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Article 10 - Information on competent courts or authorities

The competent court for the purposes of Article 6(3) of the Mediation Directive is the **court that has jurisdiction for the subject matter in question** under Article 14(2) of Law No 29/2013, which lays down the general principles applicable to mediation in Portugal and the legal arrangements governing civil and commercial mediation, mediators and public mediation.

Articles 64 and 65 of the Code of Civil Procedure contain rules on subject-matter jurisdiction. Article 64 provides that courts of law have jurisdiction in cases that are not assigned to another type of court, while Article 65 states that the laws on judicial organisation are to determine which cases, by dint of their subject matter, fall within the remit of courts and sections with specialised jurisdiction.

The laws on judicial organisation consist of Law No 62/2013 of 26 August 2013, corrected by Corrigendum No 42/2013 of 24 October 2013 and amended by Law No 40-A/2016 of 22 December 2016, and Decree-Law No 49/2014 of 27 March 2014, amended by Decree-Law No 86/2016 of 27 December 2016.

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