

## **An Example of a Funding Legal Document: “Specific Regulation of Sports Facilities and Infrastructure”**

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Purpose: This abstract main objective is to present a document on the financing dimension of the process of developing Leisure-Time Physical Activity infrastructures in Portugal.

Document Context: This document was revised and approved by the Ministerial Committee for Coordination on September 15<sup>th</sup> of 2008, was produced under the National Strategic Reference Framework and is in effect from 2007 to 2013.

Document Contents: This document establishes the conditions of access and general rules for allocation of EU co-financing of European Regional Development Fund to applications submitted under the policy "Infrastructure and Sports Equipment" from the Priority Programme IX, Operational Programme of Territorial Enhancement.

The first chapter of this document is related to “General Provisions”, and is subdivided in six articles; scope of regulation, aims of this intervention, concepts, geographical area of intervention and types of applications beneficiaries. The second chapter is “Conditions of Eligibility”, and refers to the conditions of admissibility and acceptability of beneficiaries and applications, the eligible and the non-eligible expenses as well as the selection criteria. The third chapter is “Support” and its contents regard the co-financing of eligible costs. Chapter four, “Procedure for Allocation of Co-Financing”, explains how to do the submission of applications, the verification of eligibility conditions and acceptability, the decision-making and the amendments to the financing decision. The fifth relates to “Funding” and how to do the procurement funding, the details on the termination of contract, the payments and the recoveries. “Monitoring and Control” is the sixth chapter and explains the monitoring and controlling applications of execution and the obligations of the applications beneficiaries. The last chapter is “Final Provisions” namely the EU and national regulations for the allocation of funds, the doubts and omissions, the approval and entry into force and the revision of regulation. The annex regards all matters on selections criteria.