



# ORDEM DOS CONTABILISTAS CERTIFICADOS

15<sup>th</sup> of June of 2021

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Dear Mr. Dancey,

**Subject: Letter to Confirm Institutional Support for the SMO Action Plan**

This letter is to confirm that the leadership of the OCC – ORDEM DOS CONTABILITAS CERTIFICADOS has reviewed the information contained in the SMO Action Plan prepared by OCC as part of the IFAC Member Compliance Program and will provide institutional support for its implementation.

On behalf of the leadership of the OCC, I endorse publication of the SMO Action Plan on the IFAC website in the interests of transparency and to demonstrate our commitment to enhancing the quality and credibility of the accountancy profession worldwide.

Sincerely,

  
\_\_\_\_\_, President

(Signature of President or Chairman of the Board or equivalent)

Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados  
(Name of Organization)

15<sup>th</sup> of June of 2021  
(Date)

## **BACKGROUND NOTE ON ACTION PLANS**

SMO Action Plans are developed by IFAC Members and Associates to demonstrate fulfillment of IFAC Statements of Membership Obligations (SMOs). SMOs require IFAC Members and Associates to support the adoption<sup>1</sup> and implementation<sup>2</sup> of international standards and other pronouncements issued by independent standard-setting boards under the auspices of IFAC as well as by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB); and to establish a Quality Assurance (QA) review and Investigation and Disciplinary (I&D) systems.

IFAC Members and Associates conduct a self-assessment against the requirements of SMOs and identify areas where improvements are needed. Based on the results of the assessment, Members and Associates develop an SMO Action Plan to (a) demonstrate how they fulfill the requirements of the SMOs and (b) where some requirements are not yet addressed, to present plans towards their fulfillment.

SMO Action Plans are designed to be ever-green documents that provide a comprehensive description of the accountancy profession and its legislative and regulatory environment in the jurisdiction as well as the actions undertaken by IFAC Members or Associates to support adoption and implementation of international standards and best practices.

Regular updates of the SMO Action Plans are required as part of the IFAC Member Compliance Program.

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## **ACTION PLAN**

<b>IFAC Member:</b>	Portugal – Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados (OCC)
<b>Approved by Governing Body:</b>	Board of Directors
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<sup>1</sup> *Adoption* is concerned with the decision that international standards are appropriate for use in specific national financial reporting environments and with the actions necessary to effect those decisions, including incorporation into national requirements or requiring the use of international standards through law. Adoption may include a process to review draft international standards, translation, public exposure of proposed standards, approval, incorporation into national requirements as necessary, and promulgation of final standards, and, where applicable, a convergence process to eliminate or minimize differences between international and national standards.

<sup>2</sup> *Implementation* may include a process to build awareness of the adopted standards, provide relevant education and training, develop or disseminate implementation guidance and any other activities that promote proper understanding and use of the standards in practice.

## **GLOSSARY**

<b>CC</b>	Contabilista Certificado
<b>CDCC</b>	Código Deontológico dos Contabilistas Certificados
<b>CMVM</b>	Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários
<b>CNC</b>	Comissão de Normalização Contabilística
<b>CNCE</b>	Comité de Normalização Contabilística Empresarial
<b>CNCP</b>	Comité de Normalização Contabilística Pública
<b>CNSA</b>	Conselho Nacional de Supervisão de Auditoria
<b>CPD</b>	Continuing professional development
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>GAAP</b>	Generally accepted accounting principles
<b>IAASB</b>	International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
<b>IAESB</b>	International Accounting Education Standards Board
<b>IASB</b>	International Accounting Standards Board
<b>IES</b>	International Education Standards
<b>IESBA</b>	International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants
<b>IFAC</b>	International Federation of Accountants
<b>IFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards
<b>IPSAS</b>	International Public Sector Accounting Standards
<b>IPSASB</b>	International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board
<b>ISA</b>	International Standards on Auditing
<b>ISAE</b>	International Standard on Assurance Engagements
<b>ISQC</b>	International Standard on Quality Control
<b>ISQM</b>	International Standard on Quality Management
<b>OCC</b>	Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados
<b>OROC</b>	Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas
<b>QA</b>	Quality Assurance
<b>SMO</b>	Statements of Membership Obligations
<b>SNC-AP</b>	Sistema de Normalização Contabilística para as Administrações Públicas
<b>WG</b>	Working Group

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 1–Quality Assurance

**Action Plan Objective:** OCC quality assurance review program evaluation and convergence within IFAC quality assurance standards.

