

OSH Authorities — Portugal

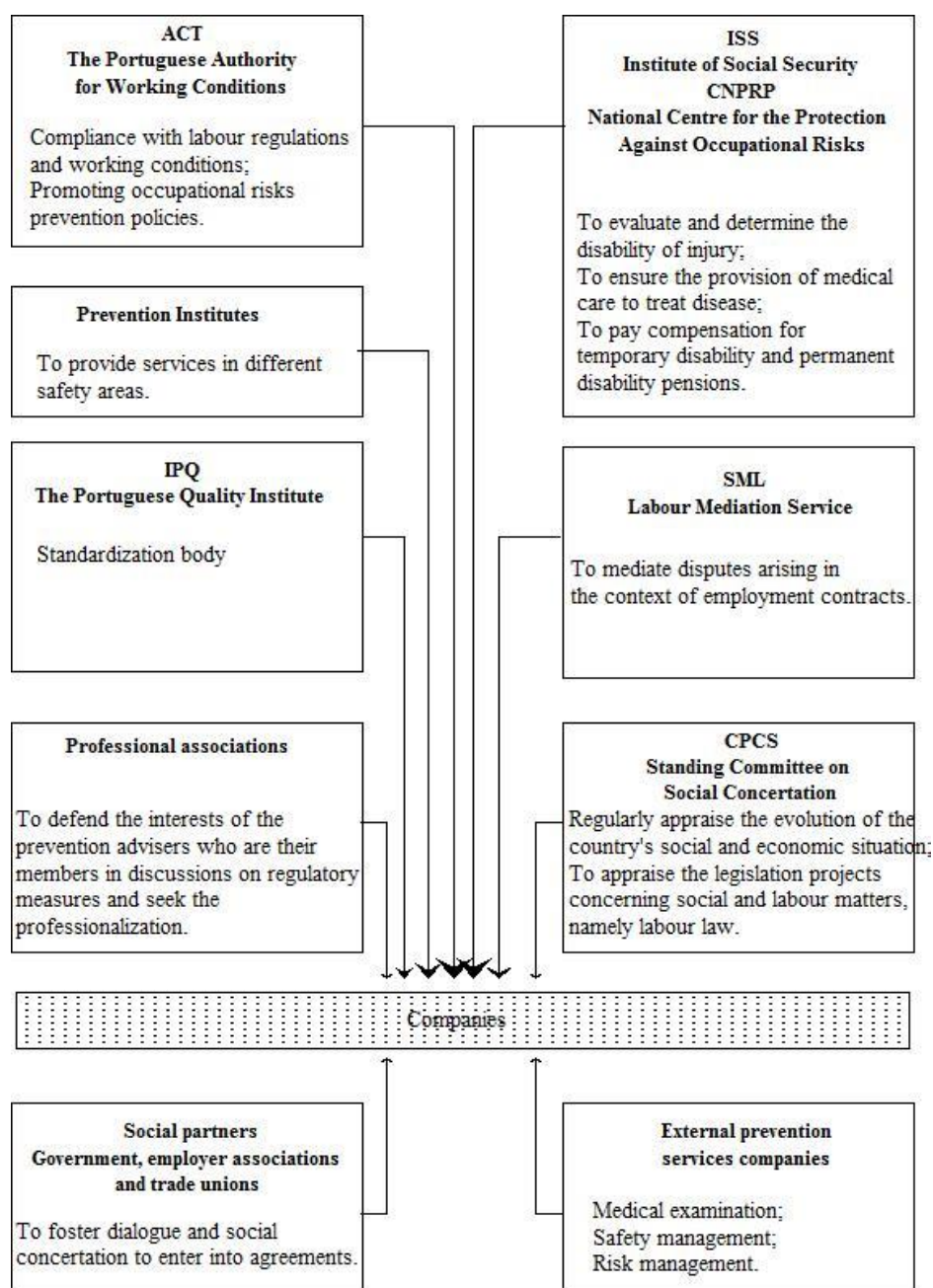
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▪ **OSH authorities and inspection services**

