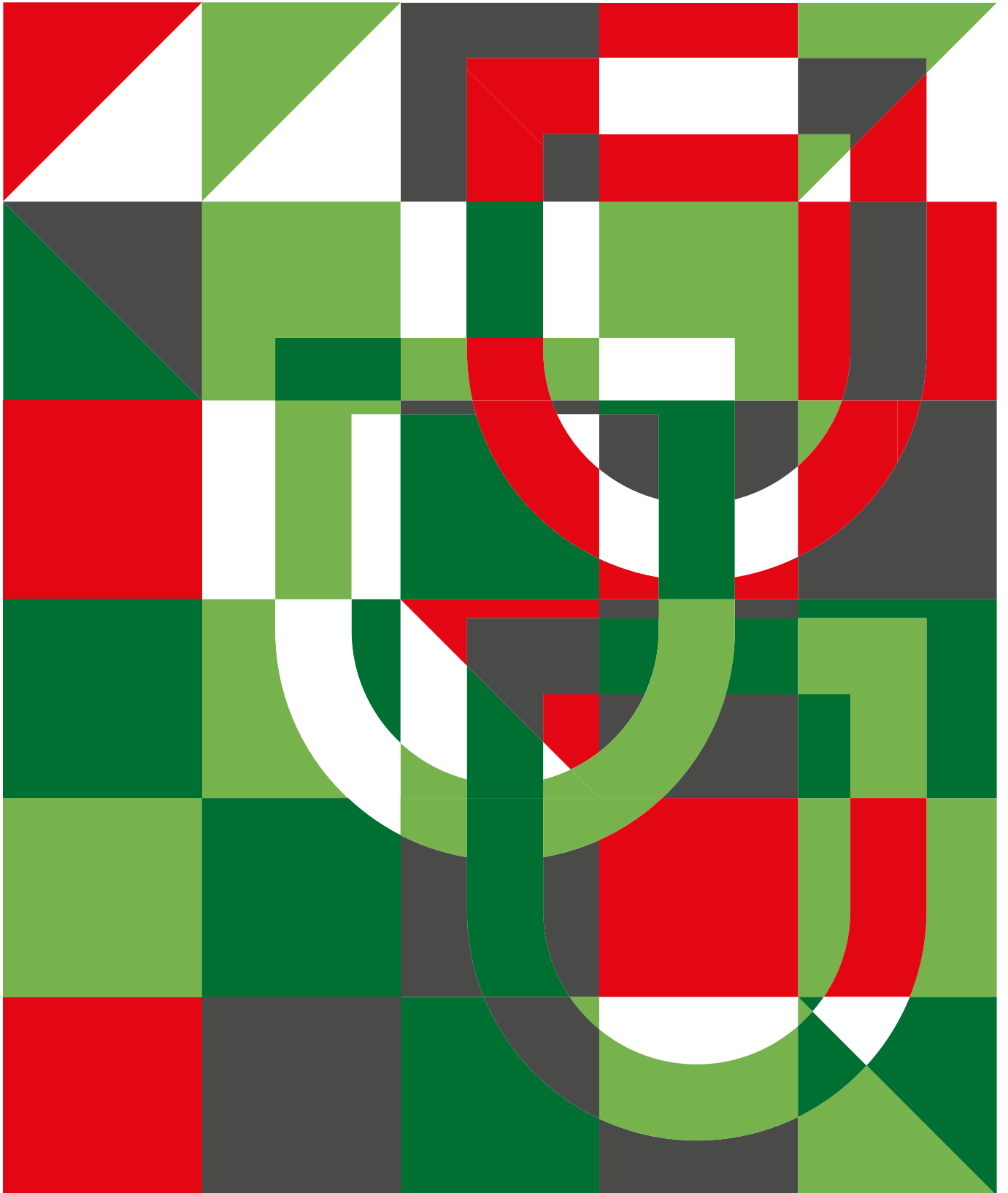




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# THE REFERENCE FRAMEWORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Outlines an ambitious and geopolitical vision to respond to the main challenges at international level and for the sustainable development of partner countries.

Provides national and international coherence to efforts in this matter.

As a guidance document for public intervention, the Portuguese Development Cooperation Strategy (PDCS) 2030 also promotes synergies between the various public, private and civil society actors, calling upon these relevant stakeholders to mobilise efforts for its implementation.

The Strategy defines a conceptual, political and operational approach for Portuguese Development Cooperation until 2030, structured in three parts:

**PART 01 Background**  
 Introduces the development challenges and trends to which Portuguese Cooperation aims to respond, as well as the main international, European and national frameworks.

**PART 02 Policy Framework**  
 Establishes the basic principles of action, geographic and sectoral priorities, and the priority dimensions for intervention.

**PART 03 Strategic Action Framework**  
 Establishes the lines of action to implement the vision and the defined geographic and sectoral priorities, through three strategic objectives, to be achieved by specific measures and priority actions.

