

## SME-related policy measures adopted, implemented or announced in 2021

# Portugal

Title of the measure (national language)	Title of the measure (English translation)	Implementing body	Adopted / implemented / announced as part of the 'National Recovery and Resilience Plan' (Yes / No)	Status (Adopted or implemented or announced)	Date of adoption/ implementation or announcement (DD/MM/YYYY)	General description (objectives / key features / budget - if applicable, and weblink to online source)
ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY						
Aprovação do modelo do projeto-piloto relativo à avaliação prévia de impacto legislativo na ação climática	Approval of the pilot project model on prior legislative impact assessment for climate action	Council of Ministers	No	Announced	19/01/2021	The Government´s goal was the definition of a methodology for assessing the impact of legislative proposals and sectoral policies on climate action and ultimately incorporating it into existing legislative assessment systems, intended to approve investments, projects, plans or programs relevant in the context policy for climate action. The Government approved the model for legislative impact assessment in climate action by assigning the responsibility to

						<p>the Technical Unit for Legislative Impact Assessment to promote its application. The impact is assessed considering several impacts, such as: energy dimensions, mobility, agriculture, forests or other uses of land, water, waste, circular economy, health, protection of people and goods and economic incentives, employment, empowerment and innovation.</p> <p><a href="https://temp.dre.pt/home/-/dre/154513235/details/maximized">https://temp.dre.pt/home/-/dre/154513235/details/maximized</a></p>
Constituição do Comité Coordenador para as iniciativas da Descarbonização da Indústria	Constitution of the Coordinating Committee for Industry Decarbonization initiatives	Economy and Digital Transition and Environment and Climate Action - Offices of the Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition and of the Minister of Environment and Climate Action	Yes	Implemented	09/12/2021	<p>The goal of this Coordinating Committee for the Decarbonization of Industry initiatives is to develop, coordinate and monitor the implementation of the actions in the PRR Component "Decarbonization of Industry", in articulation with the Minister of Environment and Climate Action.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/despacho/12047-a-2021-175659821">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/despacho/12047-a-2021-175659821</a></p>
<b>SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY</b>						
Apoio extraordinário ao rendimento dos trabalhadores - Rendimentos das pessoas em situação de particular desproteção económica	Extraordinary income support for workers - Income of people in a particularly vulnerable economic situation	Social Security Institute	No	Implemented	25/01/2021	<p>The regulation of the procedures for the attribution of extraordinary income support for workers was created with the aim of ensuring continuity of income for people in a situation of particular economic deprivation caused by the COVID-19 disease pandemic.</p>

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Programa de resposta económica e social para o Algarve.	Economic and social response programme for the Algarve.	National Assembly	No	Adopted	01/02/2021	The creation of a more favourable tax regime for companies based in the Algarve. A transitory period of three years established a reduced rate of corporate income tax (IRC) for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).  <a href="https://dre.pt/web/quest/home/-/dre/155938983/details/maximized">https://dre.pt/web/quest/home/-/dre/155938983/details/maximized</a>
Estratégia Nacional de Combate à Pobreza 2021-2030 – Desenvolvimento Sustentável	National Strategy to Combat Poverty 2021-2030 - Sustainable Development	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	30/09/2021	The National Strategy to Combat Poverty 2021-2030 is a central element of the government's poverty eradication objective; itself part of the strategic challenge of reducing inequalities. The definition of six priority axes of intervention are closely aligned with the European Pillar of Social Rights and the respective Action Plan and with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.  <a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=446">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=446</a>
<b>DIGITALISATION</b> (e.g. Digital Innovation Hubs, training, vouchers, grants or loans for digitalisation and to invest in new digital equipment, etc.)						
Estratégia para a Transformação Digital da Administração Pública 2021-2026 – Plano de Ação Transversal para o período 2021-2023	Digital Transformation Strategy for Public Administration 2021-2026 - Cross-cutting Transversal Action Plan	Council of Ministers	Yes	Adopted	26/08/2021	Approved through a resolution, the Strategy for the Digital Transformation of Public Administration 2021-2026 and the respective Transversal Action Plan for the period 2021-

	for the period 2021-2023					2023. represents a total investment of €643 million.  <a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/qc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=4380001700034.pdf">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/qc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=4380001700034.pdf</a> (dre.pt)
Iniciativas europeias em computação avançada – Ciber-infraestrutura nacional	European initiatives in advanced computing - National Cyber-infrastructure	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	17/05/2021	This resolution promotes the involvement of Portugal in European initiatives in advanced computing. The measure helps identify the opportunities and emerging challenges that are significantly changing the capacity of information systems and technologies and their impact on society and, consequently, on citizens' lives. The aim of the strategy 'Advanced Computing Portugal 2030' is to create an advanced computing infrastructure, powered by renewable energy sources, with the aim of making Portugal an international leader in high-performance computing. This will be done with a minimal ecological footprint, committing its computing power to find innovative solutions to the main challenges of energy transition.  <a href="https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/163442507/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-05-17&amp;date=2021-05-01&amp;dreId=163442501">https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/163442507/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-05-17&amp;date=2021-05-01&amp;dreId=163442501</a>
Regime jurídico da segurança do ciberespaço – Certificação da	Legal framework for security of cyberspace security	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	30/07/2021	The Legal Framework for Cyberspace Security defines the cybersecurity certification obligations in implementation of

cibersegurança	Certification of certification					Regulation (EU) 2019/881 of the European Parliament of 17 April 2019.  <a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/168697988/details/maximized">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/168697988/details/maximized</a>
Transposição de Diretiva – Estratégia Nacional de Dados	Transposition of Directive - National Strategy for Data	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	01/04/2021	Approval of the draft law transposing into national law Directive (EU) 2019/1024 of the European Parliament and of the Council on open data and the re-use of public sector information. The identification of concrete initiatives that promote the sharing and reuse of data is underway.  <a href="https://www.incode2030.gov.pt/estrategia-de-dados-abertos">https://www.incode2030.gov.pt/estrategia-de-dados-abertos</a>
Polos de Inovação Digital	Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH)	IAPMEI, Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation  DGAE, Directorate-General for Economic Activities;  ANI, National Innovation Agency; Portugal Digital.	Yes	Adopted	25/06/2021	The Network of Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH) aim to promotes the dissemination and adoption of advanced digital technologies by companies, especially SMEs, by the development, testing and experimentation of those technologies, focusing on 3 disruptive technologies: AI, HPC, Cloud and Cybersecurity.  The national strategy outlined for the creation of the national DIH network was based on three vectors: – Sectorial focus, ensuring adequate sectoral coverage, minimizing overlaps, and maximizing synergies, responding to the challenges