**Background:**

Within Portuguese jurisdiction, accountancy profession is regulated under two separate bodies: *Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados* (OCC), covering professional activity of preparation and signing the financial statements; and *Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas* (OROC), covering professional activity of auditing the financial statements. Supervising body on audit activity, including assuring quality control and review systems, is *Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários* (CMVM). ISQC 1 is applicable to Portuguese audit regulatory jurisdiction as set on law nr. 148/2015, of September 9.

OCC is the Portuguese professional accountancy body, state law created for representing and overseeing all aspects related to the accountancy regulated profession designated as *Contabilista Certificado* (CC). Only OCC members can be entitled as CC and within Portuguese jurisdiction, no one but a CC qualified professional accountant is allowed to present financial statements complying with the Portuguese Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). OCC and CC designations correspond to former ones OTOC and TOC, respectively (due to 2015 professional law framework amendment issued by law nr. 139/2015 of September 7).

Within the SMO 1, OCC has no direct responsibility with regards to QA review of the audits of financial statements, because no audit, review, and assurance engagements and/or services are provided by CC professionals.

OCC statutes requires a Quality Assurance (QA) system to evaluate the quality of the work provided by OCC members.

Since the year of 2004 (as announcement nr. 131/2004, published on Official Journal nr. 175 of July 27) the implemented QA system have been: 1. applicable to all accountants in practice; 2. peer review based; 3. focused on accountant resources to work and accountant work delivered; 4. guide based review process and procedures; 5. selection criteria based on yearly random selection, risk-based conditioned random selection and also complaints and alerts; 6. minimum hours compliance to CPD under OCC recognized programs; 7. disciplinary actions for observed lack of quality.

In the beginning of 2020 CPD requirements applicable to all CC in practice, changed from a two year cycle to demonstrate mandatory learning credits, into an yearly one, whereas now CC professionals must demonstrate 30 hours of CPD activities every year.

Plans to review the QA system are in place. A new approach based on quality certification demonstration by CC professionals, is intended to shift the focus from quality control to quality management, aligning and stepping towards international quality standards such as ISQM1&2 released by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Quality Control Standards and Guidance</i>					
1.	Ongoing	OCC QA system evaluation and optimization.	Ongoing	Board of Directors	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff
2.	3 <sup>th</sup> Q 2021	New OCC quality assurance standards and requirements adaptation into new Professional Quality Certification approach. New guidance to be delivered.	4 <sup>th</sup> Q 2022	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board and Quality Control body members Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
3.	Ongoing	CPD courses on quality assurance standards.	Ongoing	Board of Directors	Senior technical staff, Other staff, Outsource
4.	Ongoing	Review, add, delete or replace, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária(Chief Executive)	Quality Control body, Staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
5.	Ongoing	Periodic review of IFAC Compliance Self-Assessment questionnaire and update sections relevant to SMO – 1 as required. Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 2–International Education Standards for Professional Accountants and Other Pronouncements Issued by the IAESB  
**Action Plan Objective:** *OCC education and CPD requirements maintenance or improvements towards IFAC education area standards.*

**Background:**

To become a qualified accountant OCC member in Portugal, applicant must comply with prequalification requirements such as:

- Minimum three years university level, business areas related, course diploma, issued or recognized by Portuguese higher-education entity,
- University grade course units (specific contents) to meet the accounting education competency areas requirements,
- Enroll (during membership appliance process) in a course about CC (professional accountant) values, ethics, and attitudes, and also professional statutes and regulation.
- Monitored practical experience formal process. Exempts applicable to in-work experience situation declared by CC qualified accountant and to OCC validated undergraduate or postgraduate courses units on professional accountant simulated practice,
- Prequalification completes with professional examination that accesses applicant's knowledge on financial and management accounting, taxation, professional ethics and OCC's Constitution and Bylaws.

In order for OCC members to remain in good standing (post qualification), it is required for them to meet continuing professional development program based upon minimum 30 hours per year of recognized CPD activities.

OCC founds it has shared responsibility for the areas covered within this SMO 2 as some IPD and practical experience requirements (such as (definition admissible area of knowledge of required higher degree courses; and maximum of 18 months to practical experience period) are set by Portuguese framework law on public professional associations (law nr. 2/2013 of January 10) and also by OCC statutes which is set by the national Parliament (law nr. 139/2015 of September 7, amended by law nr. 119/2019 of September 18).

Government and other authorities (such as European Union) are requiring less burden access to the CC profession, and therefore new membership rules came into force mid-2020. Main changes observed were on new technical competency areas requirements (focused on core areas: financial accounting, management accounting and taxation) and the period of required experience now set in minimum 800 hours.