Name of authority	Working Conditions Authority (ACT — <i>Autoridade para as Condições de Trabalho</i>)
Link	http://www.act.gov.pt/(pt-PT)/Paginas/default.aspx
Short abstract	<p>ACT is responsible for promoting improved working conditions, by ensuring compliance with labour regulations and working conditions in the private sector and compliance with working conditions in the public sector, and for promoting occupational risk prevention policies. The central services of ACT are located in Lisbon, and the decentralised services are spread across all the districts of Portugal.</p> <p>The central services of ACT consist of three service directorates and 10 divisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directorate of Support to Supervision; • Directorate for the Promotion of Safety and Health at Work; • Services Directorate for Management Support.
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Name of authority	Directorate-General for Employment and Labour Relations (DGERT — <i>Direcção-Geral do Emprego e das Relações de Trabalho</i>)
Link	http://www.dgert.gov.pt/
Short abstract	DGERT is responsible for helping to develop policies on employment and vocational training and on labour relations, including working conditions and health, safety and welfare at work. It is also responsible for monitoring and encouraging collective bargaining and the prevention of trade disputes, and for promoting the accreditation of training bodies.
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Name of authority	Regional Inspectorate of Employment from the Regional Government of Açores (<i>Inspecção Regional do Trabalho do Governo Regional dos Açores</i>)
Link	http://www.azores.gov.pt/Portal/pt/entidades/vp-irt/
Short abstract	The Regional Inspectorate of Employment from the Regional Government of Açores is tasked with developing advisory methods and action, and carrying out inspections in companies and other organisations, with the fundamental aim of improving working conditions.
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Name of authority	Regional Directorate of Labour in the Autonomous Region of Madeira (<i>Direcção Regional do Trabalho da Região Autónoma da Madeira</i>)
Link	https://www.madeira.gov.pt/drtai/
Short abstract	The Regional Directorate of Labour in the Autonomous Region of Madeira is tasked with contributing to the improvement of working conditions and the agreement on labour relations within the autonomous region of Madeira. The regional directorate has expertise in the area of labour, specifically in the areas of labour legislation, collective bargaining, professional organisations, assessment of working conditions, safety and health at work, labour statistics, and, more recently, the voluntary resolution of work conflicts.
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Name of authority	Division of Environmental and Occupational Health (<i>Divisão de Saúde Ambiental e Ocupacional</i>) from Directorate-General of Health (<i>Direção Geral de Saúde</i>)
Link	https://www.dgs.pt/
Short abstract	The Division of Environmental and Occupational Health is responsible for proposing strategies and specific programmes for evaluation, coordination and collaboration activities in the management of risk to human health in several areas, notably water, built spaces, waste, chemical and biological substances, genetically modified organisms, and ionising and non-ionising radiation; for monitoring technical advice and licensing facilities, equipment, and chemical and biological substances in accordance with the law; for proposing strategies, coordinating activities and implementing programmes within the field of occupational health; for proposing strategies and coordinating programmes and activities to ensure the prevention of accidents.
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■ Compensation and insurance bodies

Name of body	Protection Against Occupational Hazards Department (DPRP — <i>Departamento de Protecção contra os Riscos Profissionais</i>)
Link	http://www.seg-social.pt/inicio
Short abstract	The DPRP is the service of the Institute of Social Security (<i>Instituto de Segurança Social</i>) that is nationally responsible for managing the treatment and recovery from illness or a disability arising from occupational hazards. According to Portaria No 135/2012 of 8 May 2012, the objectives of the DPRP at company level are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to evaluate and determine the disability of the injured person, the functional disturbance or the disease arising from occupational hazards; • to ensure the provision of medical care to treat the disease or disability resulting from occupational hazards; • to pay compensation for a temporary disability and permanent disability pensions; • to promote the clinical recovery and professional reclassification of beneficiaries with an occupational disease; • to promote the placement of rehabilitated workers in occupations compatible with their physical condition and their ability to work.
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■ Research institutes

Name of institute	n/a
Short abstract	Portugal does not run a national occupational safety and health (OSH) research institute. Research in the field of safety and health at work is mainly carried out by research groups at universities and technology centres, which often have projects in collaboration with universities. There is a national network that encompasses the eight existing technology centres, promoting cooperation among them.
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▪ **Other OSH services**

Name of service	Portuguese Association of Occupational Safety and Health Companies (<i>Associação Portuguesa de Empresas de Segurança e Saúde no Trabalho</i>)
Link	http://www.apemt.com/
Short abstract	The Portuguese Association of Occupational Safety and Health Companies is a private, non-profit association. Its objective is to represent, defend and promote the common interests of occupational health and safety companies.
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▪ **Standardisation bodies**

Name of body	Portuguese Quality Institute (IPQ — <i>Instituto Portugues da Qualidade</i>)
Link	http://www.ipq.pt/backhtmlfiles/ipq_mei.htm
Short abstract	The IPQ is the national organisation that manages and promotes the development of the Portuguese System for Quality (SQP — <i>Sistema Português para a Qualidade</i>), with its three sub-systems — standardisation, metrology and qualification. As a result, the IPQ is Portugal's representative body in the quality field at international level and closely cooperates with its European counterparts. Within the framework of the SPQ, the IPQ assumes the role of national standardisation body, thus ensuring coordination with European and international standardisation bodies, and supervises the activity of the Central Laboratory of Metrology.
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