						<p>of digitization in key sectors of national economy;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Technological scope, aligned with the European strategy, giving priority to Artificial Intelligence, High-Performance Computing and Cybersecurity. In addition to these, the National DIH Network covers a wide range of 10 (ten) other technologies also relevant to the digital transition process of SMEs and Public Sector;</li> <li>– Adequate geographical coverage, ensuring that the services provided by the DIHs, are accessible to SMEs from all regions of the country.</li> </ul> <p>To ensure the transfer of knowledge to the market and strengthen technological capacity, each DIH includes in its consortium, a Competitiveness Cluster, a Technological Interface Center (CIT), or a Collaborative Laboratory (Colab). To promote and strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem linked with the areas covered by the DIH, each recognized DIH includes an incubator/accelerator of start-ups.</p> <p>By the end of 2021, 17 DIHs were officially recognized for integration in the National Network.</p>
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Estratégia “Cloud” para a Administração Pública	“Cloud” Strategy for Public Administration	Council for ICT in the Public Administration (CTIC)	No	Adopted	11/01/2021	<p>The Council for ICT in the Public Administration (CTIC) launched the Cloud Strategy for national Public Administration. The Cloud Strategy for Public Administration has already been published and currently instruments are being made available for their adoption in the public administration.</p> <p><a href="https://tic.gov.pt/documents/37177/0/CTIC+Estrate%CC%81giaCloud+-+novembro2020.pdf/4c7b4f4f-4647-a6d8-b6a5-a988ae133c95">https://tic.gov.pt/documents/37177/0/CTIC+Estrate%CC%81giaCloud+-+novembro2020.pdf/4c7b4f4f-4647-a6d8-b6a5-a988ae133c95</a></p>
Criação da tarifa social de fornecimento de serviços de acesso à Internet em banda larga	Provision of broadband internet access services	ANACOM - National Communications Authority	No	Implemented	30/07/2021	<p>This Decree-Law provides for a social tariff for the provision of broadband internet access services to be applied to consumers with low income or with special social needs. The tariff applies throughout the national territory to consumers with low income or with special social needs. Internet access is provided on fixed or mobile broadband.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/07/14700/0002200028.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/07/14700/0002200028.pdf</a></p>
Selos de Maturidade Digital	Digital Maturity Seals	The awarding of these seals is coordinated by the Portuguese Mint and Official	Yes	Implemented	15/12/2021	<p>Increase trust, security, privacy, and accessibility between citizens and companies is the principle behind the National Digital Maturity Certification</p>

		Printing Office (INCM) (Casa da Moeda) and the initiative counts on the engagement of the:  Directorate-General for Economic Activities; National Cyber Security Centre; Portuguese Data Protection Authority, the Agency for Administrative Modernization; GeSI.				Model. This initiative is aligned with the action plan for digital transition and intends to certify the digital maturity of our business sector, fostering trust in the various dimensions associated with digital, namely Sustainability, Cybersecurity, Privacy and Accessibility.  It recognizes, via seals awarded, three levels of digital maturity: bronze, silver, and gold, according to the requisites by the Portuguese Quality Institute and the Portuguese Accreditation Institute.  <a href="https://selosmaturidadedigital.incm.pt/SMD/">https://selosmaturidadedigital.incm.pt/SMD/</a>
Comércio Digital/Bairros Comerciais	Digital Commerce/Digital Neighborhoods	IAPMEI, Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation  DGAE, Directorate-General for Economic Activities;	Yes	Announced	16/12/2021	Digital Commerce, the programme for the digitalization of SMEs, with a focus on micro-SMEs in the commerce sector. In this field, the initiative "Bairros Comerciais Digitais" ("Digital Neighbourhoods") provides €55 million for the creation of digital commercial areas (50 Neighbourhoods) to encourage business activity.  <a href="https://www.dgae.gov.pt/prr.aspx">https://www.dgae.gov.pt/prr.aspx</a>  <a href="https://www.iapmei.pt/NOTICIAS/Bairros-Comerciais-Digitais-Manifestacoes-de-int.aspx">https://www.iapmei.pt/NOTICIAS/Bairros-Comerciais-Digitais-Manifestacoes-de-int.aspx</a>

**INNOVATION** (e.g. vouchers, grants or loans for R&D and innovation, support to encourage SMEs to commercialise RTD results and to acquire patents, etc.)



Zonas Livres Tecnológicas	Technological Free Zones	NIA - National Innovation Agency	No	Implemented	30/07/2021	<p>This decree-law establishes the regime and defines the governance model for the promotion of technology-based innovation through the creation of Technological Free Areas (TFA). TFAs are physical spaces intended for demonstrating and testing new technologies, through the creation of specific and adapted regulatory regimes. They aim to enable testing and experimentation of innovative technology-based technologies, products, services and processes, in a real or quasi-real environment, with direct and permanent monitoring by the competent regulatory bodies, namely in terms of carrying out tests, providing information, guidelines and recommendations, corresponding to the concept of regulatory sandbox.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ani.pt/pt/valorizacao-do-conhecimento/interface/zonas-livres-tecnol%C3%B3gicas/0002900037.pdf">https://www.ani.pt/pt/valorizacao-do-conhecimento/interface/zonas-livres-tecnol%C3%B3gicas/0002900037.pdf</a> (dre.pt)</p>
Programa de investimento público em Investigação e Desenvolvimento para 2021-2030	Public Investment Program in Research and Development for 2021-2030	Council of Ministers	Yes	Adopted	29/12/2021	<p>The Program's objectives are:</p> <p>a) Align the public investment in R&amp;D for 2021 -2030 with European axes.</p> <p>b) Support innovation and the promotion of scientific culture.</p> <p>c) Promote scientific employment and the access and development of scientific</p>

						careers in Portugal, as well as qualified employment.  <a href="#">0003200041.pdf (dre.pt)</a>
Agendas Mobilizadoras para a Inovação Empresarial	Mobilizing Agendas for Enterprise Innovation	IAPMEI – Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	Yes	Implemented	01/07/2021	<p>Integrated in the Resilience and Recovery Plan for Portugal (PRR), the "Mobilizing Agendas for Enterprise Innovation" are investments funded by the EU in response to the Pandemic Crisis through the NEXT Generation EU instrument. These investments are part of the 5th Component regarding Capitalization and Innovation in Enterprises and the dimension regarding Resilience of the PRR.</p> <p>Objective: To finance the transfer of knowledge between the corporate domain and the scientific and technological domains, promoting investment in R&amp;D, innovation, diversification and the specialization of the productive structure of the country.</p> <p>Targets: Until 2030 these investments should contribute to raise the exports of goods and services (reaching 53% of the GDP), the increase of the investment in R&amp;D (reaching 3% of the GDP) and lowering CO2 emissions in 55%.</p> <p>Financial Support: for this component the PRR has 558 MEuros allocated in non-reimbursable incentives. Additional funds are available</p>

