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Student Support in
higher education

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STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Student Support

Direct Support

Grants

Emergency
aid

Social
support
fund

Indirect Support

Food
Services

Accommodation
services

Health
and
wellness/
sports
services

STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Direct support diversity

Based on economic need

Based on other factors

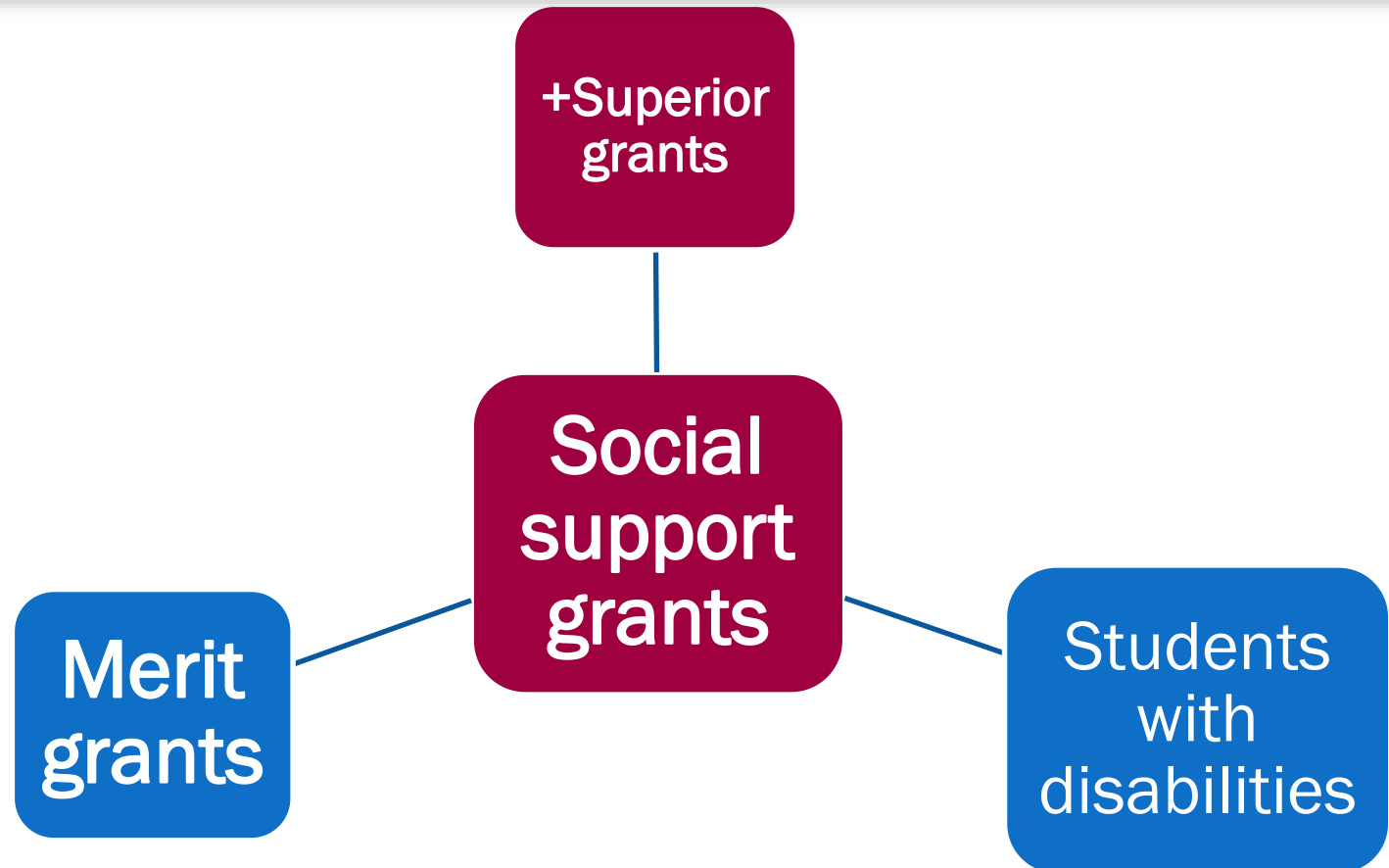
Social support grants

+Superior mobility grants

Merit grants

Grants for attendance of students with disabilities

Complementary supports



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Social support grants

- Aims to guarantee **equity** in the allocation of social benefits
- Promotes **access** to higher education and an **increased success** in its frequency
- Awarded when the **student's household does not have an adequate minimum level of financial resources**