## PART 01 BACKGROUND

An international context of accelerating global changes and interdependencies that have led to a complexification of development challenges:

Effects of cumulative and interconnected crises: the climate and sustainability crisis, COVID-19 pandemic, and threats to peace

Opportunity to build back better in a more sustainable manner

Importance of reinforcing international solidarity and cooperation, based on shared interests and responsibilities

The multidimensionality of development challenges increasingly requires integrated and comprehensive policies and actions.

PDCS 2030 defines a response to global development challenges and to international cooperation dynamics in this context.

Portuguese Development Cooperation also contributes to three key political commitments at international level:

### UNITED NATIONS MULTILATERAL ROADMAP

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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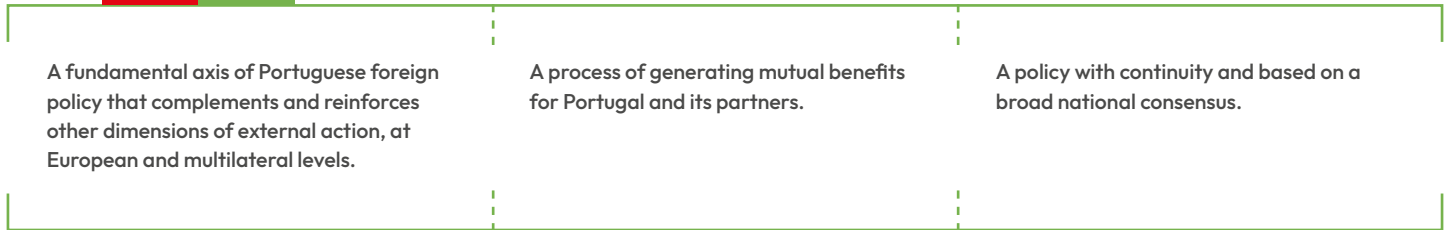
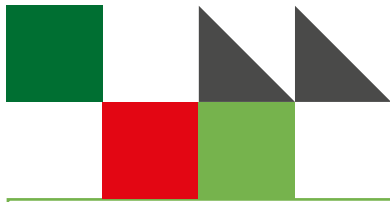
PARIS AGREEMENT



# PART 02 POLICY FRAMEWORK

Portugal is committed to leveraging its added value and capabilities for the implementation of a transformative and geopolitical global vision, based on solidarity and human dignity.

Investing in international cooperation and development means supporting sustainable development and generating higher returns that benefit everyone, therefore it should be a focus of attention both for political decision-makers and citizens.

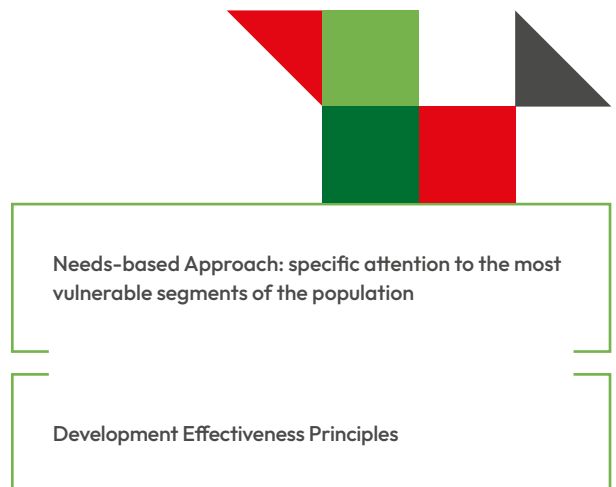


**MISSION** | The mission of the Portuguese Development Cooperation policy is the eradication of poverty, the fight against inequalities and the promotion of sustainable, equitable and inclusive global development, based on the respect for human dignity and leaving no one behind.

**DISTINCTIVE MARK** | Portuguese Development Cooperation is centred on human development, by investing in people – in their abilities, skills, rights and opportunities – as a driving factor for positive transformation.

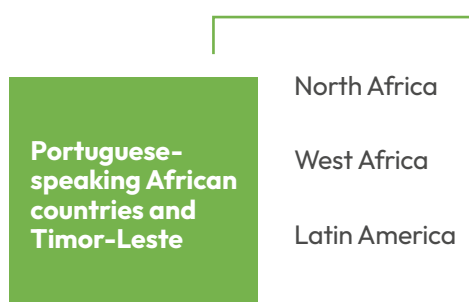
## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Respect for human rights and fundamental rights and freedoms
- ✓ The promotion and consolidation of peace and security, democracy and the rule of law
- ✓ Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls
- ✓ Environmental protection and the fight against climate change, within a framework of sustainability



## GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITIES

Portuguese Development Cooperation policy focuses on different degrees of prioritisation, according to concentration and differentiation principles:



## SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Portuguese Development Cooperation will continue to implement its actions in three priority dimensions:

### A DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Sectoral priorities are organised according to the “5 P’s” of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and substantiate the contribution of each priority to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Human development is the central thematic focus of the Portuguese Development Cooperation, therefore guiding all actions to be carried out in the priority sectors.