						<p>through PRR (components 11,12,14), Portugal 2030, and Horizon Europe 2021-2027.</p> <p>Delivered Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64 qualified consortiums of which 77% are "Mobilizing agendas" and 23% are "Green agendas"</li> <li>• €9,800 million of global investment of which: Enterprises €8513,2 million; - ENESII: €1264,4 million.</li> <li>• Tipology of the investment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Productive investment - €6220 million</li> <li>- R&amp;D - €3190 million</li> <li>- Qualification and Internationalization of organizations - €143 million</li> <li>- Promotion and communication - €116 million</li> <li>- Human resources qualification - €111 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The investment by ENEI (national strategy for intelligent specialization) had the following distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 35% in industries and production technologies</li> <li>- 32% in transversal technologies and their applications</li> <li>- 13% in mobility, space and logistics</li> <li>- 11% in natural resources and environment, e</li> <li>- 9% in health, wellbeing and territory.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Regime jurídico dos centros de tecnologia e inovação e complementa o regime jurídico dos laboratórios colaborativos	Legal Scheme for technology and innovation centers (TIC) and complements the legal scheme for collaborative laboratories (CoLABs)	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) and National Innovation Agency (ANI)	Yes	Adopted	31/12/2021	<p>Establishes the legal framework for TIC, "regulating their recognition process, the general principles of their activity, evaluation methods and the financing model". TICs are entities that, integrating the national science and technology system and acting in the intermediate space of the innovation system, succeed the technological centres and interface centres, dedicating themselves to the production, dissemination, and transmission of knowledge, oriented to companies. and for the creation of economic value, contributing to the pursuit of public policy objectives.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/decreto-lei/126-b-2021-176907547">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/decreto-lei/126-b-2021-176907547</a></p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/53-2022-178080767">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/53-2022-178080767</a></p>
<b>SKILLS</b> (e.g. vocational education and training, forecasting skill needs, measures to adapt the vocational training systems to the requirements of the labour market, etc.).						
Modernização dos incentivos à cooperação das instituições de ensino superior com a administração pública e as empresas	Modernisation of incentives for cooperation between higher education institutions with public administration and enterprises	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	25/03/2021	<p>This decree-law modernises the incentives for the cooperation of higher education institutions with public administration and enterprises and support for the diversification of the training supply and lifelong learning. This decree-law is part of a continuous effort to strengthen</p>

						<p>higher education and its social insertion.</p> <p><a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/qc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=410">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/qc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=410</a></p>
Programa Impulso	Impulse Programme	Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education	Yes	Adopted	21/06/2021	<p>Through funding of €252 million, the Impulse programme intends to support initiatives that contribute to the qualification of the general population:</p> <p>The "Impulso Jovens STEAM" Programme aims to support initiatives exclusively oriented to increase the higher education graduation of young people in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM), in line with the new needs of the labour market. The "Impulso Adultos" Programme, aims to reinforce and diversify post-secondary training, guaranteeing the reconversion and updating of skills through the development of flexible qualification solutions. The initiatives will be developed by higher education institutions (HEI), in collaboration with other entities, namely enterprises, public and/or private entities and employers, including local, regional and national public entities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/noticia/programa-impulso-jovens-steam-e-impulso-adultos-apresentados">https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/noticia/programa-impulso-jovens-steam-e-impulso-adultos-apresentados</a></p>

Acordo sobre formação profissional e qualificação: um desígnio estratégico para as pessoas, para as empresas e para o país	Agreement on Vocational Training and Qualification: a strategic design for people, companies and the country	Government and Social Partners	Yes	Announced	28/07/2021	<p>The Agreement foresees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The development, in close articulation with Social Partners, specialized higher education institutions and training operators of a "Mais Empresário", a training and qualification program at higher level aimed at entrepreneurs, managers and executives of companies.</li> <li>▪ The reinforcement of the role of companies in the Qualifica Programme, namely by providing that training programs to support business modernization and investment processes value the dimension of the acquisition of skills by workers, contributing to the improvement of qualifications in companies and workers.</li> <li>▪ The study of a more favorable tax framework regarding the costs of professional training for people and companies, namely SMEs and for training that exceeds what is provided for in the norm referring to the individual right to training in the Labor Code.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://poise.portugal2020.pt/documents/10180/119167/20210728%2Bmtsss%2Bacordo%2Bdocumento.pdf/ce093232-e351-4ad4-9f04-02fd1396228f">https://poise.portugal2020.pt/documents/10180/119167/20210728%2Bmtsss%2Bacordo%2Bdocumento.pdf/ce093232-e351-4ad4-9f04-02fd1396228f</a></p>
Programa Certificado de Competências Digitais	Digital Skills Certificate Programme	Ministry of Education and Labour, Solidarity and Social Security	No	Adopted	27/08/2021	The programme for the acquisition and certification of competences in the area of technologies and digital media, aligned with the Dynamic

						<p>Reference Framework for Digital Competence (QDRCD). The Programme pathways can be developed through vocational training or through a process of recognition, validation and certification of competences (RVCC).</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/170322930/details/maximized">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/170322930/details/maximized</a></p>
Programa «Qualificação para a Internacionalização», no âmbito do «Programa Internacionalizar 2030»	Programme «Qualification for Internationalization»	Institute of Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP), in partnership with the Agency for Investment and Foreign Trade of Portugal (AICEP) and the National Agency for Qualification and Professional Education (ANQEP)	No	Adopted	29/11/2021	<p>The Programme aims to qualify and train human resources in the fields of internationalization and international trade, as well as for the development of value chains in Portugal, namely in micro and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), reinforcing the professional skills of assets, with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Enhance their employability, promoting the integration of unemployed individuals in companies and helping to prevent the risk of unemployment, in the case of employed individuals, and, at the same time, increase their contribution to the success of the employer's internationalization process;</li> <li>b) Increase the supply of qualified human resources in the labor market in the fields of internationalization and international trade;</li> <li>c) To adapt the professional training provided to the</li> </ul>

						<p>needs of the labor market, some of which are emerging.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/272-2021-175043511">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/272-2021-175043511</a></p>
Programa "Eu Sou Digital"	"I am digital" - Program For Digital Inclusion	MUDA with support of Portugal Digital	No	Implemented	06/07/2021	<p>"I am Digital" Program aims to promote the digital literacy of 1 million adults in Portugal, by the end of 2023, through the development of a national network of thousands of volunteers supported in more than 1,500 spaces across the country.</p> <p><a href="https://www.eusoudigital.pt/?fbclid=IwAR2A2napaEnZqbR5QgBOXHR4ambsaetzqR2WYzGE6nJWGq7CwCG5MU7x5oxc">https://www.eusoudigital.pt/?fbclid=IwAR2A2napaEnZqbR5QgBOXHR4ambsaetzqR2WYzGE6nJWGq7CwCG5MU7x5oxc</a></p>
Revisão do Programa Incode2030	Incode2030 Programme Revision			Adopted/Implemented	May 2021	<p>To ensure that people are ready for the digital decade, Portugal continued to implement its National Digital Skills Initiative   Portugal INCoDe.203, a public policy program dedicated to strengthening digital skills. INCoDe.2030:</p> <p>This initiative was in May 2021, reviewed by the government, enhancing its strategic alignment with the Digital Action Plan, and reinforcing its strategic and executive coordination. It is developed through initiatives promoted by public and private entities, which are the responsibility of different government areas.</p> <p>Portugal INCoDe is organized around five action lines</p>





