and editorial activity (II).

I

a) The Portuguese Group, together with the Spanish Group, organised the International Conference *Economic and Financial Crime & the European Public Prosecutor's Office*, which took place on 30 June and 1 July at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra. All presentations were carried out in person, but the conference was also streamed via zoom, reaching a total audience (in person and remotely) of over 180 persons.

The Conference, where several members of the Portuguese Group intervened as speakers and moderators, addressed both the institutional setting of the EPPO (its relations with other EU agencies and with the Member States) and its organic framework (internal organisation), as well as its substantive and investigative competences and the guarantees provided to targeted individuals. The panels of the Conference included young penalists whose papers were selected for presentation by a scientific committee.

The final Programme of the Conference is attached herewith.

b) At present the Group is organising, together with the Spanish Group again, a Conference aimed at reflecting on new challenges to European and International Criminal Law, which is due to take place in Madrid in December 2023, and where several members of the Portuguese will intervene.

II

In concretisation of the Conference mentioned above under I.a), the Portuguese and the Spanish groups of the AIDP have published – with the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra as a publisher – a collective work on the EPPO titled *Procuradoria Europeia e Criminalidade Económico-Financeira / La Fiscalía Europea ante la Delincuencia Económica y Financiera*, Anabela Miranda Rodrigues / Adán Nieto Martín / María Acale Sánchez / Miguel João Costa (eds.), Coimbra: FDUC, 2023 (401 pp.). The e-book features articles by all the participant to the Conference, including AIDP President John Vervaele. The book is open access and may be downloaded [here](#).

III

The Group delivered the reports on all Sections of the Questionnaires of preparation of the 21st International Congress of Penal Law “AI and Criminal Justice” to which it had committed (Sections 1, 3 and 4):

- Section 1 (Traditional Criminal Law Categories and AI: Crisis or Palingenesis?): *Susana Aires de Sousa*
- Section 3 (Predictive Policing and Predictive Justice): *Anabela Miranda Rodrigues / Sónia Fidalgo / Ana Pais*
- Section 4 (Challenges for Judicial Cooperation and International Humanitarian/Criminal Law): *Miguel João Costa / Miguel Lemos / Pedro Caeiro*

In connection with those questionnaires, members of the Group took part in sectorial Colloquia of preparation of the final 2024 Conference, namely:

- Colloquium of Section 1 (Siracusa, 15 to 16 September 2022): *Susana Aires de Sousa*
- Colloquium of Section 3 (Buenos Aires, 28 to 31 March 2023): *Anabela Miranda Rodrigues*

IV

The Group maintained its governing bodies and members.

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