

TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

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Country:	Portugal
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Policy Activity:	<p>Assuming that the presence and visibility of the Law Enforcement Agencies (National Republican Guard and Public Security Police) guarantees not only objective security but also the population perception of security, the Portuguese Government has invested in community security and proximity policing programs.</p> <p>These programs aim to protect de most vulnerable citizens and the main risk groups, through the valorisation of the quality and visibility of the police action, the good relationship between police officers and the community and the active participation of the civil society in the promotion of security.</p> <p>In recent years the National Republican Guard (GNR) and Public Security Police (PSP) have qualified their responses, invested on human and material resources and provided more expertise to the police officers involved in these kinds of programs. Thus, the GNR has consolidated its Special Programs for the Prevention and Policing (PEPP) and the PSP has refined its Integrated Model of Policing Proximity (MIPP).</p> <p>These programs are comprised by a number of special initiatives (“Safe School”, “65 Support Programme – Elderly Security”, “Safe Commerce”, “Local Safety Audits”, among others), framed by a strategy aiming the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of policy service quality; • Involvement of other organizations and civil society in crime prevention and incivilities; • Assurance of pro-active police work; • Increasing of efficient and efficacy of police work; • Upgrading monitoring and evaluations competences on social and criminal realities; • Better articulation between distinctive policy bodies; • Earlier action on small and medium criminal occurrences; • Articulation between specific prevention and global strategic prevention.
Relevant legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law 9/2012, of the 23rd of February – Video Safety/Surveillance – 3rd alteration to the law that regulates the usage of video surveillance by law enforcement within the public sphere: usage for the protection of buildings, protection of people and goods (public and private), prevention of acts considered criminal in places considered of risk, prevention and repression of road crime, prevention of terrorism, prevention of forest and forest fires. • Law 61/2013, of 23rd August, which establishes the regime for graffiti , postings, stamping and other forms of change , albeit temporary , of the original features of the exterior surfaces of buildings , pavements , walks , walls and other infrastructure , especially roads and railways , fences , furniture and urban equipment, as well as interior and exterior surfaces and

	<p>rolling stock for passenger or goods , when such changes are not authorized by their respective owners and licensed by the competent entities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law 46/2013, of 4 July, which conducted the second amendment to the Decree -Law 315/2009, of 29 October, as amended by Decree-Law 260/2012, of 12 December, which approves the legal regime of creation, reproduction and possession of dangerous and potentially dangerous animals as pets, reinforcing the requirements of his detention and the criminal regimes and misdemeanours. • Law 52/2013, of 25 July, which proceeded to the second amendment of the Law 39/2009, of 30 July, which establishes the legal framework to combat violence, racism, xenophobia and intolerance in sport events, aiming to provide security conditions in their realization.
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