Flexibilização do calendário fiscal	Easing of the tax calendar	State Secretary for Tax Affairs	No	Implemented	25/02/2021	<p>Making the tax calendar more flexible within the framework of the principle of mutual collaboration between the Tax Administration and citizens and businesses.</p> <p><a href="https://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/pt/informacao_fiscal/legislacao/Despachos_SEAF/Documents/Despacho_SEAAF_52_2021_XXII.pdf">https://info.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt/pt/informacao_fiscal/legislacao/Despachos_SEAF/Documents/Despacho_SEAAF_52_2021_XXII.pdf</a></p>
Suspensão de prazos processuais decorrente das medidas adotadas no âmbito da COVID-19	Suspension of procedural deadlines resulting from measures adopted within COVID-19	National Assembly	No	Adopted	1/02/2021	<p>Establishment of a regime for the suspension of procedural deadlines due to the measures adopted in the context of the COVID-19 disease pandemic.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/156125156/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-02-01&amp;date=2021-02-01">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/156125156/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-02-01&amp;date=2021-02-01</a></p>
Plano de Recuperação e Resiliência – Regime excecional de execução orçamental	Recovery and Resilience Plan - Exceptional budget execution	Council of Ministers	Yes	Adopted	23/06/2021	<p>This decree-law established the exceptional regime of budget execution and simplification of procedures for projects approved under the Recovery and Resilience Plan in order to speed up the implementation of the policy measures or investments in question, in a swift and transparent manner.</p> <p><a href="https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/165721068/details/maximized">https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/165721068/details/maximized</a></p>
<b>REGULATORY OBSTACLES</b>						
Transposição de Diretiva – Acesso e exercício de	Transposition of Directive - Access to and exercise of professions	National Assembly	No	Adopted	21/01/2021	This transposition established the regime for access to and the exercise of professions and

profissões e de atividades profissionais	and professional activities					professional activities. The regime is subject to the proportionality assessment prior to the adoption of legislative provisions limiting access to, or regulation of, a regulated profession or the pursuit of such a profession, transposing Directive (EU) 2018/958 of the European Parliament and of the Council.  <a href="https://dre.pt/web/quest/home/-/dre/154820683/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-01-21&amp;date=2021-01-01">https://dre.pt/web/quest/home/-/dre/154820683/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2021-01-21&amp;date=2021-01-01</a>
Procede à simplificação dos procedimentos associados ao reconhecimento das qualificações profissionais	Procedure's simplification associated with the recognition of professional qualifications	National Assembly	No	Adopted	24/05/2021	This law transposes Directive 2005/36/EC, of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 7 September, on the recognition of professional qualifications into the domestic legal order.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/10000/0000200125.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/10000/0000200125.pdf</a>
Alteração do regime da concorrência, do regime das práticas individuais restritivas do comércio e do regime das cláusulas contratuais gerais	Competition framework	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	07/12/2021	This Decree-Law contributes to the establishment, in the tourism sector, of a competitive market, free of commercial practices which unbalance economic relations and free from unfair terms, contrary to good faith in economic relations. It prevents intermediary undertakings from passing on previous prohibitions in the value of commissions charged to suppliers of goods or services in contracts concluded.

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<b>ACCESS TO FINANCE</b> (including guarantee schemes, public funding programmes, support for alternative financing and equity financing, favourable legal, tax and regulatory frameworks for investments, fiscal incentives, measures to reduce/address late payments)						
Medidas excecionais que salvaguardem a viabilidade das empresas e outras entidades empregadoras – Viabilidade das empresas	Exceptional measures safeguarding the viability of companies and other employers - Viability of companies	Tourism of Portugal (Public Institute)	No	Implemented	11/01/2021	<p>A financial support line was created to meet the treasury needs of micro and small tourism businesses whose activity has been heavily affected by the economic effects resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19. The maximum amount available for financing operations under this financial support line is €100,000,000.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/153493528/details/maximized?serie=II&amp;parte=31&amp;day=2021-01-11&amp;date=2021-01-01&amp;dreId=153493525">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/153493528/details/maximized?serie=II&amp;parte=31&amp;day=2021-01-11&amp;date=2021-01-01&amp;dreId=153493525</a></p>
Linha de crédito com juros bonificados dirigida aos operadores do setor da pesca	Credit line with subsidised interest rates for fishing sector operators	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	25/02/2021	<p>This decree-law simplifies the procedures regarding credit lines with subsidised interest rates for the fishing sector operators. This amendment aims to address the cash flow difficulties that operators in this sector continue to face due to the economic situation triggered by the pandemic.</p> <p><a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=402">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/governo/comunicado-de-conselho-de-ministros?i=402</a></p>
Linha de Apoio à Tesouraria para Micro e Pequenas Empresas	Treasury Support Line for Micro and Small Companies	Council of Ministers	No	Implemented	28/07/2021	<p>The creation of the Treasury Support Line for micro and small enterprises in a business crisis situation, under the terms provided for by law, managed by IAPMEI - Agência para a</p>

						Competitividade e Inovação, I. P., with an allocation of €100,000,000.  <a href="https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/168475293/details/maximized">https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/168475293/details/maximized</a>
Alteração do Regime Jurídico do Fundo de Contragarantia Mútuo	Revision of the of the Legal Regime of the Mutual Counter-guarantee Fund	Council of Ministers	No	Announced Adopted	09/12/2021 13/01/2022	This revision aims to simplify the structure for granting guarantees. The type of operations, the percentage that the Fund can guarantee and the dimension of beneficiary enterprises are some of the amendments. It was announced in 2021 and came into force in January of 2022.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2022/01/00800/0002000037.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2022/01/00800/0002000037.pdf</a>
Alteração do Regime Jurídico das Sociedades de Garantia Mútua (SGM)	Revision of the Legal Regime of Mutual Guarantee Societies (MGS)	Council of Ministers	No	Announced Adopted	09/12/2021 13/01/2022	This revision aims to simplify the structure for granting guarantees. The amendment allows the transformation of the share capital into variable capital for MGS and the right to acquire the shares of the beneficiary shareholders without ongoing operations within a certain period of time. It was announced in 2021 and came into force in January of 2022.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2022/01/00800/0002000037.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2022/01/00800/0002000037.pdf</a>
Linha de apoio à Qualificação da Oferta 2021	Support line for the Qualification of Supply 2021	Tourism of Portugal (Public Institute)	No	Implemented	2021	Financing line aimed at supporting investment in tourism sector activities, through medium and long-term loans. Operated by Turismo de Portugal, IP in partnership with the banking system. The part of

						<p>the loan granted by Turismo de Portugal has an additional benefit of not including interests. In 2021, the scope of the line was renewed and reinforced by €300 million.</p> <p><a href="https://business.turismodeportugal.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/financiamento/fichas/informativa-linha-apoio-qualificacao-oferta-2021.pdf">https://business.turismodeportugal.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/financiamento/fichas/informativa-linha-apoio-qualificacao-oferta-2021.pdf</a></p>
Plano Reativar Turismo   Construir o Futuro	Plan Reactivate Tourism   Build the Future	Council Ministers of	Yes	Adopted	17/06/2021	<p>Programme of measures to stimulate the recovery of the tourism sector, in the context of the implementation of the Portugal 2030 Strategy and the goals defined in the Tourism Strategy 27. This plan includes measures to promote the capitalisation of tourism activity companies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reinforcement of the Special Real Estate Fund to Support Companies; Tourism Bonds; Programme for SME access to the Capital Market; Fund for the concentration of companies; and Fund for the internationalisation of tourism companies.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/06/11500/0002700049.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/06/11500/0002700049.pdf</a></p>
Fundo de Capitalização e Resiliência	Capitalization and Resilience Fund	Banco Português de Fomento	Yes	Implemented	29/07/2021	<p>It aims to support the capital of companies at an early stage of activity or undergoing growth and consolidation, through investment in equity and quasi-equity instruments. The initial budget allocation is €1.3 million.</p>

