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<b>Official name in English</b>	High Council for (the) Judiciary
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<b>Brief history</b>	After the implantation of a democratic system in 1974, CSM was totally established in 1976 through the Dec. Law nº 926/76, December 31st.
<b>Constitutional or legal status/basis</b>	The Portuguese Constitution: articles 217 and 218
<b>Legal acts regulating the Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Law 21/85, July 30th, updated by Law 10/94, May 5th and Law 143/99, August 31st;</li> <li>- Law 36/2007, August 14th;</li> <li>- Law 52/2008, August 28th, updated by Law 102/2009 September 11th, Law 115/2009 October 12th, Decree 295/2009 October 13th, Law 3-B/2010 April 28th, Law 40/2010 September 3rd, Law 43/2010 September 3rd, Law 46/2011 June 24th.</li> </ul>
<b>Composition:</b>	
<b>Total number of members</b>	17 members
<b>Term of office</b>	<p>The duration of the Mandate is the same as the organ which has appointed them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 years for those appointed by the President of the Republic</li> <li>- 4 years for those appointed by the Parliament</li> <li>- 3 years for the elected judicial members</li> </ul>
<b>Is there a possibility to be renewed as a member?</b>	Yes, but only once for elected judge members. No limits for lay members' renewal
<b>Do the members have a full-time position or not?</b>	It is a decision of the respective member but it is possible to have full-time position. At the moment only judge members are in a full-time position
<b>Make up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>7 judges, elected</b> by their respective peers;</li> <li>- <b>2 members, appointed by the President</b> of the Republic</li> <li>- <b>7 members, appointed by the Parliament</b></li> <li>- <b>1 <i>ex officio</i> member:</b> the President of CSM inherits his position by being President of the Supreme Court.</li> </ul>
<b>Is there a majority of Judges?</b>	No (8 members out of 17 are judges)

<b>Presidency</b>	The Chairperson is the President of the Supreme Court, by inherence Vice-president - out of 7 judges members of the CSM, only 1 must be judge of the Supreme Court. This one is appointed as Vice-president.
<b>Main Competences:</b>	
Career of judges and / or prosecutors	Appointment, assignment, transfer and promotion of judges is competence of the CSM
Judicial training	The responsibility for the organization of judicial training goes to the Centre for Judicial Studies under the umbrella of the MoJ. However the CSM has a member in the Pedagogical Council and can also organize training activities
Discipline	Disciplinary procedure is under the competence of the Council. Law 21/85
Ethics	To promote judicial ethics is a permanent concern of the CSM even though there is no any Code of Ethics but the Statute of Judicial magistrates contains rules regarding this matter
Opinions on legislation / other opinions	The CSM has the competence to issue opinions on legal acts related to the judiciary and the Statute of Judges and, in general, study and propose to the Ministry of Justice legislative measures to improve the efficiency of the judiciary
<b>Status of decisions</b>	Administrative decisions
<b>Review</b>	The decision taken by the Plenary of CSM in several matters can be reviewed by the Supreme Court mainly if related to evaluation, promotion or disciplinary measures regarding judges
<b>Budget</b>	CSM has its financial autonomy, equipped with its own budget, enrolled in the General Charges State of the State Budget. Budget is approved by the Assembly of the Republic under proposal of the Council, that is sent very year by the end of August. Budget of the Council covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Judicial Documentation Center</li> <li>- Judicial Inspectorate</li> <li>- Expenses of the Council itself</li> </ul> Expenses of judicial training goes under budget of the MoJ