

## LEGAL ALERT

### CREATION OF THE CLIMATE AGENCY

In order to respond to the growing challenges concerning climate action, the Government created, through [Decree-Law 122/2024 of 31 December](#), the **Agência para o Clima, I.P. (ApC)**.

The ApC was created as a public institution and is subject to the supervision and oversight of the member of Government responsible for the **environment**, in coordination with the members of the Government responsible for the **economy** and **agriculture**.

Among other duties, the ApC will be responsible for:

- Developing national climate change adaptation policies;
- Managing the **Environmental Fund** and the **Blue Fund**;
- Carrying out the functions of a paying agent, monitoring, auditing and supervising national, European and international funds, programmes and projects;
- Carrying out the duties of a:
  - Competent National Authority for European Emissions Trading (**CELE**);
  - Director and manager of the Portuguese Emissions Trading Registry (**RPLE**);
  - Entity competent for the National System for the Estimation of Emissions by Sources and Removal by Sinks of Air Pollutants (**SNIERPA**); and
  - Coordinator of the National System for Policies and Measures (**SPeM**), aimed at establishing procedures for the assessment and discussion of mitigation policies and measures in climate action.

With the creation of the ApC, a Agência Portuguesa do Ambiente, I.P. (APA) [Portuguese Environment Agency], which until now had control over climate matters, was restructured, and will now focus mainly on issues such as water management, coastal protection and waste policy.

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