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Revisão do Regime Jurídico das Sociedades de Investimento Mobiliário para Fomento da Economia (SIMFE)	Revision of the Legal Regime of Securities Companies for the Promotion of the Economy	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	01/09/2021	This revision qualifies the SIMFE as specialised alternative investment companies under the legal and tax regime of venture capital funds. Increases investment channels for SMEs and provides easier access to securities.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/08/15800/0001700029.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/08/15800/0001700029.pdf</a>
Revisão do Código de Valores Mobiliários	Review of the Securities Legal Code	Assembly of the republic	Yes	Announced Adopted	12/11/2021 30/01/2022	Provides companies with easier access to capital markets at lower cost and with greater opportunities for capitalisation. Possibility of diversifying funding sources and reducing the bank credit. The proposal of law was approved in 2021 and came into force in 2022.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25301/0000200128.pdf158526c6379395953565a4d5a5763765247396a6457316c626e527663306c7561574e7059585270646d45764d7a41314d575a6c5a4441745a5756684f533030593251324c5745325a6a4d744e5749784f446b7759544d35596a45354c6d52765933673d&amp;fich=3051fed0-eea9-4cd6-a6f3-5b1890a39b19.docx&amp;Inline=true">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25301/0000200128.pdf158526c6379395953565a4d5a5763765247396a6457316c626e527663306c7561574e7059585270646d45764d7a41314d575a6c5a4441745a5756684f533030593251324c5745325a6a4d744e5749784f446b7759544d35596a45354c6d52765933673d&amp;fich=3051fed0-eea9-4cd6-a6f3-5b1890a39b19.docx&amp;Inline=true</a>
Regime jurídico dos empréstimos participativos	Legal framework for participatory loans	Council of Ministers	No	Announced Adopted	09/12/2021 13/01/2022	This regime regulates the new quasi-equity instrument and promotes the capitalisation of companies. It was announced in 2021 and came into force in January 2022.

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Programa APOIAR (alterações)	APOIAR Programme (amendments)	IAPMEI - Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	No	Implemented	16/01/2021	<p>Creation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APOIAR Rentals - aimed at the payment of non-residential rents or other contractual forms of property use, owed by companies (SMEs and non-SMEs with more than 250 workers and an annual turnover of less than €50 million and sole proprietorships) operating in the sectors most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides non-refundable support.</li> <li>- APOIAR + Simples - aimed to sole proprietors without organised account. It presents reinforced support for turnover drop cases of more than 50% and the attribution of extraordinary support to maintain activity.</li> </ul> <p>Amendments of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APOIAR.PT - extension to non-SMEs employing more than 250 workers and with an annual turnover of less than 50 million euros, reinforced support for more than 50% turnover drops and extraordinary support for maintaining activity);</li> <li>- APOIAR Restaurants - the support was extended to non-SMEs provided they employ more than 250 workers and have an annual turnover of less than €50 million, to compensate turnover's losses caused by limiting the opening hours of restaurants located in</li> </ul>



						<p>municipalities at very high and extreme risk.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01002/0001200034.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01002/0001200034.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05800/0004000043.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05800/0004000043.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/08/14802/0000200020.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/08/14802/0000200020.pdf</a></p>
Mecanismo de conversão em subvenção não reembolsável	Mechanism for conversion into a non-refundable grant	Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition	No	Implemented	23/01/2021	<p>The "COVID-19 Economy Support Line - Exporting Activities" and the "COVID-19 Economy Support Line - Event Assembling", managed by BPF, have become beneficiaries of this measure. The conversion into a non-refundable granted is allowed under the maintenance of employment level and reduces the treasury pressure.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01500/0002500027.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01500/0002500027.pdf</a></p>
Programa Garantir Cultura	Guarantee Culture Programme	Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition	No	Implemented	30/03/2021	<p>The sub-programme Guarantee Culture Business area with an allocation of €30 million, provides non-refundable supports to micro, SMEs and entrepreneurs with organized accounting in the artistic and cultural sectors through non-refundable support for expenses directly related to artistic production.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/02/03101/0000200011.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/02/03101/0000200011.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/06302/0000200010.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/06302/0000200010.pdf</a></p>

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Prorrogação dos períodos de carência de capital nos empréstimos com garantia do setor público	Extension of grace periods on public sector guaranteed loans	Council of Ministers	No	Implemented	23/03/2021	Credit operations with guarantees granted by mutual guarantee companies or by the Mutual Counter Guarantee Fund, may benefit from an extension of the grace period of up to 9 months, providing relief on short-term obligations.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05601/0000500009.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05601/0000500009.pdf</a>  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/03/058000002/0000200003.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/03/058000002/0000200003.pdf</a>
Regime excecional e temporário para cumprimento de obrigações fiscais e contribuições à Segurança Social	Exceptional and temporary regime for compliance with tax obligations and social security contributions	Council of Ministers	No	Implemented	27/03/2021	Approval of an exceptional regime, according with a plan for payment of tax debts and social security contributions, that includes as beneficiaries' entities with tax execution proceedings and those complying with plans approved within the scope of insolvency and out-of-court procedures.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/06000/0001300017.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/06000/0001300017.pdf</a>
Dispensa do pagamento das contribuições à Segurança Social e Apoio extraordinário à redução da atividade económica	Non-payment of social security contributions and extraordinary support for the reduction of economic activity	Minister of State, Economy and Digital Transition, Minister of State and Finance, Minister of Culture, Minister of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security	No	Implemented	17/04/2021	Partial or total exemption from payment of social security contributions, for employers, authorized for some cultural and tourism activities. Approval of extraordinary supports for situations of proven cessation of activity.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/04/07400/0001500017.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/04/07400/0001500017.pdf</a>

Linha de Apoio às Micro e Pequenas Empresas do Turismo (alterações)	Tourism Micro and Small Business Support Line (amendments)	Tourism of Portugal, (Public Institute)	No	Implemented	28/04/2021 11/08/2021 19/10/2021	<p>In 2021, the budget allocation had three reinforcements of €20 million, €10 million and a final one of a further €10 million. The scope of this line was extended to land transport companies on tourism business and for small-sized companies.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/04/081000000/0001700018.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/04/081000000/0001700018.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/08/154000000/0001700017.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/08/154000000/0001700017.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/202000000/0001400014.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/202000000/0001400014.pdf</a></p>
Suspensão excecional e temporária de contratos de fornecimento de serviços essenciais no contexto da pandemia COVID-19	Exceptional and temporary suspension of contracts for the supply of essential services in the context of the pandemic COVID-19	Assembly of the Republic	No	Implemented	21/05/2021	<p>Micro and small-sized enterprises and sole proprietors who are in a business crisis situation can benefit from the suspension of service contracts (water, electricity and others) for a period of 60 days without paying new fees.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09800/0000300005.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09800/0000300005.pdf</a></p>
Pagamentos por conta	Payments on account	State Secretary for Tax Affairs	No	Implemented	30/06/2021	<p>Defines a tax relief measure that provides the possibility of not making the 3rd payment on account and proceed, without any encumbrances or charges, to regularize taxes.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/07/129000000/0002100021.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/07/129000000/0002100021.pdf</a></p>
Regime de pagamento de impostos em prestações (fase pré-executiva e executiva)	Tax payment regime, in instalments, for pre-executive and executive phases	Council of Ministers	No	Announced Adopted	09/12/2021 01/07/2022	<p>Possibility of negotiation of tax payment plans and definition of transitional measures for 2022: extension of the maximum number of instalments in tax</p>

