The Charter of Law of Abolition of the Death Penalty (1867)
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“The abolition of death penalty in Portugal and European Citizenship”: Theme offered by the Education Service in oriented tours

Document exhibition "Death Penalty: from punitive justice to corrective justice"


Virtual document exhibition on the abolition of the death penalty, published online

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alFWFuggmO4

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WHAT WE HAVE DONE

- Four conferences were promoted, in partnership with the Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE) under the generic designation: "The abolition of the death penalty in Portugal (1867)" with the presence of jurists, sociologists and historians.


- Videos, communications and resumes posted at the institutional site on occasion of the European and World Day against the Death Penalty

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After the closure of the main exhibition we promote now a permanent exhibition of a reproduction of the document.


http://digitarq.arquivos.pt/details?id=4223286

Informative text about the EHL initiative and of the Charter of Law of the Abolition of Death Penalty

Information provided with enlarged text for people with sighted vision problems in accordance with the Portuguese Association of Blind and short sighted vision People.

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- Continue to promote specific actions in the field of the information activities
  - Exposition of professional roll-ups that will show the death penalty chronology in Portugal, in Europe and in the world.
  - Editions of a commented facsimile of the Charter of Law on the 150 anniversary, in partnership with INA; Lisbon University (ISCTE)
  - Organize conferences on occasion of the European and World Day against the Death Penalty with the presence of jurists, sociologists, criminalists and members of Amnesty International

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- Continue to promote specific actions in the field of the information activities
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  - Promote the translation of the Charter of Law to 6 EU official languages
  - Increase the visibility of the document through its divulgaion on European Archives portals

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Activities in cooperation with others

- Continue to promote specific actions in the field of the information activities
  - Establish cooperation protocols with archives of other ICA Member, pioneers in the abolition of the death penalty process.
  - Implement an exhibition project involving others documents similar to the Portuguese Charter of Law.
  - Challenging other ICA member archives to promote initiatives to achieve the abolition of the death penalty worldwide

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Placa Evocativa | Mártires da Pátria @ Campo dos Mártires da Pátria
Set 22@15:00_17:00
Outros contactos: Junta de Freguesia de Arroios, L do Intendente Pina Manique; 1150-007 Lisboa. Correio-e: joanamarins@farroios.pt
Organização: CML; DMC/DPC/GEO; Junta de Freguesia de Arroios; G.L.F.P.

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GUIDELINES

Some guidelines to help you to prepare your contributions to the Exhibition “Abolition of the Death Penalty in Europe in the XIX and XX century”

THE DOCUMENTS

The documents we would like to have are documents/records of the XVIII, XIX and XX centuries concerning abolitionism of death penalty, as:

- Law proposals;
- Legislative initiatives;
- Abolitionist texts of thinkers with relevance to the time and to the subject

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FORMAT: digital images

- Provision of 1 to 10 images (3-5 is best). Visually interesting images in colour (maps, posters, seals, recto and verso of the object etc.) will achieve the most effect.

The images should be to print, with the following specifications:

- 300 dpi/rgb;
- tiff format.

- Description text:
  - A crisp headline
  - The archive reference code and the name of the respective archive [or other reference...]
  - A short (one or two sentences) synopsis
  - Regarding the main text about the document: 1/2-1 A4 page (details of the object, back history, significance, context, etc.)
  - Also, links can be incorporated and would be a great addition.

All information should be sending to: 150abolicapenamazonica@dg/ab.gov.pt
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European Heritage Label

“Portugal has just abolished the death penalty. To accompany this progress is to take the
great step of civilization. From this day Portugal heads Europe. The Portuguese did not
cease to be intrepid sailors. Once you were ahead in the Ocean; today you are ahead
in the Truth.
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Victor Hugo

(In a letter sent to Brito Aranha on July 15, 1867)
Muchas gracias por su atención!

Thank you for your attention!

Merci beaucoup pour votre attention!

Muito obrigado pela vossa atenção!

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