IFAC Accountancy Education E-tool is used in order to OCC access key principles and implementation of the International Education Standards (IES). OCC self-assessed strong convergence between its education requirements and the ones set through SMO 2 (IES 1 to 7).

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Improving the Continuous Professional Education and Development</i>					
6.	Ongoing	Enhance the importance of information and communications technologies (ICT), and professional skepticism and professional judgment, at Initial Professional Development (IPD) and CPD.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Education network partners
7.	Ongoing	Participation in the IFAC International Forum for Accountancy Education Directors activities, sharing knowledge and continuing dialogue.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Education network partners
8.	Ongoing	Follow the activities and give support to the IFAC International Panel on Accountancy Education.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Education network partners
9.	Ongoing	Participation as member in consultative body of Portuguese authority for university degree courses evaluation and accreditation.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Senior technical staff
10.	Ongoing	New dedicated course (with knowledge assessment) on professional ethics and regulations, included in the membership appliance process.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
11.	Ongoing	Assessment IPD, through written examination, available to all candidates three times per year.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Examination committee, Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Education network partners
12.	Ongoing	Review, add, replace, or remove, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
13.	Ongoing	IFAC Accountancy Education E-tool adopted to assess SMO 2 fulfillment requirements. Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 3—International Standards and Other Pronouncements Issued by the IAASB

**Action Plan Objective:** Continue to use best endeavors to support the relevant standard-setting bodies in Portugal.

**Background:**

Areas covered within this SMO 3 aren't applicable to OCC, as by Portuguese law no audit, review and assurance engagements / services (as set by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board – IAASB) are provided by CC professional accountants. Consequently, OCC has no direct responsibility for setting auditing standards in Portugal. Although with no direct responsibility, OCC support the audit and assurance standard setting bodies in Portugal, encouraging and promoting where possible adoption and ongoing convergence to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs).

Within Portugal jurisdiction ISA is adopted under application of European Union directive Directive 2006/43/EC (amended by Directive 2014/56/EU) and Regulation (EU) No 537/2014. Portuguese law nr. 148/2015, of September 9, which sets the framework of auditing supervision in Portugal, includes SMO 3 related standards, as the standard in use.

For more information about the process for setting of auditing standards in Portugal, please refer to the SMO Action Plan of Portuguese IFAC member *Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas* (OROC) and to the audit standards supervisory bodies in Portugal, as *Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários – CMVM* (<http://www.cmvm.pt>).

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
14.	Ongoing	Continue to support the relevant standard setting bodies in Portugal, encouraging and supporting where possible ongoing convergence to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs).	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
15.	Ongoing	OCC recognizes the need for it to perform periodic reviews of responses to the OCC Compliance Self-Assessment questionnaires, and to update sections relevant to each SMO. It undertakes to inform IFAC Compliance staff, insofar as resources permit, about the updates necessary to enable re-publication of updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 4–IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants  
**Action Plan Objective:** *Ethics standards for OCC members' evaluation and convergence with IESBA Code of Ethics.*

**Background:**

Professional ethical requirements for OCC members are set by national state law: "Código Deontológico dos Contabilistas Certificados" (CDCC), published on the official journal as appendix 2 of the Law 139/2015, of September 7. The Ministry of Finance is responsible for setting the Code of Ethics to be followed by OCC members in the course of their activities. Within this framework OCC has no direct responsibility for the areas covered in SMO 4, as establishing ethical requirements results of parliament legislative competencies.

General description of code of ethics applicable to CC professional accountants: ethical principles: determines terms and concepts as independence, conflict of interest, responsibility and competency; relates to the appliance of the GAAP; how to relate with the professional body, the professional accountants and third parties; confidentiality, fee setting, among other related issues.

While there is no specific reference to the IESBA Code of Ethics, the CDCC requirements seem to be no less stringent than those of IESBA.

Although few principles, concepts and guidance in the IESBA Code are not exactly addressed like the national ethical requirements (such as second opinions; gifts and hospitality; financial interests; and inducements), the whole set of professional framework (statue, code of ethics, related by laws) allow those specific concepts to be integrated and therefore related risks and threats also to be eliminated or safeguarded.

In essence, Portuguese CC professional accountants are required to comply with similar or equivalent principles found on 2020 Handbook of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, namely Integrity, Objectivity, Professional Competence / Due Care, Confidentiality. Professional Behavior is not evidenced on the CC applicable ethical code, although this principle is sought by other Portuguese professional accounting ethics principles, mainly loyalty, equity and responsibility ones.

A new component of the OCC membership appliance process is a course on professional ethics and professional laws and regulations, with final assessment. This component adds up to the catalogue of courses and training on professional ethics, values and attitudes, delivered by OCC to its members and those in the path to become members.

