

DELIBERATION NO 39 OF THE STANDING SECTION OF STATISTICAL COORDINATION

TYPOLOGY OF URBAN AREAS – 2014

Pursuant to Article 13 of Law No 22/2008 of 13 May, the *Conselho Superior de Estatística* (Statistical Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council) shall:

“Approve technical statistical coordination instruments of mandatory use in the production of official statistics, and promote the respective understanding, publication and use ...”

“Issue recommendations within the scope of the definition of statistical methodologies, concepts and nomenclatures for the use of administrative records to produce official statistics and ensure their implementation”

Deliberation No 6 of the Standing Section of Territorial Statistics (*Secção Permanente de Estatísticas de Base Territorial* in Portuguese) approved in May 2013, for the review of the Typology of Urban Areas approved by the Council in 2009 (Deliberation No 8 of the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination (*Secção Permanente de Coordenação Estatística* in Portuguese)), set up a Restricted Session.

Whereas:

- For the pursuit of its mandate, the Restricted Session has approved an Action Plan to validate the Typology's framework, the revision's objectives, the methodological choices made and the timelines for the work's completion;
- This Restricted Session's activities took place from September 2013 to June 2014 and held three meetings;
- The Typology of Urban Areas now proposed makes it possible to distinguish, within Portuguese territory, homogeneous units reflecting, through objective criteria, different degrees of urbanisation for different territorial scales, namely:
 - to circumscribe urban space based on the 2011 Census statistical sub-sections;
 - to exhaustively classify communes in the Portuguese territory in the 'predominantly urban', 'medially urban' and 'predominantly rural' categories and identify urban areas, with distinctive names, as isolated communes or groups of neighbouring communes classified as predominantly urban, considering the Official Administrative Map of Portugal as at the date of the 2011 Census (Portuguese acronym – CAOP 2010) and that resulting from implementation of the Municipal Territorial Administrative Reorganisation (Portuguese acronym – CAOP 2013);
 - to define how urban population will be calculated;
 - to ensure comparability of the methodology with the former version of the Typology of Urban Areas;

- Recommendation No 3 of the Standing Section of Territorial Statistics of July 2014, which recommends the approval of the Report on the 2014 Typology of Urban Areas and, as a consequence, of the new Typology.

Pursuant to its powers, as provided for in Annex B of Deliberation No 27 of the Council, at its meeting on 15 July 2014 **the Standing Section of Statistical Coordination decided to approve the Typology of Urban Areas 2014.**

The Section also stresses the high level of participation of the entities involved in the various stages of the process and the quality of Statistics Portugal's final integration work.

The Typology of Urban Areas - 2014 will be available on Statistics Portugal's official statistics website at <http://smi.ine.pt>

Lisbon, 15 July 2014

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