Integrated Management Systems:

Future Trends in Portugal

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of this study is to characterize the one who has been the evolution of the Integration of the Individualized Management Systems of Quality, Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety and others in Portugal and explore trends to the horizon 2015-2020.

This is a pioneer study in Portugal once there are no similar studies in the country about Integrated Management Systems. Throughout the study some important questions will be answered to achieve this goal such like:

- How Integrated Management Systems appeared in Portugal and what have been their evolution? The evolution of the MS in Portugal is an important research to trace a path.

 - What perspectives of evolution of the Integration of the Individualized Management Systems in Portugal to an horizon 2015-2020? And, Which trends could be explored to the same horizon?

OBJECTIVES: Characterize the one who has been the evolution of the integration of the Management Individualize Systems of Quality, Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety and others in Portugal and explore trends to the skyline 2015-2020;

METHODOLOGY: The chosen method to collect qualitative data, to support this study was a questionnaire (*Hill & Hill, 2009*), This method has been applied by many researchers especially when conducting IMS research (*Mohammad et al., 2007*).

The questionnaire will be submit to Portuguese organizations which have at least one certificated Management system (Quality, Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety, Food Safety, Social Accountability, Security of Information Systems, Research, Development and Innovation among others).

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS: In the end of this dissertation is expected to: Characterize of the one who has been the evolution of the Integration of the Management Individualize Systems of Quality, Environmental, Occupational Health and Safety and others in Portugal;

Trace trends which allow understand what will be the future of the IMS in Portugal for a skyline 2015-2020.

Keywords: Portugal; Integration; Standardized Management Systems; Integrated Management Systems; Trends.