

Cooperation Platform between the Portuguese Speaking World and the Nordic Russia World

Foreword

Understanding that in the path of internationalization/globalization there is a need of reinforcing the economic relations between the Portuguese Speaking World and the Nordic and Russian World, the parties, from now called **Members**, agree with the following principles, as to dynamize the Cooperation Platform between the Portuguese Speaking World and the Nordic Russia World (hence forward called CP-PSW-NRW)

Article n. 1 Founding Members

1 – The following entities are the Founding Members of CP-PSW-NRW (in alphabetical order)

- Regional Government of the Azores, represented by **SÉRGIO HUMBERTO ROCHA ÁVILA**
- Praia da Vitória Municipality, represented by Paulo Manuel Ávila Messias
- Angra do Heroísmo Chamber of Commerce, represented by Rodrigo Soares de Meneses Ávila
- Business Association of the Leiria Region, represented by Jorge Manuel Cordeiro Santos
- Cursor, represented by Markku Merovuo

Article n. 2 Associated Members

1 – Associated Members are public and/or private entities, as well as single individuals, that will be invited to or apply for CP-PSW-NRW, provided they show capability to co-implement initiatives and events under the scope of this protocol.

2 – Associated Members can be from the following regions and/or countries: Archipelago of the Azores, Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Denmark, East Timor, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, Goa, Guinea Bissau, Iceland, Macau, Mozambique, Norway, Portugal, Russia, São Tomé e Príncipe, Sweden.

3 – The number of Associated Members of each region and/or country is limited to consensus between the subscribers of the present Protocol.

Article n. 3
Objectives

1 – The Members comit to carry out Concrete Implementation Iniciatives (CII) where Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) and Organizations are able to contribute in order to increase foreign direct investment, exportations, technology transference and funding in the area of activity of the Members.

Article n. 4
Duties

1 – Each Founding and/or Associated Member commits to dynamize contacts and events under the scope of this Protocol, providing the logistic means necessary to its implementation.

2 – Founding Members commit to mediate and help implement CII's, under the scope of their natural functions, influence area and legal dispositions.

Article n. 5
Procedures

1 – The Members commit to implement Concrete Implementation Activities, at least once a year, in the scope of this Protocol.

2 – Communications between Members shall be done mainly via Web, specifically through a digital platform, created for the effect, having English as commun understanding language.

3 – Each member will make available for SMEs and Organizations from the other Member's influence zone, on a constant or up request basis, a room equipped with the standard needs for professional meetings.

4 – The nature of each CII shall be defined by its developing Members, who are responsible for its management.

5 – Proposing and participant Members of each CII shall provide for the necessary fundings for its implementation.

6 – Each CII shall be outlined in a document (Concrete Implementation Initiative Project – CIIP)

7 – In each CIIP shall be described its Objectives, Resources and Resources Allocation, Chain of Cooperation, Metrics to define effectiveness, and Target aim.

Article n. 6

Governance and Headquarters

1- The Chairmanship of CP-PSW-NRW shall be taken by the President/Chairman/CEO of the Founding Member, following the order established in Article n.1, during 1 year and ending on December, 31st of the referred year.

2 – The first Chairmanship mandate shall be taken by the CEO/Chairman of Cursor, ending on December, 31st, 2013.

3 – The headquarters of CP-PSW-NRW shall be that of the Founding Member who assumes the Chairmanship.

Article n.7

Decision-making

1 – All decisions regarding procedures, governance and guidelines of CP-PSW-NRW actuation shall result by consensus of the President/Chairman/CEO of the Members.

2 – Whenever necessary, the final decision shall be who is responsible for the Chairmanship at the time.

Article n.8
Funding

1 – As an organized networking structure, based on common interrests and relational capital, the CP-PSW-NRW does not require operational funding. Whenever necessary, the Members may expend financial means for specific actions and/or initiatives, according to their competences, resources and legal dispositions.

Article n.9
Term


1 – The CP-PSW-NRW shall exist while at least two of its Members find it useful.

Article n.10
unbinding

- 1 - members may unbind themselves from the present protocol through written communication addressed to the CP-PSW-NRW presidency and to the other members;
- 2 - unbinding is effective 30 days after the reception of the written communication by the CP-PSW-NRW presidency.

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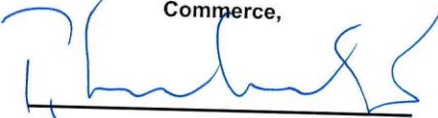
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