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Country code

The country code for Portugal is: [PT].

Generation of national ECLI

Portugal's introduction of the European Case Law Identifier (ECLI) was completed in November 2018, as part of a project co-financed by the European Union through the Justice Programme 2014-2020 of the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST). This was a joint initiative of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary (*Conselho Superior da Magistratura*) and the Institute for Financial and Estate Management of Judicial Services (*Instituto de Gestão Financeira e Equipamentos da Justiça*).

The ECLI currently covers judgments of the higher courts:

- The Supreme Court of Justice (*Supremo Tribunal de Justiça*)
- The Coimbra Court of Appeal (*Tribunal da Relação de Coimbra*)
- The Évora Court of Appeal (*Tribunal da Relação de Évora*)
- The Guimarães Court of Appeal (*Tribunal da Relação de Guimarães*)
- The Lisbon Court of Appeal (*Tribunal da Relação de Lisboa*)
- The Porto Court of Appeal (*Tribunal da Relação do Porto*)

The website <https://jurisprudencia.csm.org.pt/> provides access to a new search engine for national case-law using the ECLI.

The ECLI in Portugal is made up the following components:

- 'ECLI';
- The country code: 'PT';
- The court code: 'STJ', 'TRL', 'TRP', 'TRC', 'TRE' or 'TRG' (the ECLI is currently available to identify judgments of the Supreme Court of Justice and the appeal courts of Lisbon, Porto, Coimbra, Évora and Guimarães);
- The year of the judgment;
- A serial number, which in Portugal's case, is based on the case number (plus occasionally two identifying characters used for the distribution of cases in the higher courts).

Each component is separated by a colon.

Example of a Portuguese ECLI:

The identifier ECLI:PT:TRC:2017:198.15.3GCACB.C1, corresponds to a judgment handed down in Portugal (PT), by the Coimbra Court of Appeal (TRC), in 2017, in case No 198/15.3GCACB.

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