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The Portuguese Ombudsman Message

When everything seems to be falling apart, where references or strong pillars are not found to allow us to look to the future, we would not say with substantiated hope but at least with clear and bare hope, that it's urgent to defend a peaceful and a firm framework to find guidance to make us better persons, better citizens. This framework is found on the Ombudsman's commitment that is to defend human rights and be their guardian. It can be found in this House, as the territory or main field, where without misinterpretations, the human rights are defended.

To all and to those who work in this House, my heartfelt wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Ombudsman Agenda

December 4th: The Portuguese Ombudsman attended the Congress *1975-2015: 40 anni di Ordinamento Penitenziario italiano*, held at the Pavia *Facoltà di Giurisprudenza* in Italy. At this event the Portuguese Ombudsman presented a statement entitled *The Ombudsman and the prison universe* (O Provedor de Justiça e o universo penitenciário).

December 11th: The Portuguese Ombudsman went to Berlin to take part of the 2015 Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy, entitled *Building Bridges of Peace and Reconciliation in Times of Greater Global Insecurity* promoted by The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy. In this occasion the Portuguese Ombudsman issued the communication *The migrant crisis - thoughts and concerns*.



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December 15th: The Portuguese Ombudsman participated as the training module moderator *Collective guilt and Corporate Culture. Collective liability in transformation, demerger and merger cases (Culpa da Pessoa Coletiva e Cultura Empresarial. A responsabilidade da pessoa colectiva em casos de transformação, cisão e fusão)* on the 1st post-graduation course on *Law Enforcement, Compliance and Criminal Law in banking, financial and economic activities*. The course is organized by the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences of the University of Lisbon.

News

- The Portuguese Ombudsman recommends clarifying the law on architectural projects authorship.

[*More information...*](#)

- The Portuguese Ombudsman asks IEFP to improve proceedings concerning non-subsidized unemployed citizens. [*More information...*](#)

- The Portuguese Ombudsman is following the legislative procedure concerning the incapacity person rights. [*More information...*](#)