**Cross-cutting Axis: Gender equality and the empowerment of women**  
Principal SDG: 5 / Complementary SDGs: all other goals

PEOPLE 	Thematic Axis 1 Promote human development	1A. Education, science and culture 1B. Health	Principal SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5 Complementary SDGs 10, 17
	Thematic Axis 2 Promote fair and inclusive societies	2A. Capacity development (focusing on justice, security and defence, and finance) 2B. Social protection, social inclusion and decent work	Principal SDGs 1, 5, 8, 10, 16 Complementary SDGs 2, 4, 17
PEACE 	Thematic Axis 3 Promote peace and security-development interlinkages	3A. States in situations of fragility	Principal SDGs 1, 16 Complementary SDGs 5, 17
PROSPERITY 	Thematic Axis 4 Ensure sustainable and inclusive economic growth	4A. Digital transformation 4B. Quality employment and local private sector development	Principal SDGs 8, 9 Complementary SDGs 4, 5, 10, 16, 17
PLANET 	Thematic Axis 5 Reinforce sustainability, and resilience	5A. Climate action and green transition 5B. Oceans and blue economy 5C. Biodiversity	Principal SDGs 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15 Complementary SDGs 1, 2, 5, 8, 11, 17

### PARTNERSHIP



### B DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION (DE)

Portuguese action within this dimension pursues:

- ▷ The articulation with main European and international partners, as well as the expansion of DE’s scope of action to new geographic spaces.
- ▷ An effective, coordinated and coherent implementation of the National Strategy for Development Education (NSDE).

### C HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Portuguese action within this dimension prioritises:

- ▷ An approach based on the needs of affected communities and countries that fully respects the humanitarian principles, international law, human rights and international humanitarian law.
- ▷ National coordination and coherence between the various structures and entities involved in humanitarian action, through the full implementation of the Operational Strategy for Humanitarian and Emergency Assistance.

## PART 03 ACTION FRAMEWORK

Priority lines of action to implement the vision and the defined geographic and sectoral priorities:

Cross-cutting measure: Definition of a schedule for the gradual increase of Official Development Assistance (ODA)

### 01

Strategic Objective 1: Affirm the centrality of Portuguese Cooperation

- 1.1. **Reinforcing development cooperation's visibility and relevance within public policies**  
Increasing its presence in political agendas and in other public discussion spaces, as well as furthering Policy Coherence for Development.

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- 1.2. **Expanding knowledge and critical thinking on development and cooperation**  
Maintaining the focus on Development Education, developing the capacities of key stakeholders and institutions of Portuguese Development Cooperation, and widening the critical mass of qualified professionals.

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- 1.3. **Fostering communication for development and public opinion mobilisation**  
Promoting a systematic communication that enables a comprehensive view of the work developed in this area, its scale and outreach, and the importance of the achieved outcomes.

### 02

Strategic Objective 2: Reinforce the intervention capacity of Portuguese Cooperation

- 2.1. **Consolidating aid modalities**  
Pursuing a reinforced and complementary strategic approach to the various aid modalities – bilateral cooperation, multilateral cooperation and triangular cooperation – for promoting development at global level and in partner countries.

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- 2.2. **Implementing development partnerships at European Union (EU) level**  
Prioritising thematic and geographical areas of national interest in policy discussions and in programming and implementation of the EU's external action instruments, as well as reinforcing skills in the management of EU delegated cooperation projects.

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- 2.3. **Enhancing national actors**  
Bolstering the involvement of a multitude of actors that participate in Portuguese Development Cooperation, with distinctive added value and areas of intervention, specifically the private sector, civil society, and local authorities, as well as enhancing the role of the sectoral ministries.

### 03

Strategic Objective 3: Increase the quality and effectiveness of Portuguese Cooperation

- 3.1. **Strengthening the core structure of Portuguese development cooperation**  
Reinforcing the role and institutional and organisational capacity of Camões, I.P. as the Portuguese Cooperation coordinating agency, and strengthening legislative and regulatory frameworks in order to be better adapted to this area's specific objectives and needs.

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- 3.2. **Deepening coordination and concertation**  
Promoting strategic, structured and results-oriented national coordination that leverages existing resources, complementarity and outreach of interventions.

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- 3.3. **Consolidating monitoring, evaluation and reporting**  
Strengthening and harmonising accountability mechanisms and results-oriented management systems, within the monitoring of cooperation programmes, projects and actions.

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- 3.4. **Operationalising a system for PDCS 2030 governance, monitoring and evaluation**  
Through a follow-up committee under the aegis of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), within the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-ministerial Commission for Cooperation, also ensuring communication and building of shared understandings on achieved results in the scope of the Development Cooperation Forum.



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