

2nd European Data Access Forum

Researchers' access to data from Statistics Portugal: changes and beliefs"



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**2nd European Data
Access Forum**

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**1st European Data
Access Forum**

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MAIN RULE ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

- All individual statistical data collected by statistical authorities are confidential

DATA FOR SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES

PURPOSE - within the scope of a specific scientific project by researchers from:

- Universities and other higher education institutions
- Other scientific investigation organizations, officially recognized as having purposes of scientific research

DATA RELEASED – Anonymised

FORMALIZATION - Agreement signed between Statistics Portugal and researcher(s)

(technical and organizational measures deemed necessary to ensure the protection of confidential data and avoid any risk of illicit dissemination or use for other purposes).

Cooperation Protocol

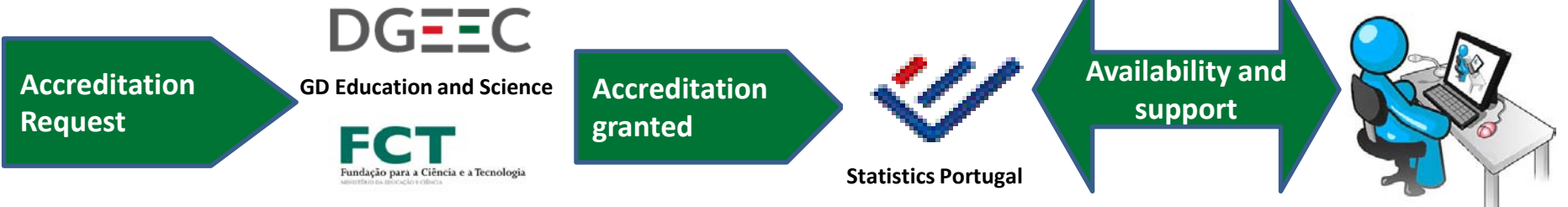
ESTABLISHES THE COOPERATION FORMS BETWEEN THREE PARTNERS



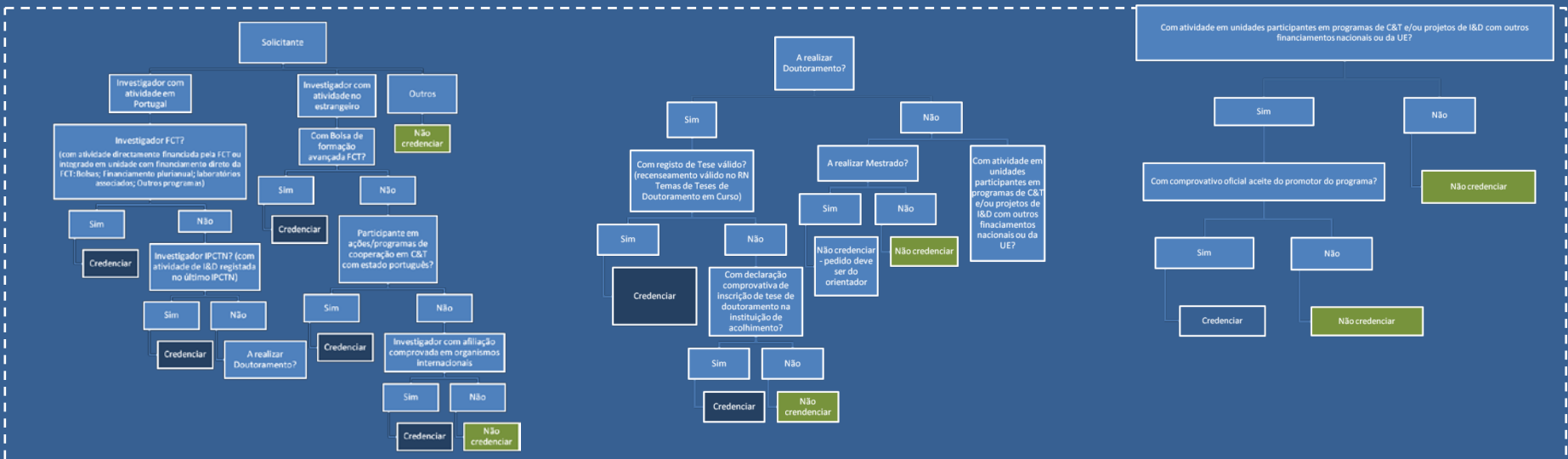
(responsible for ACCREDITATION)

(Provides access to
databases/microdata)

Researchers access: workflow



Who is a researcher?





Changes

Legal - Revision of the 2008 Law: *in progress*

Technical - implementation of a remote access system to
anonimized microdata: in progress

Cooperation Protocol: signed for four more years
(2015/2018)

Cooperation: with researchers

- **Access to confidential data for scientific purposes is a priority for INE** and for the use of Official statistics because many questions – economic, social, environmental and political sciences – can be answered adequately on the basis of relevant and detailed data allowing in-depth analyses
- **Wider access to confidential data for scientific work**
Without compromising the high level of protection is beneficial to statistics;
- **Provide good information to researchers and require them total responsibility in the use of data and in the full respect for the fundamental Principle of Statistical Confidentiality.**



Beliefs

- **COOPERATION: between SP and other institutions**

- In order to foster the efficiency of researchers access process it is an advantage; it allows, namely, split and share responsibilities' among parties with specific knowledge, and definitely rendering the system more efficient.

Thank you for your attention!



Questions?