

# A COUNTRY WITH SEACOAST BORDERS

---

## THE “BLUE ECONOMY”

The Sea is one of the most important natural resources in the Portuguese economic space. With an exclusive economic zone with more than 1.700.000 km<sup>2</sup>, this surface corresponds to around 18 times the size of the Portuguese land area.

MORAIS LEITÃO, GALVÃO TELES, SOARES DA SILVA & ASSOCIADOS (MLGTS) provides its services in the most different issues related to the Sea, whether on economic matters or on international affairs, as well as on the challenges of a new international order of the oceans, also bearing in mind the environment and sustainability. With a team of about 200 lawyers at the Clients’ disposal, MLGTS has its main offices in Lisbon with two more offices in Oporto and Funchal (Madeira). Due to various partnerships and to MLGTS’ Legal Circle network, it also provides services to Clients from offices in Angola, Macau (China), Mozambique and Brazil.

### **Tourism and leisure connected to the Sea**

The Sea is one of the key sectors in the national economic development, namely in what concerns the tourism and leisure industries connected to the Sea, since those are areas in full expansion, with the installation of activities in the coastline and in the ocean. MLGTS has a profound knowledge of this sector providing services to promoters and to those interested in any of the activities connected to tourism.

### **The Sea as an energy source and as an environmental resource**

The oceans play a very important role as a source of energy, namely with the development of offshore petroleum explorations. Nevertheless, nowadays the Sea is also the stage of energy production through renewable sources, whether from waves or from offshore wind farms. With a vast experience and specialization in the energy areas, MLGTS provides services related with any of these resources.

The growing use of the Sea, associated with current concerns such as environment protection and sustainability, brings new challenges that the various Clients, public or private, can successfully meet by relying on MLGTS’ teams.

---



MORAIS LEITÃO  
GALVÃO TELES  
SOARES DA SILVA

### Ports, Transports and Logistics

MLGTS has been specializing in advising activities connected to ports, particularly in what regards the maintenance and capturing of new flows of goods and commodities, and the expansion of ports' capacity. Furthermore, the development of businesses related to leisure and tourism, such as cruise ships, is also a challenge to the MLGTS' teams. Ports are also articulation points with other transports, providing integration with complex logistic chains.

MLGTS also accompanies various companies in the shipping sector, providing services related with ships' seizure operations, negotiation of maritime contracts, insurances, sale and acquisition of ships and transport operations, amongst others. In particular, MLGTS's services include advising in the constitution of maritime mortgages and counselling on mortgage credits, as well as in the organization and accompaniment of registry processes.

MLGTS plays a leading role in the registration of vessels with the International Shipping Registry of Madeira and also provides permanent day-to-day assistance to Shipping companies operating within the International Business Centre of Madeira.

### The Sea and the Defence

The defence and security function traditionally connected to the Sea now also includes the support to the conservation of resources and to the fight against pollution, making the sustainability the third pillar of this function, adding to defence and security. In all of these areas, MLGTS possesses experienced and specialized knowledge.

### International Arbitration

The Sea also plays an important role in the relations between countries, being also a source of conflict in international affairs. For that reason, MLGTS has been acquiring profound knowledge in the most diverse matters related with International Public Law relying on a vast experience in international arbitration, including arbitrations on Maritime Law matters. MLGTS possesses a specialized team, with international acknowledgement, which provides services as one of the parties counsel and as Arbitrator or Arbitral Secretary, with experience covering the most various sectors.



MARGARIDA OLAZABAL CABRAL  
mocabral@mlgts.pt  
Tel.: +351213817407



FILIPE VAZ PINTO  
fvpinto@mlgts.pt  
Tel.: +351213826616



MIGUEL NOGUEIRA DE BRITO  
mnbrito@mlgts.pt  
Tel.: +351213817443



CÁTIA HENRIQUES FERNANDES  
chfernandes@mlgts.pt  
Tel.: +351291200040