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With over 13 years of professional experience in the public, private, and social sectors, Gonçalo has developed projects in over 30 countries, specializing in strategic consulting, legal advisory, and the implementation of cooperation, development, and innovation programs. He coordinated the public policy and bilateral cooperation areas of the "Cidadania Ativa" Cooperation Fund, managed by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and financed by the EFTA, supporting the development and capacity building of Portuguese NGOs. During his tenure, he has implemented several projects funded by various mechanisms (FED, Instituto Camões, Erasmus, Horizon, FEDER). His professional journey includes roles at international consulting firms such as Marsh McLennan and The Loyal Ecosystem, focusing on strategic management consulting, innovation, compliance, and risk management. He has served as a legal consultant at the international law firm Yamaguchi Lawyers and collaborated with Amnesty International in developing legal initiatives and defending human rights as a member of the organization's jurist group. In recent years, Gonçalo has advised the Vice-Rector for International Development at NOVA University Lisbon, including coordinating the implementation of the first international campus of a Portuguese university (NOVA Cairo). Currently, he serves as Advisor to the Board of the National School of Public Health, coordinating the areas of strategy and development. He is also an independent consultant in international strategy, cooperation, and development, and a guest lecturer at ENSP NOVA.

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