OCC monitor new developments at the international level and promote the IESBA Code of Ethics near governmental entities.

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Continuous Ethical Behavior</i>					
16.	Ongoing	OCC ethical requirements, process and procedures, evaluation and optimization.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board members, Senior technical staff
17.	Ongoing	New dedicated IPD course (with assessment) on professional ethics and regulations, included in the membership appliance process.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff
18.	Ongoing	To include the importance of IESBA Code of ethics / SMO 4 requirements into agenda of meetings with high level Government representatives, high education institutes and other relevant stakeholders.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Government, Education network partners
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
19.	Ongoing	Participation in the international standard-setting by providing comments to the Exposure Drafts and participating in other public consultations.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive). Board members, Senior technical staff
20.	Ongoing	CPD courses on OCC ethical standards and requirements and on IFAC standards.	Ongoing	Board of Directors	Senior technical staff, Other staff, Outsource, website
21.	Ongoing	Review, add, replace, or remove, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
22.	Ongoing	Periodic review of IFAC Compliance Self-Assessment questionnaire and update sections relevant to SMO – 4 as required. Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 5—International Public Sector Accounting Standards and Other Pronouncements Issued by the IPSASB  
**Action Plan Objective:** Activities to promote IPSASB standards and pronouncements.

**Background:**

The Government is responsible for the adoption of public sector accounting standards in Portugal. Standards changes are proposed to the Government by the Comissão de Normalização Contabilística (CNC), the independent accounting regulator, within both public and private sectors accounting standards.

CNC structure comprehends a public accounting standards committee on which OCC has a seat. Therefore OCC has shared responsibility for the areas covered within this SMO 5.

Within Portuguese jurisdiction, public sector accounting standards are applicable. Reflecting sectorial framework law change in 2015 (Decree-Law nr. 192/2015 of September 11 (amended by Decree-Law nr. 85/2016 of December 21), public sector accounting standards issued are now based on / converging to International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). The new standards are designated as SNC-AP (Sistema de Normalização Contabilística para as Administrações Públicas) will be adopted 2016 forward, first by several pilot-project entities, then mandatory to all public entities in 2018.

The recent public accountant standards refers OCC as the partner entity for the definition of the specialized education and training to be set as minimum to qualify as an accountant within public entities.

OCC Statutes (as national Parliament issued law) includes eight accounting specialties, among those the Public Accountancy, to which field of expertise an OCC member can apply to become a recognized specialist, as a member of the specialist college of Public Accountancy.

OCC holds an International Congress of Public Sector Accounting, aiming the creation of a forum for the academic and professional communities to discuss, share and disseminate knowledge about the specific area of Public Accounting, constituting itself as an instrument that allows to give visibility to the challenges of the coming years. .

Within this SMO 5, OCC intends to actively participate on the process of implementation of the new public sector Portuguese GAAP based upon IPSAS.

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Implementing Public Sector GAAP Based upon IPSAS</i>					
23.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2021	OCC organizes the Third International Congress of Public Sector Accounting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Q 2021	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Outsource, website

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
24.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2021	2021 Handbook of International Public Sector Accounting Pronouncements to be studied and promoted through CPD activities.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board of Directors, Senior technical staff, Other staff, Outsource
25.	Ongoing	IPSASB publications and resources recommended to be attended on the qualification and CPD of the public accountant curriculum.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	OCC representative on CNCP, Senior technical staff
26.	Ongoing	Within OCC seat on Portuguese public accounting standards committee (CNCP), issues occurred on entities first adoption of standards are close followed.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	OCC representative on CNCP, Senior technical staff
27.	Ongoing	Participation in the international standard-setting by providing comments to the Exposure Drafts and participating in other public consultations.	Ongoing	Board of Directors	Senior technical staff
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
28.	Ongoing	OCC participation on CNC overall actions and activities.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board	Board members, Senior technical staff, OCC representative on CNCP, Outsource experts
29.	Ongoing	Review, add, replace, or remove, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
30.	Ongoing	Periodic review of national GAAP facing the latest available Handbook of International Public Sector Accounting Pronouncements (2021). Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 6—Investigation and Discipline  
**Action Plan Objective:** Continuous development of OCC Investigation and Disciplinary System.