						<p>enforcement proceedings and the possibility of adhering to instalment plans for payment of VAT and personal and corporate income tax withholdings, in the first half of 2022. It was announced in 2021 and will come into force in July 2022.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25200/0003500042.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25200/0003500042.pdf</a></p>
Programa Internacionalizar 2030	Internationalisation Programme 2030	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	20/03/2021	<p>It aims to support the internationalisation of the national economy, promote export growth and foster FDI (re)investment and/or attract FDI, especially in structuring sectors and/or that allow reducing gaps in the value chains in Portugal. Axis C of this Programme concerns the Financing directed to companies, which will be done by developing new instruments and by reinforcing and improving others that already exist, being structured in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dynamization of risk cover products for exports (export credit insurance, credit insurance guarantees);</li> <li>-Fund of Funds for Internationalization (ex: Blue Fund);</li> <li>-Multilateral financing and other financial support for internationalisation;</li> <li>-Tax instruments to support internationalisation (e.g. stamp duty exemption on export credit insurance);</li> </ul>

								-Development of the segmentation of the structural funds - reinforcing the orientation towards promoting the internationalisation of SME's and attracting investment, particularly in low density regions  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05500/0003200049.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/03/05500/0003200049.pdf</a>
Programa Turismo	ADAPTAR	ADAPTAR Program	Tourism	Tourism of Portugal, (Public Institute)	Yes	Implemented	16/10/2021	This program arises in the scope of the "Plano Reativar Turismo Construir o Futuro" (Reactivate Tourism Plan Build the Future) and aims to support micro enterprises and SMEs with activity in Portugal and in the Tourism sector. It provides the access to non-refundable support and promotes the investment effort in a post-pandemic context. The programme is supported by Tourism of Portugal, IP, with a budget allocation of €10,000,000.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/201000000/0003000035.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/201000000/0003000035.pdf</a>  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/211000000/0002200022.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/211000000/0002200022.pdf</a>
Sistema de Incentivos "Promoção da Bioeconomia Sustentável"		Incentive system for the promotion of a sustainable bioeconomy		Minister for the Environment and Climate Action	Yes	Implemented	24/11/2021	Implemented and financed through the Portuguese RRP, aims to support investment initiatives promoting the acceleration of the production of high added value products from biological resources, as an alternative to fossil-based materials. Support is granted in

						<p>the form of a non-refundable subsidy on investment expenses deemed eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fundamental Research Expenditure – up to a maximum of €40 million;</li> <li>- Industrial Research Expenditure – up to a maximum of €20 million.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/11/22700/0001400033.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/11/22700/0001400033.pdf</a></p>
<p>Linha de Apoio à Economia COVID-19: Agências de Viagens e Operadores Turísticos</p>	<p>Travel Agency and Tourism Operator Support Line</p>	<p>BPF Portuguese Development Bank</p>	-	No	Implemented	<p>Opening of Applications: January 23, 2021</p> <p>This Support Line is eligible for micro, small and medium sized companies, as well as Small Mid Cap and Mid-Caps.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-agencias-de-viagens-e-operadores-turisticos/">https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-agencias-de-viagens-e-operadores-turisticos/</a></p>
<p>Linha de Apoio à Economia COVID-19: Empresas Exportadoras da Indústria e do Turismo</p>	<p>Industrial Export and Tourism Companies Support Line</p>	<p>BPF Portuguese Development Bank</p>	-	No	Implemented	<p>Opening of Applications: January 18, 2021</p> <p>This Support Line is eligible for micro, small and medium sized companies, as well as Small Mid Cap and Mid-Caps.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-empresas-exportadoras-da-industria-e-do-turismo/">https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-empresas-exportadoras-da-industria-e-do-turismo/</a></p>
<p>Linha de Apoio à Economia COVID-19: Empresas de Montagem de Eventos</p>	<p>Event Organization Company Support Line</p>	<p>BPF Portuguese Development Bank</p>	-	No	Implemented	<p>Opening of Applications: January 18, 2021</p> <p>This Support Line is eligible for micro, small and medium sized companies, as well as Small Mid Cap and Mid-Caps.</p> <p><a href="https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-empresas-de-montagem-de-eventos/">https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/linha-de-apoio-a-economia-covid-19-empresas-de-montagem-de-eventos/</a></p>

Novo incentivo á normalização e apoio simplificado para microempresas	New Incentive to the Activity's Normalization and Simplified Support	IEFP - Employment and Vocational training institute	No	Implemented	14/05/2021	<p>The new incentive to normalization is aimed at private employers, including those in the social sector, who have received, in the first quarter of 2021, at least one of the following supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extraordinary support for the maintenance of a work contract, under the terms of article 2 of Decree-Law no. 6-E/2021, of January 15, as amended;</li> <li>- Extraordinary support for the progressive resumption of activity in companies in a business crisis, with a temporary reduction of the normal work period, under the terms of article 4 of Decree-Law no. 46-A/2020, of 30th July, in its current wording.</li> </ul> <p>The simplified support is aimed at private employers, including those in the social sector, that are considered micro-enterprises (i.e., companies that in the calendar month prior to the application submission employ less than 10 workers) that are in a situation of business crisis</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09401/0000200011.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09401/0000200011.pdf</a></p>
Alargamento do Programa APOIAR/ Programa de apoio ao setor cultural e	Extension of the APOIAR Programme and the programme to support the cultural sector and	IAPMEI - Agency for Competitiveness	No	Implemented	15/01/2021	Expansion of treasury support to the cultural, social and solidarity sector

medidas de apoio ao setor social e solidário	measures to support the social and solidarity sector.	s and Innovation				<a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01002/0000900011.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/01/01002/0000900011.pdf</a>
Linha de apoio financeiro às micro e pequenas empresas turísticas	Financial support line for micro and small tourist companies	Tourism of Portugal (Public Institute)	No	Adopted/ Implemented	11/01/2021	<p>Financial support line for micro and small tourist companies aimed at meeting the cash flow needs of micro and small tourist companies whose activity is strongly affected by the economic effects resulting from the outbreak of the disease COVID-19.</p> <p>The maximum budget available is €100 million, broken down as follows: micro-enterprises: €90,000,000; and small businesses: €10,000,000.</p> <p>Three updates to this measure have been made after it came into effect</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/01/006000000/0002000028.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/01/006000000/0002000028.pdf</a></p>
Programa «IVAucher»	«IVAucher» Programme	DGTF - Directorate-General for Treasury and Finance and IGCP - Agência de Gestão da Tesouraria e da Dívida Pública (public entity responsible for the integrated management of cash, funding and the direct debt management)	No	Implemented	28/05/2021	<p>The "IVAucher" programme is created with the aim of stimulating and boosting private consumption in three sectors strongly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic: accommodation, culture and catering.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/10401/0000400009.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/10401/0000400009.pdf</a></p>



