



*Kick - off meeting for the project TRASDEM:*  
Empowerment of social dialogue in trade sector as a  
contribution to the overarching EU employment  
and social policy challenges

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# Origins of CCP

The Portuguese Commerce and Services Confederation was created in 1976, as a result of the associative movement that appeared after the Revolution of the 25th April 1974.

In the last three decades, there has been a considerable evolution of the economic activity in Portugal, as well as the commerce and services activities, which have become much closer. As a result, in 1995, CCP was transformed in the Portuguese Commerce *and Services* Confederation.



# Origins of CCP

Nowadays, CCP represents the interests and aims of the employers/entrepreneurs of commerce and of several services, gathering around 100 sector and regional associations and representing more than 200.000 enterprises, including micro and small enterprises.

These enterprises are responsible for more than 1 million jobs (600 thousand from the commerce sector and about the same numbers from the services sector).

## Associations

Sector

Services

Regional

**14 Associations**

**23 Associations**

**69 Associations**

# Specific Aims of CCP

CCP ensures, as a social partner:

- The representation of the sector (commerce and services) in national and international entities/bodies;
- Gives opinion and takes position on legal proposals relevant to the sector;
- Organises and develops services to the associations and enterprises of the sector (studies, consultancy services to foster and support entrepreneurship, vocational training plans);
- Co-ordinates the national training in the sector, in connection with the associations, namely through its integrated vocational training plans, a vocational training centre – CECOIA- and the Commerce School of Lisbon.

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As social partner, CCP is represented in several entities, including:

- The Economic and Social Council (CES);
- The Permanent Commission for Social Bargaining (CPCS);
- The Board of Administration of the Portuguese Public Institute for Employment and Vocational Training (IEFP);
- Several working groups related to Employment, including an Observatory;
- Several commissions related to Vocational Training, Education, Certification, etc.

# Intervencion areas

At international level, CCP:

Is a member of EUROCOMMERCE (European association representing the interests of commerce close to the European Union institutions);

Follows the legislative process of the European Union, specially in the relevant areas for the sector;

Is represented in the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), in the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin Foundation), in the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (Bilbao Agency) and in European Commission Advisory Committees;

# Intervencion areas

At international level, CCP:

- Participates in the annual international conference of the International Labour Organisation;
- Participates in transnational Vocational Training projects and in other kinds of projects with interest to the development of its activity.



# Internal organization

Concerning its internal organisation, CCP has:

- An International Affairs Department;
- A Legal and Fiscal Affairs Department;
- A Studies and Projects Department, which send information concerning their field of activity to the associations and their enterprises, give consultancy services and often participate in specific projects, both at national and international level.

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