

## Decision 3/2023

### DATA PROTECTION GROUP

The processing of personal data, whether identified or identifiable, is a sensitive area that should be dealt with extreme care to protect citizens' privacy and the confidentiality of any private messages or professional information. In due course, the different countries of the European Union have drawn up their General Data Protection Regulations, which result from the adoption of different aspects of the Council of Europe Conventions and the European Directive. In Portugal, this issue has attracted the greatest attention, namely through the activity of the National Commission for Data Protection and the instructions issued by it.

It is in this context that the Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES) has decided to create a group in charge of ensuring the protection of data associated with the functioning of the Agency, namely related to the assessment systems used by the Agency and also to the professional information associated with its operation.

Thus, a Data Protection Group has been created at A3ES, with the following composition:

1. Lucília Mata, Data Protection Officer;
2. António Silva, responsible for the operational component of the Data Protection Group.

The Data Protection Group, in the specific areas of its activity, reports directly to the Management Board.

The logistical issues related, at this stage, to the communication with the National Commission for Data Protection, namely with the organization and frequency of training



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actions under the responsibility of that National Commission, will be monitored by the Human and Financial Resources Office of the Agency.

This decision comes into force immediately.

Lisbon, 12 July 2023

The President of the Management Board  
João Guerreiro