# institute of **registries** and notary

### Strategies to safeguard and communicate records management - the case of Instituto dos Registos e Notariado, I.P.

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#### PRESENTATION- Who we are?

1. The portuguese Institute of Registries and Notary (IRN) is a portuguese public institution under indirect State administration, endowed with administrative autonomy and with jurisdiction extending throughout national territory. Is an agency subordinated to the Ministery of Justice.

#### **MISSION** -What we do?

2. Its main mission is present in the life of citizens since birth. From that moment on, people's life events such as marriage, acquiring nationality, purchasing a car, purchasing a house, inheriting estate, incorporating a company, and eventually death, are requested and registered in Register Offices in order to establish authenticity and ensure legal certainty. Whenever a citizen needs to submit proof of relevant legal facts related to a life event, IRN issues certificates, being the only entity entitled to do so.



Figure 1. Its service is made for more then 450 Registres across the country (except Autonomous Region of Madeira)

#### THE RECORDS - What documents and information we





Figure 2. Examples of historical documents – citizens identification fom 20th century

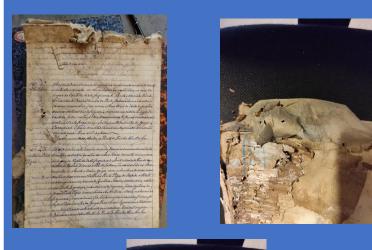




Figure 3. Examples of physical damage

## THE STATE OF ART – What we made for safeguard the historical documents? 7. 2021/ 2022 – Criated the Archive Service (Unidade de Gestão Documental, Arquivo e Expediente) with two Archivits

9.2022/2023- Evaluation, Selection and Elimination of documentation 10. 2023 - Study the phisical conditions of the documents. Were deted space problems due to the enormous growth of records and to the inadequate and often antiquated archival buiding; lack of specialised administrative staff and priority given to other issues 11. 2023/ 2024 - Considerind the "Justiça + Próxima 20 | 23 plan" and the EU co-financing -The Recovery and Resilience Plan was presented the "Digital Plan of Historical Records of IRN – Pilot Project"



Figure 4. Digitalizon of three Registres from Braga, Santa Maria da Feira and Loulé

#### SRATEGIES AND OPERATIONAL OBJETIVES - What are the main goals?

- 10. Increased efficiency and productivity
- 11. Increased internal and external clients satisfaction
- 12. Encourages an Environment of Employee Excellence
- 13. Encourages collaboration and improves communication among all services
- 14. Increased transparency
- 15. Allowed to preserved and safeguard the documents

#### **Conclusion:**

We just began our journey but despite the several problems it is possible to do a better service for preserve and safeguard the information that is made by and for the citizens.