



Protective Seal

Ensure the rights of the child in all contexts of life

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The proposal for awarding the Protective Seal implies that the institutions must have an **Integrated Risk and Danger Management System (SIGRP)**.

It's inspired by national and international experiences already tested, particularly in the Australian model *The Blue Card System*.



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The **promotion**, **protection** and **defence** of the Child Human Rights is one of the founding pillars.

In the last five years, the Children and Young People Protection Commissions (CPCJ) have accompanied on average **72.000** children and young people per year.



REQUIREMENTS



For the attribution of the PROTECTIVE SEAL, **it's central the participation of all people involved**, including the child, young people and families.



OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Honour the Portuguese Entities with Competences in Matters of Childhood and Youth (e.g. education, health, social, Policy Departments ...) which implement **good practices in matters of Promoting the Human Rights of the Child;**
- ✓ Identify and disseminate **good practices** of promoting the Human Rights of the Child, from a perspective of innovation and development of a **collaborative** and **preventive culture;**



OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To ensure a safe environment where children and young people can receive the support they need and participate in activities that promote their development and wellbeing;
- ✓ To enable the ECMIJ for acting in the basis of integrated governance principles, based on confidence building and the four critical success factors: leadership, collaboration / participation, communication and monitoring / evaluation;



OBJECTIVES

- ✓ To materialize the assignments of the ECMIJ,
- ✓ To embody the international norms and commitments in which Portugal is a signatory, namely the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021);
- ✓ To **facilitate the implementation** of the National Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2019-2021;
- ✓ To **enforce the ethical message that the whole community is necessary to uphold the Rights of the Child, in order to affirm a preventive culture.**



Protective SEAL based in this two structurant documents



Convention on the Rights of the Child United Nations



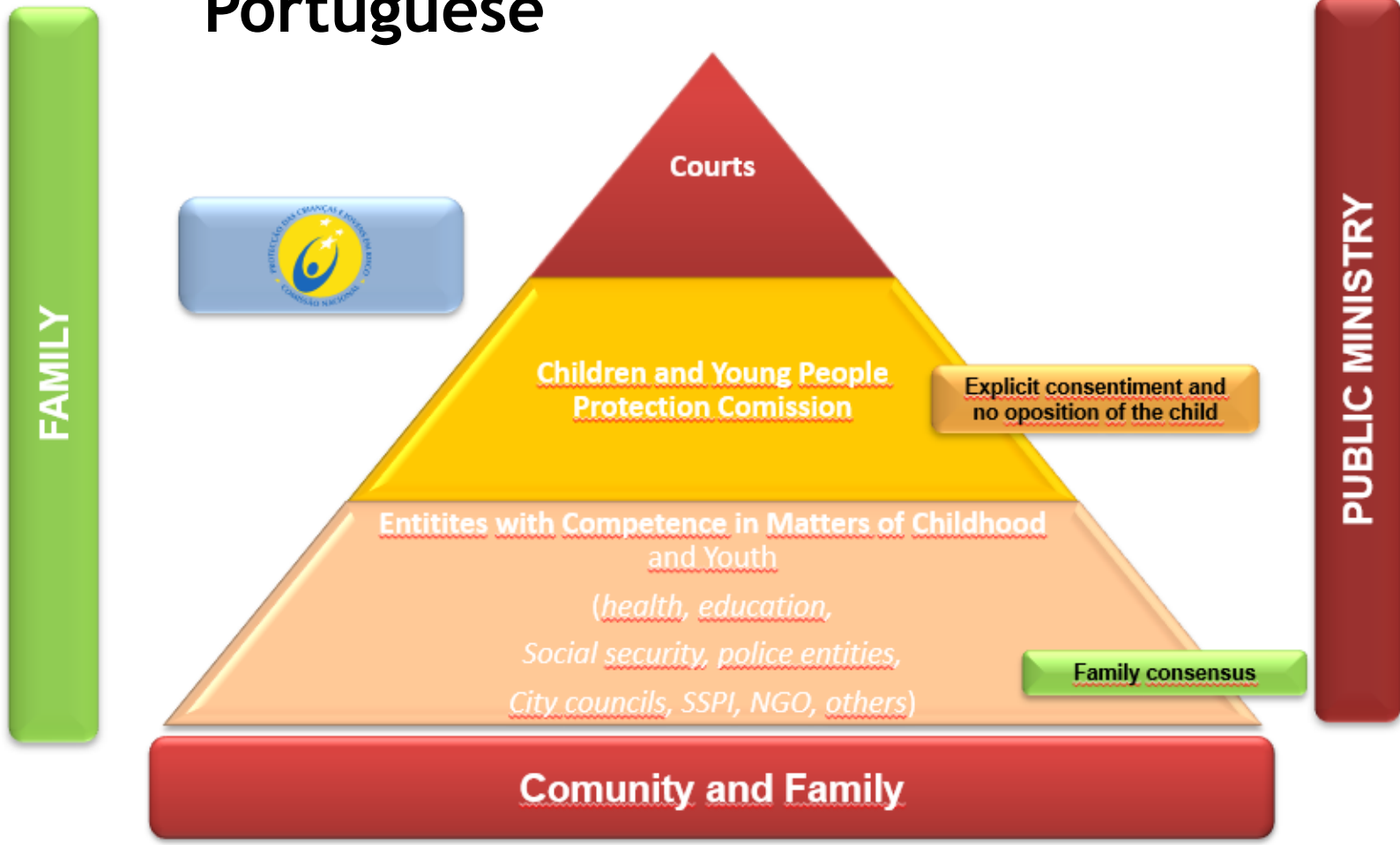
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Building a Europe for and with children



Structure of the Promotion and Protection System

Portuguese





THE PROTECTIVE SEAL ALLOWS:

Capacitation of Entities with Competences in Matters of Childhood and Youth in **prevention** of abuse and **intervention** in childhood and youth

Recognition, Promotion and Dissemination of Good Practices in the Area of the Rights of Children and Youth



Protective Seal Premise

Protective environments don't just happen, they require **planning, commitment, monitoring and collaboration.**

Protective Seal: *requirements*

- ❑ **DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT**, that sets forth the different commitments that the entity assumes with regard to the protection of the child and the promotion of their rights, in order to ensure their safety and well-being.
- ❑ **CODE OF CONDUCT**, regarding the values and behaviours to adopt in the interaction with the child, with the stakeholders and the community.



Protective Seal: *requirements*

- ❑ **SPECIFIC PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEES RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND TRAINING** (employees include the professionals, trainees and volunteers that work with the children).
- ❑ **STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.** This Plan promotes the development of primary and secondary prevention actions



Protective Seal: *requirements*

- ❑ STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

DESCRIPTORS

- ✓ Do you identify, assess and monitor the needs of children and young people (eg **young carers**)?

EVIDENCE

- ✓ Development of individual support plans.





2018

- 1st Candidatures **in education area**
- 35 candidatures
- 34 entities with Seal Protector

2019

- 2nd Candidatures **in education area**
- 45 candidatures
- 27 entidades protetoras

2020

- 3rd Candidatures **in education area** (january/february)
- Invitation to other áreas (Health, Social Services, Police and others)
- Including **Young Carers**

**Public
Policy
Measure**

**Seal
Protector**



Collaboration of the CPCJ



310 CPCJ

**5
Regional
Technical
Teams**



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The challenge of the protective Seal

The protective entity constitutes itself as a protective agent in the child's life (including per example **young carers**) that can mitigate individual and family and socio-cultural risk factors

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