

PUBLIC POLICY EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
FROM AN INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE STANDPOINT

Intergenerational Justice

from today to tomorrow



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BACKGROUND

A practical methodology to **evaluate** the impact of public policies from the standpoint of **intergenerational fairness**

In 2018, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation launched an initiative to bring Intergenerational Justice to the Portuguese public and political agenda, making the general public aware of the profound effects that the choices made today will have on the lives and well-being of future generations, and developing proposals and methodologies to integrate the interests of future generations into current decision-making processes.

THE PROJECT

Developed by the **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation** and the **School of International Futures**

What makes a public policy fair from an intergenerational standpoint? To date, there is no robust methodology that allows Portuguese policy makers to assess the impact of public policies from an intergenerational point of view.

Thus, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, partnered with the School of International Futures, a leading expert in long-term thinking and strategic foresight, is developing an innovative methodology that will enable policy makers, the media, think-tanks, and the remainder of the civil society to systematically assess the distributional impact of public policies on present and future generations.

THE METHODOLOGY

A **ready-to-use** methodology for the **September 2020** policy-making process

The methodology will allow the evaluation of individual policies by providing criteria of qualitative and quantitative nature, including general principles, operational rules and measurement indicators.

A practical manual and guidance for policy makers will also be developed, with examples and guidance on how to apply the methodology.

There will also be a simplified version for media and citizen use, which will enable not only policy scrutiny, but also raise awareness and increase knowledge about intergenerational justice.

The project will run until September 2020, and the end result will be reflected in policy improvement today, with the aim of avoiding or mitigating potential intergenerational imbalances tomorrow. Our ambition is for it to be used globally, but in the first instance it will be applied in Portugal.

SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE

The **contribution** of policy makers, experts, academia, the media and other civil society is critical to the **long-term success of the project in Portugal and globally**

This project has the potential to become a solid foundation for long-term impact, and beyond its lifetime. However, success will depend on acceptance and assimilation in Portugal by policy makers and the civil society.

Throughout the various stages of the project, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation's team will engage policy makers, experts, academics, the media, and remaining civil society to share ideas and gather feedback on each stage.

Your participation, ideas and feedback are crucial to the success of the project and the dissemination and knowledge of this methodology. For more information or if you would like to participate and contribute to this project, please contact Joao Sousa jbsousa@gulbenkian.pt or Ellen Shepherd ellen@soif.org.uk.