<b>Background:</b>					
<p>OCC investigation and disciplinary (I&amp;D) system is set by law and prescribed at OCC Statutes. and the one set through SMO 6.</p> <p>OCC finds it has shared responsibility for the areas covered within this SMO, as applicable requirements and procedures are state law established, although OCC is law mandated to conduct investigation and disciplinary processes through an OCC internal disciplinary body.</p> <p>In accordance with the legal requirements, OCC has established an I&amp;D mechanism that incorporates SMO 6 requirements, such as the existence of a dedicated discipline body, info on how violations are learnt by the body, the process and resources for investigating violations, types of sanctions, info on appealing disciplinary decisions and more.</p> <p>According to the requirements of the Law 139/2015, OCC has established mechanisms for investigating and disciplining (I&amp;D) its members for misconduct and breaches of the rules. The I&amp;D mechanisms established by OCC incorporate the major requirements of SMO 6. OCC intends to continue to converge to IFAC investigation and disciplinary systems and standards and requirements.</p>					
#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>Comparison of Requirements SMO 6</i>					
31.	Ongoing	Best endeavor action. Periodic meeting with government and or parliament to present up to date professional info. Accountants investigation and disciplinary requirements as SMO 6 prescribed.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board members, Senior technical staff
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
32.	Ongoing	OCC investigation and disciplinary system, process and procedures, evaluation and optimization.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Board members, Senior technical staff
33.	Ongoing	CPD courses on OCC investigation and disciplinary systems and on difference and proximity facing IFAC standards.	Ongoing	Board	Senior technical staff, Other staff, Outsource, website

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
34.	Ongoing	Review, add, replace, or remove, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
35.	Ongoing	OCC as a daily newsletter and a monthly magazine with a section to inform members of I&D procedures.	Ongoing	Board	Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
36.	Ongoing	Periodic review of IFAC Compliance Self-Assessment questionnaire and update sections relevant to SMO – 6 as required. Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff

**Action Plan Subject:** SMO 7–International Financial Reporting Standards and Other Pronouncements issued by the IASB  
**Action Plan Objective:** *Activities to promote IFRS standards and pronouncements.*

**Background:**

In accordance with the EU Regulation concerning the application of International Accounting Standards and as endorsed by the European Commission, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are mandatory for the preparation of financial statements of consolidated financial statements of listed entities. In addition, non-listed entities are permitted to apply IFRS for their consolidated financial statements.

The Government is responsible for the adoption of accounting standards in Portugal. Standards changes are proposed to the Government by CNC, the independent accounting regulator, within both public and private sectors accounting standards.

Within CNC structure, a private sector/ business accounting standards committee is established (CNCE) on which OCC seats. Therefore OCC has shared responsibility for the areas covered within this SMO 7.

Portuguese accounting standards for a private sector/ business has given the designation of SNC (Sistema de Normalização Contabilística). The standards are included within national legal framework and last amendment was issue by Decree-law Nr. 98/2015 of July 13. SNC is IFRS based. Financial reporting of banks, other financial institutions and insurance companies are set by correspondent sectorial regulators and they have to comply with IFRS as adapted by those authorities.

Within this SMO 7, OCC intends to promote IFRS standards and other pronouncements by the IASB, either through its seats representation rights on CNC, either through other actions, CPD courses, projects and representation on expert groups and forums.

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
<i>IFRS Based Accounting Framework</i>					
37.	Ongoing	Portuguese private sector accounting standards (different frameworks applicable/available for large/medium, small and micro entities) enforcement activities and standards improvement, through OCC participation on CNC private sector / business accounting standards committee, within IFRS as endorsed by EU and EU accounting directives review process.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	OCC representative on CNCE, Senior technical staff

#	Start Date	Actions	Completion Date	Responsibility	Resource
38.	Ongoing	Participation in the international standard-setting by providing comments to the Exposure Drafts and participating in other public consultations.	Ongoing	Board	Senior technical staff
<i>Maintaining Ongoing Processes</i>					
39.	Ongoing	OCC participation on CNC overall actions and activities.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board	Board members, OCC representative on CNCE, Outsource experts, Senior technical staff
40.	Ongoing	OCC participation on European accounting expert groups meetings, round tables, seminars and forums, whereas IFRS, and EU IFRS adaption theme is approached and discussed.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board members, Senior technical staff
41.	Ongoing	Training on National GAAP and IFRSs for OCC members through ongoing regular CPD training activities.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board	Board , Senior technical staff, Outsource experts, Other staff, website
42.	Ongoing	Review, add, replace, or remove, if necessary, online information and guidance provided for the benefit of OCC's members in practice.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Senior technical staff, Other staff, website
<i>Review of OCC's Compliance Information</i>					
43.	Ongoing	Periodic review of IFAC Compliance Self-Assessment questionnaire and update sections relevant to SMO – 7 as required. Keep IFAC Compliance staff up to date about any updated information.	Ongoing	Bastonária (Chief Executive)	Bastonária (Chief Executive), Board, Senior technical staff