Prorrogação das moratórias bancárias	Extension of banking moratoriums		No	Adopted/ Implemented	30/07/2021	<a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/07/14700/0000300004.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/07/14700/0000300004.pdf</a>
Programa Adaptar Turismo	Adaptar Turismo Programme		No	Adopted/ Implemented	15/10/2021	Support mechanism for the recovery of business activity, which aims to support micro, small and medium-sized tourism companies in the effort to adapt and invest in their establishments, allowing to adjust the methods of work organization and relationship with customers and suppliers to the post COVID-19.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/201000000/0003000035.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/2s/2021/10/201000000/0003000035.pdf</a>
Portugal Tech II	Portugal Tech II	BPF Portuguese Development Bank	- Yes	Adopted/ Implemented	03/11/2022	Portugal Tech II aims to mobilize 250 million euros of venture capital investments to support technology transfer projects from universities to the market, as well as technology-based start-ups with high potential in areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, fintech, health tech and cyber-security.  <a href="https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/portugal-tech-ii/">https://www.bpfomento.pt/pt/catalogo/portugal-tech-ii/</a>
<b>LATE PAYMENTS</b> ( <i>measures aimed at addressing late payments</i> )						
Plano de Ação para o Risco de Incumprimento – Procedimento Extrajudicial de Regularização de Situações de Incumprimento	Action Plan for Risk of Non-Compliance - Out-of-Court Procedure for Regularisation of the Risk of Default	Council Ministers	of No	Adopted	29/07/2021	This decree-law aims to protect families with credits in bank moratorium through additional protection under the Action Plan for Default Risk (PARI) and under the Extrajudicial Procedure for the Regularisation of (PERSI).

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Programa RETOMAR - Linha de apoio à recuperação económica	RETOMAR Programme - Economic Recovery Support Line	Banco Português de Fomento	No	Implemented	01/10/2021	Public guarantee financing line aimed at supporting viable companies in the most affected sectors by the pandemic with credit operations in moratorium. It finances credit restructuring, partial refinancing of operations in moratorium and additional loans to cover liquidity needs. It came into force after the end of the bank moratoria, and the budget allocation is €1 billion.  <a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/noticia?i=governo-apresenta-programas-de-recuperacao-economica-e-capitalizacao-empresarial">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/noticia?i=governo-apresenta-programas-de-recuperacao-economica-e-capitalizacao-empresarial</a>
Prorrogação da vigência do Processo Extraordinário de Viabilização de Empresas (PEVE)	Extension of the Extraordinary Business Facilitation Process	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	08/11/2021	Measure extended until the end of the first semester of 2023, giving the opportunity of reaching an out-of-court agreement with creditors with more advantageous conditions and in less time.  <a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/11/21600/0000500006.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/11/21600/0000500006.pdf</a>
Alteração às regras de enquadramento do Programa de Apoio à Economia Local	Amendment of the framework rules for the Local Economy Support Program		No	Implemented	18/11/2021	This law makes the third amendment to Law No. 43/2012, of August 28, which creates the Local Economy Support Program, with the objective of proceeding with the payment of municipal debts to supplier's overdue for more than 90 days.

						<a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/lei/74-2021-174480832">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/lei/74-2021-174480832</a>
<b>ACCESS TO MARKETS</b> (e.g. market-specific support and business training activities, export credit insurance, missions – covering both the Single market and third countries)						
Identificação eletrónica – Transações eletrónicas no mercado interno	Electronic identification - Electronic transactions in the internal market	Council Ministers	of	No	Adopted	28/01/2021  The decree-law ensures the implementation in the internal legal order of Regulation (EU) 910/2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market.  <a href="https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/156848060/details/maximized">https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/156848060/details/maximized</a>
Aprovação do Programa Internacionalizar 2030	Approval of the Internationalisation Programme 2030	AICEP - Portuguese Agency for Investment and External Trade		No	Adopted	19/03/2021  It establishes the strategic priorities and objectives for the internationalisation of Portuguese companies. This focuses on exports, external markets and foreign direct investment. The action axes are also defined in order to achieve the established goals.  <a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/159792487/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;dreId=159792478">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/159792487/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;dreId=159792478</a>
Isenção de imposto do selo – Apólices de seguros de crédito à exportação	Stamp duty exemption - Export credit insurance policies	Council Ministers	of	No	Implemented	1/01/2021  Establishment of a stamp duty exemption on export credit insurance policies, bond insurance policies and bank guarantees in the external order.  <a href="https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/152639804/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2020-12-31&amp;date=2020-12-01">https://dre.pt/web/guest/home/-/dre/152639804/details/maximized?serie=I&amp;day=2020-12-31&amp;date=2020-12-01</a>

START-UP ENVIRONMENT						
Programa "Portugal de Startup em Startup"	Portugal from Start-up to Start-up	Microsoft Portugal, Startup Portugal and Beta-i	No	Announced	29/09/2021	<p>This initiative aims to promote and support the decentralisation of innovation and to value start-ups based outside large urban centres. In particular, it targets areas in the interior of the country and in the Autonomous Regions of Azores and Madeira, fostering a link between them and large companies.</p> <p><a href="https://portugal-ses.pt/">https://portugal-ses.pt/</a></p>
Incubadoras Sociais de Emprego	Social Employment Incubators	Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security	No	Announced	12/10/2021	<p>Given the economic and social effects of the pandemic, an initiative was created that guaranteed an adequate and rapid response to the problem of rising unemployment. This was achieved through Social Employment Incubators. To this end, a pilot initiative was launched, with a limited number of entities registered with the IEFP, I. P., to test the transferability of the "Lanzaderas de Empleo" methodology, created by the Santa Maria La Real Foundation.</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/205-2021-172684602">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/portaria/205-2021-172684602</a></p>
EU Start-up Nations Standard	EU Start-up Nations Standard	COM and Member States	No	Announced	November 2021	<p>Portugal is highly committed to implementing the Startup Nations Standards and supporting and financing the establishment of a European permanent structure in the country for the entrepreneurial agenda. Last November, on the Web Summit, the Europe Startup Nations Alliance (ESNA)</p>

						was launched, being the first body with the mission of supporting European governments with improving structural conditions for start-ups in order to make sure they can grow in any stage of their life cycle. The launch of ESNA, which will be permanently represented in Lisbon, sets the start of the new EU Startup Nations of Excellence (EU SNS) implementation.
<b>SCALE-UP ENVIRONMENT</b>						
Sociedades de investimento mobiliário para fomento da economia – Capital de Risco, do Empreendedorismo Social e do Investimento Especializado	Securities investment companies for the promotion of Venture Capital, Social Entrepreneurship and Specialised Investment	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	8/07/2021	This decree-law allows co-investment, whether through the joint ownership of financial instruments or through simultaneous investment by public or private entities, in the same projects. This has helped widen investment channels in SMEs which is essential to boost and reinforce the economic recovery process.  <a href="https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/169602021/details/maximized">https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/169602021/details/maximized</a>
Reestruturação do ecossistema de empreendedorismo	Restructuring of the entrepreneurship ecosystem		Yes	Announced and partially implemented	2021	Included in the national RRP, the restructuring of the entrepreneurship ecosystem aims to mobilize entrepreneurs and boost start-ups with the purpose of increasing the number of national unicorns. This measure includes three initiatives: 1.Vouchers for Start-ups (New Green and Digital Products), 2.Incubator/Accelerator Vouchers, who's financial

