



# POSCOHR

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**Type of organisation:**

SME       School       University       Public Authority  
 Training     No Profit     X       NGO                     

Other (Specify)

**Fields of action :**

SMEs  X                      Youth  X                      Universities  X Public Authorities  X  
Equal opportunities  X                      Schools  X                      Unemployed  X

Other (Specify)

### Description of the organisation

POSCOHR – Portuguese Speaking Countries Observatory on Human Rights, was founded in 2015 to work on scientific research and academic knowledge in the promotion and protection of Human Rights worldwide, but essentially in Portuguese speaking countries. POSCOHR is a rights-based association operating in the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra which, in partnership with other stakeholders, seeks to address human rights issues, namely by using forensic science and medicine, as well as law and social sciences. It is part of our methodology to provide training, both theoretical and practical, to do research, as well as to assist decision-makers, practitioners, victims, etc., namely on proposing law reforms, on providing technical training and on supporting processes of rehabilitation, treatment and social reinsertion and social inclusion of victims of human rights violations, such as refugees/migrants, and those who have been torture and suffered other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatments and punishments. In order to accomplish POSCOHR's goals we rely on a multi-disciplinary team of lawyers, practitioners, social specialists/experts/researchers/Professors, etc..

### Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

POSCOHR has no experience working on European projects yet. However, all the founders have been working individually in their fields, at national and international level, participating in seminars, conferences and workshops, lecturing, teaching, training and doing field work. Bearing in mind their experience, they are of the opinion that multidisciplinary teams should be the anchor of a wider process of redefining human rights connected with a *holistic approach* that gathers development, social change, that would enhance human rights education, legal aid and community-based services, in order to the fulfillment of all human rights.

### Contributions that can be provided to the project

POSCOHR will be supporting the project management organization *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae – IGC*, regarding the initiatives and integration activities chosen to benefit the social inclusion of refugees and migrants either in the University community and in the post-university term, within the third sector job market.

### Reasons of involvement in the project

This project will be absolutely innovative and pertinent in the country because it will underline the problems/needs we feel in our work by supporting IGC, towards young refugees and migrants inclusion at community and accessing Higher Education institutions. Therefore, POSCOHR intends to work together with different partners and other stakeholders within the local/regional community, such as Universities, NGO's, families, not only to exchange and improve expertise, but to develop intercultural and civic competences of both University students and Academic staff, through a multidisciplinary approach, sharing knowledge and solving problems collaboratively which will conduct to a more inclusive Higher Educational institutions and systems.

### Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Pedro Pimentel is the Deputy Director of POSCOHR. He is a Sociologist University Researcher at the NOVA University of Lisbon, Department of Sociology. His expertise lies in Social Change and Sociology of Development, Sociology of Law, Human Rights (Children's Rights, Child Protection, Juvenile Delinquency). Since 2004 has collaborated with the Permanent Observatory of Portuguese Justice, Centre for Social Studies at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra and Faculty of Human & Social Sciences, NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal, on several Sociological Research Projects and Reports. He holds a Degree in Social Sciences – Sociology from the Faculty of Economy of the University of Coimbra and two post-graduations in Legal Medicine, by Portucalense University in Oporto, Portugal and another in Child Protection, by Faculty of Law, Family Law Centre, University of Coimbra. He is ending his European PhD. Thesis about "Social reintegration: secure correctional institutions for juvenile offenders, their performance, control, and post lockup monitoring aftercare (parole)". The research problem addresses the assessment and monitoring the institutional devices within the Portuguese Juvenile Justice system, aiming to deal with the social reinsertion of young criminal offenders based on other international systems of juvenile justice which provide effective treatment, rehabilitation and intensive community programs and services. The research project has been developed in the Faculty of Human & Social Sciences, NOVA University of Lisbon, Portugal, in the Faculty of Political Sciences and Sociology, University of Granada, Spain and in collaboration with the Brown University, Rhode Island, United States of America. Author of scientific published papers in national and international magazines and academic journals, such as:

"Children bad treatment in Chile", Journal of the Faculty of Medicine of the Universidad Mayor Santiago, Chile (ongoing and awaiting publication); "The Pandemic of Personal Damage in Children in Armed Conflict", Portuguese Body Damage Magazine N.º25 2017, Portugal; "The juvenile delinquency parole and the aftercare (follow-up) system", Portugalense University Magazine, Oporto, Portugal, "The Paradigm of the Inimputability in the Minority and in the Serious Psychic Anomalies of Juvenile Delinquency", Criap Forensic Magazine, Portugal, 2013; Informative Bulletin of the Observatory of Infancy, Andalucía, Spain.

Scientific Reviewer of the Revista de Estudios Políticos, Institute of Political Studies, Antioquia University, Medellín, Colombia.

Founder and Member of the Academy of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences for the Portuguese Speaking Countries (ACIFOR); Member of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM);

Member of the Forensic Anthropology Society of Europe (FASE); Researcher of Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones Sociales de América Latina (CEISAL); Researcher of Red Europea de Información y Documentación sobre América Latina (REDIAL).