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Summary:

- General overview of migration in Portugal
- Wedding celebration the case for the legislator

- Marriage dissolution – the case for the Courts

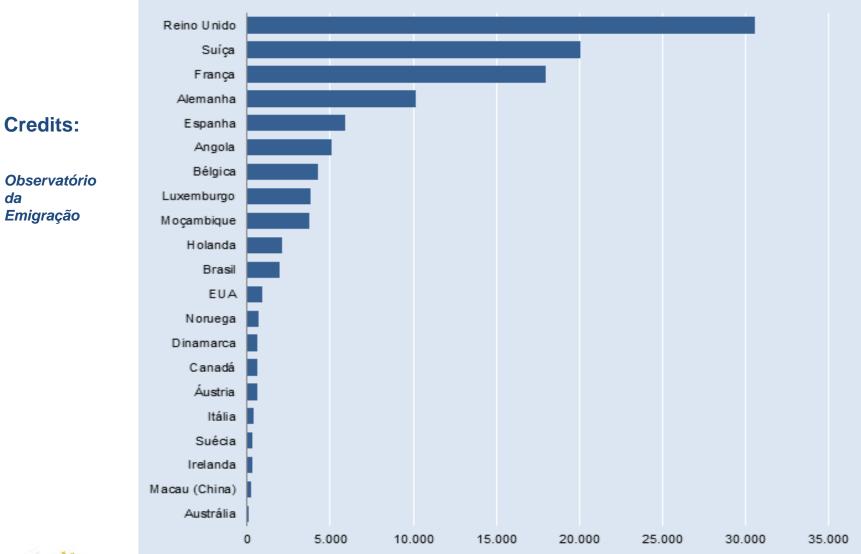




General overview –migratory trends in Portugal





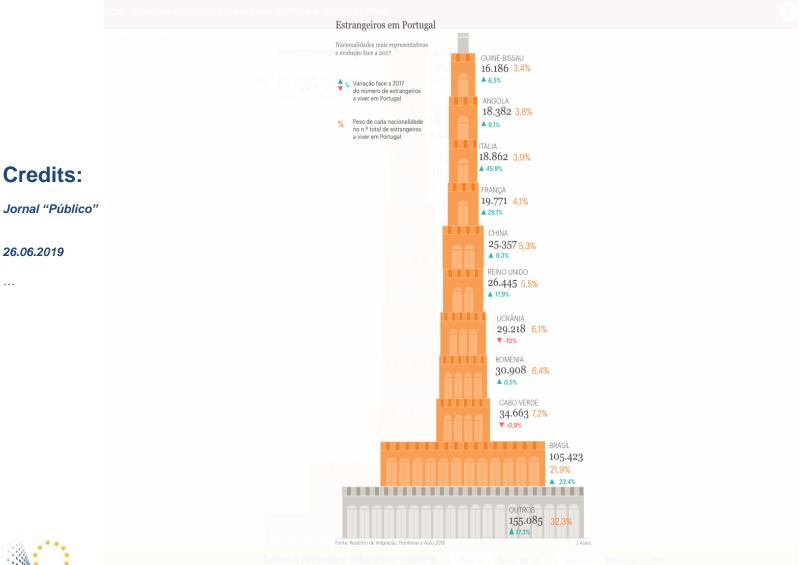




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Marriage celebration – the case for the Legislator?



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Matrimony

Civil Wedding

- Traditional Celebration
- Religious celebration

Catholic Wedding • Code of Canon Law





Religious celebration of a Civil Matrimony

Law 16/2001, June 22 (Article 19)

- Presence in Portugal (30 years or more);
- Specific requirements concerning:
 - the religious marriage celebrant (minister of religion);
 - the preliminary process of marriage;
 - registration.





Marriage dissolution – the case for the Courts?





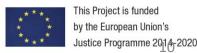
Court of Appeal of Lisbon – decision 18.10.2007

The case:

- X and Y got married in 2000, in Rabat, Maroc;
- In 2004, the Court of Rabat confirmed former repudiation by the husband;
- The wife did not oppose to neither the repudiation, neither the divorce;

Revision of the decision by the portuguese Court of Appeal: it the Moroccan decision against Portuguese public order?





Answer: No.

Grounds of the decision (1):

- A divorce based on:
 - an unilateral decision of one spouse,
 - without a specific ground,

- is not against Portuguese public order.





Answer: No.

Grounds of the decision (2):

Morrocan Law that allows repudiation only to husbands

goes agaist the principle of equality between spouses,

And Portuguese public order encompasses this principle (Portuguese Constitution, Civil Code, Protocol 7-5 of ECHR)

BUT: No oppositon of the wife!





Answer: No.

Grounds of the decision (3):

Morrocan Law that unilateral of revoking repudiation afforded only to husbands

goes agaist the principle of equality between spouses, and against human dignity.

BUT: the time-period had already expired and the dissolution of the muslim marriage was already definitive.





Final considerations

What is at stake in unilateral repudiation?

- Equality between spouses? During marriage? At termination?

- Corte d'Appello di Roma: «*Ripugna alla mentalità morale e giuridica dei popoli che hanno raggiunto un maggior grado di civiltà e che del matrimónio hanno un concetto ético e sociale ben piú elevato di quello che ne hanno i popoli orientali»* (29.10.1948)





Final considerations

Thank you very much!

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