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**ETHICS MEDIATION – THE
PORTUGUESE EXPERIENCE**

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Ethics Committee

- FOUNDED JANUARY 2015**
- MAIN GOALS**
 - TO GIVE FORMAL ETHICAL ADVICES (REPORTS), ASKED BY MEMBERS, BY THE BOARD, OR DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE**
- ADVICES**
 - DIFFERENT SUBJECTS**
 - GUIDELINES**
- ETHICAL MEDIATION**
- HOW TO REACH THE COMMITTEE: GO TO THEIR MEMBER AREA AND CHOOSE: ASK FOR INFORMATION; ETHICS AND DEONTOLOGY.**



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QUESTIONS:

- ☐ FROM JANUARY 2015 TILL APRIL DE 2017: 365 QUESTIONS**
- ☐ 21 QUESTIONS BY NON MEMBERS: LAWYERS, COURT, OWNERS OF COMPANIES, CLIENTS**
- ☐ SOME MISCONFUSIONS ABOUT QUESTIONS: TECHNICAL ADVICES, WORK CONFLITS, ADJUDICATION PROBLEMS**

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ANSWERS:

- 215 PHONE CALLS (58,9%)**
 - 184 JUST PHONE CALLS (50,4%)**
- 36 EMAILS (9,9%)**
- 104 WRITTEN ETHICAL ADVICES (28,5%)**
- 13 GUIDELINES ABOUT “PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION” (3,6%)**
- 17 MAKING WRITTEN ETHICAL ADVICES (4,7%)**
- 1 ETHICS ADJUDICATION (0,3%)**

10 DOCUMENTS (2,7%)

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WRITTEN ETHICAL ADVICES:

- 39 – PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTION WITH CHILDREN WITHOUT CONSENT BY BOTH PARENTS – 19%
- 35 – MULTIPLE RELATIONS – 15%
- 13 – CLINICAL RECORDS – 14%
- 6 – COOPERATION WITH LEGAL SYSTEM – 12%
- 9 – PSYCHOLOGIST AUTONOMY – 11%
- 51 – DEFINITION OF CLIENT AND THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGIST AND ORGANIZATIONS – 10%



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BIG AREAS:

- DEALING WITH LEGAL SYSTEM**
- PROBLEMS WITH ORGANIZATIONS – DEALING WITH FILES**
- DEALING WITH DIVORCED PARENTS**
- SCHOOL WORK – DEALING WITH INFORMATION ACCESS**
- MULTIPLE RELATIONS**
- DUPLICATION OF INTERVENTIONS**

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- THE NUMBER OF CALLS ARE INCREASING
- SOME MISCONFUSION ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION ROLE – LOOKING FOR PROTECTION
- PSYCHOLOGISTS FEEL INSECURE WHEN THEY GUESS THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM
- PSYCHOLOGISTS HAVE HARD TO THINK ETHICALLY, USING THE PRINCIPLES
- PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE NOT MOTIVATED TO MAKE ETHICS FORMATION – WE ARE SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS
- THE UTOPIC GOAL OF ETHICS MEDIATION IT IS TO NOT BE NECESSARY

Thank you very much!



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**UTOPIA
IS NOT A
DESTINATION
— BUT A —
DIRECTION**

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