						<p>support models are currently being designed, and</p> <p>3.Reinforcement of the national framework for entrepreneurship – “Startup Portugal”, having already been constituted its new governance structure and created the strategic council for national entrepreneurship</p> <p>Additionally, the Start-up Portugal Platform was upgraded</p> <p><a href="https://startupportugal.com/">https://startupportugal.com/</a></p>
<b>NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS</b>						
Estratégia Nacional para o Mar 2021-2030	National Strategy for the Sea 2021-2030	Council Ministers	of No	Adopted	6/05/2021	<p>The National Strategy for the Sea 2021-2030 (ENM 2021-2030) is based on the importance of scientific knowledge, the protection of the ocean, the appreciation of marine ecosystem services and the recognition of their role as vectors for sustainable development. The guiding principles of the ENM 2021-2030 are aligned with the United Nations Agenda 2030, the European Ecological Pact, the European Union's Integrated Maritime Policy, the Common Fisheries Policy, and the recent Biodiversity Strategy 2030, the Meadow to Plate Strategy and the Starfish Mission 2030: Restoring our Ocean and Waters, presented by the European Commission.</p>
Plano Reativar o Turismo   Construir o Futuro	Plan Reactivate Tourism   Build the Future	Council Ministers	of Yes	Adopted	16/06/2021	<p>The Plan is structured in the following four pillars of action and objectives:</p>

						<p>(a) Pillar 1: Supporting businesses - aims to adopt measures that preserve the productive potential and employment in the tourism sector while also supporting businesses in the process of consolidating their operational strategy;</p> <p>(b) Pillar 2: Fostering security - aims to create the conditions to strengthen the confidence of businesses and tourists as well as the confidence of residents in tourism with its capacity to contribute significantly to their well-being and to the improvement of their quality of life;</p> <p>(c) Pillar 3: Generating business - aims to generate business for enterprises, globally, in a scenario of strong international competition, in which Portugal can and must assume a leading role; and</p> <p>(d) Pillar 4: Building for the Future - aims to promote, in the medium and long term, a true transformation of the tourism sector and positioning it in a higher level of development, more sustainable, responsible and capable of generating more added value.</p> <p><a href="https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/165228578/details/maximized">https://data.dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/165228578/details/maximized</a></p>
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Aprova o Regulamento do Sistema de Incentivos «Descarbonização da Indústria»	"Decarbonization of Industry" Incentive System regulation	IAPMEI - Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	Yes	Implemented	29/12/2021	<p>The Regulation creates the Incentive Scheme "Decarbonization of Industry" and proposes to promote and support projects aimed at low carbon processes and technologies in industry, energy efficiency measures in industry, incorporation of energy from renewable sources and storage, and development of roadmaps for industry decarbonization.</p> <p>This Incentive System is financed by the Recovery and Resilience Program ("PRR") and applies to the entire national territory. The Incentive Scheme "Decarbonization of Industry" is applicable to the economic activities of the industry sector, extractive industries, and manufacturing industries.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25101/0000200014.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/12/25101/0000200014.pdf</a></p>
<b>OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS</b> (e.g. second chance for honest bankrupt entrepreneurs, bankruptcy prevention, entrepreneurship education, public procurement)						
Plano de Recuperação e Resiliência (PRR)	Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)	Council Ministers	Yes	Implemented	15/04/2021	<p>Approval of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP). The document was amended in order to incorporate contributions from the public consultation process and interaction with the European Commission.</p> <p>Two new components were introduced: Culture and Sea, with an investment of €243 million and €252 million, respectively.</p>



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Programa Nacional de Reformas (PNR) para 2021	National Reform Plan 2021	Council of Ministers	Yes	Implemented	29/04/2021	<p>The National Reform Programme for 2021 (NRP 2021) expands on the specific recommendations made in 2019 and 2020 by the European Union, through the reforms and investments included in the NRRP that Portugal formally submitted on 22 April 2021.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gpeari.gov.pt/documents/35086/43170/PNR+2021_20210430_final.pdf/60f16236-47a6-60f0-1bbe-19427073ffc5?t=1620037328145">https://www.gpeari.gov.pt/documents/35086/43170/PNR+2021_20210430_final.pdf/60f16236-47a6-60f0-1bbe-19427073ffc5?t=1620037328145</a></p>
Programa de Estabilidade (PE) 2021-2025	Stability Programme (SP) 2021-2025	Council of Ministers	No	Implemented	08/04/2021	<p>The main goal of the 2021-2025 Stability Programme is to foster inclusive economic growth with greater social cohesion and a sustainable trajectory for public accounts. This update of the Stability Programme, which is the national medium-term budgetary plan, was presented by the Government to Parliament on 15 April, in compliance with article 33 of the Budgetary Framework Law.</p> <p><a href="https://www.parlamento.pt/ActividadeParlamentar/Paginas/Details.aspx?alheActividadeParlamentar.aspx?BID=116618&amp;ACT_TP=PEC">https://www.parlamento.pt/ActividadeParlamentar/Paginas/Details.aspx?alheActividadeParlamentar.aspx?BID=116618&amp;ACT_TP=PEC</a></p>
Mecanismo Nacional Anticorrupção	National Anti-Corruption Mechanism	Council of Ministers	No	Adopted	17/06/2021	This decree-law created the National Anti-Corruption Mechanism, an independent

						<p>administrative entity with legal authority under public law and is endowed with administrative and financial autonomy. The mechanism acts at the national level in the field of prevention of corruption and related infractions.</p> <p><a href="https://justica.gov.pt/Noticias/Conselho-de-Ministros-aprova-diplomas-de-combate-a-corrupcao">https://justica.gov.pt/Noticias/Conselho-de-Ministros-aprova-diplomas-de-combate-a-corrupcao</a></p>
Balcão Único para recuperaçãoe empresas	One-stop shop for company recovery	Council Ministers of	No	Announced	30/09/2021	<p>The Council of Ministers approved a draft law, which aims to legislate on insolvency and recovery, preventive restructuring schemes, debt forgiveness, disqualifications and on measures to increase the efficiency of these proceedings, with a view to transposing Directive (EU) 2019/1023 of the European Parliament and of the Council.</p> <p><a href="https://www.lusa.pt/article/34443075/governo-vai-criar-balc%C3%A3o-%C3%BAnico-para-viabilizar-acordos-de-recupera%C3%A7%C3%A3o-de-empresas">https://www.lusa.pt/article/34443075/governo-vai-criar-balc%C3%A3o-%C3%BAnico-para-viabilizar-acordos-de-recupera%C3%A7%C3%A3o-de-empresas</a></p>
Estrutura de Missão «Recuperar Portugal»	Recuperar Portugal	Council Ministers of	Yes	Adopted	04/05/2021	<p>«Recuperar Portugal», is the entity responsible for the technical coordination and management coordination of the execution of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR).</p> <p><a href="https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/resolucao-conselho-ministros/46-b-2021-162756796">https://dre.pt/dre/detalhe/resolucao-conselho-ministros/46-b-2021-162756796</a></p>

Carta Portuguesa de Direitos Humanos na Era Digital	Portuguese Charter of Human Rights in the Digital Age		No	Implemented	17/05/2021	<p>Overall, the Charter sets forth rights and duties in the digital environment, which cover different areas from the manifestation of personality rights in cyberspace, to the manifestation of constitutionally protected rights, freedoms and guarantees in cyberspace – among many other areas.</p> <p>Protection of personal data and cybersecurity naturally emerge as the main areas addressed in the content of the Charter.</p> <p><a href="https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09500/0000500010.pdf">https://files.dre.pt/1s/2021/05/09500/0000500010.pdf</a></p>
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