Prevent lack of resources from being a reason not to attend higher education

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Social support grants

- **Annual monetary benefit** for sharing the expenses with the higher education attendance
- Awarded by the State and **non-repayable**
- **Co-financed by the European Social Fund** for students attending institutions in eligible regions

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Social support grants

Accommodation supplement

- In a university residence
- Other accommodation (with payment receipt)

Mobility supplement

- Under Erasmus Programme
- Holder of a Erasmus Programme grant

Special needs supplement

- To pay for necessary support goods or services

Transport supplement

- When displaced to or from the autonomous regions

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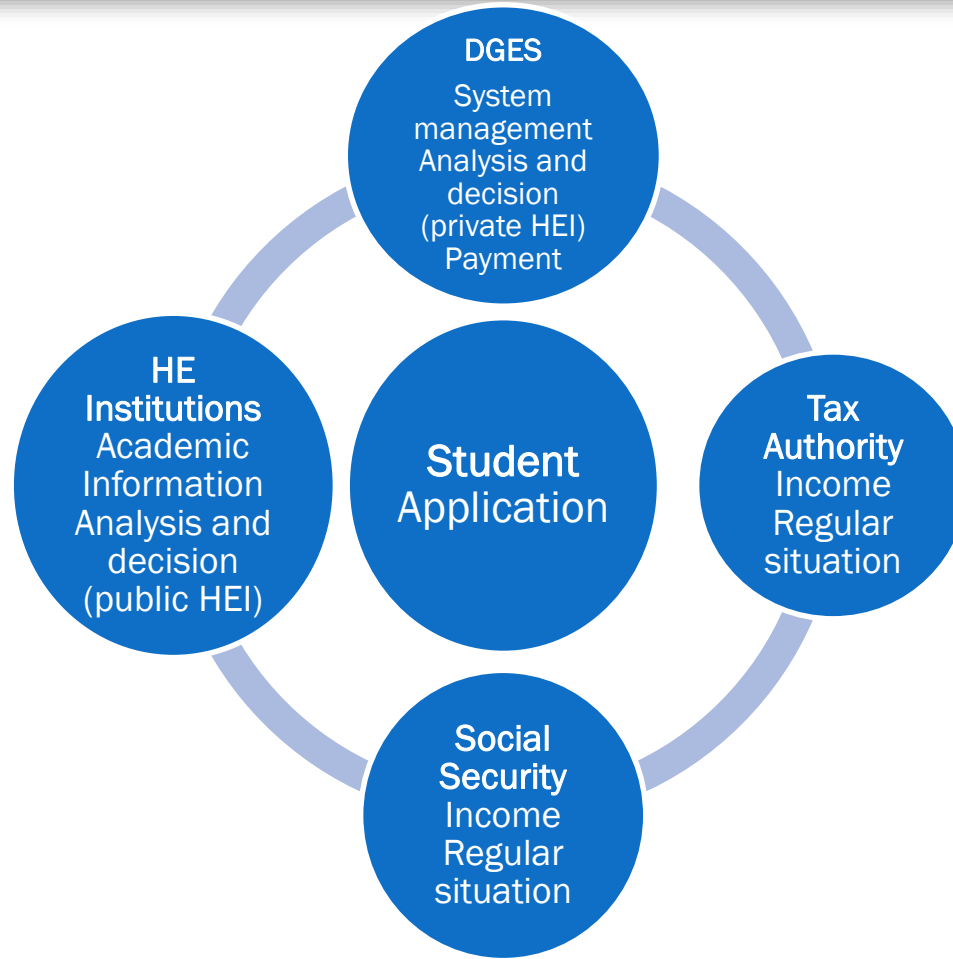
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ACCOMMODATION

- National Plan for Accommodation in Higher Education
- Requalification and construction of residences
- Increase in accommodation supplement outside the residence

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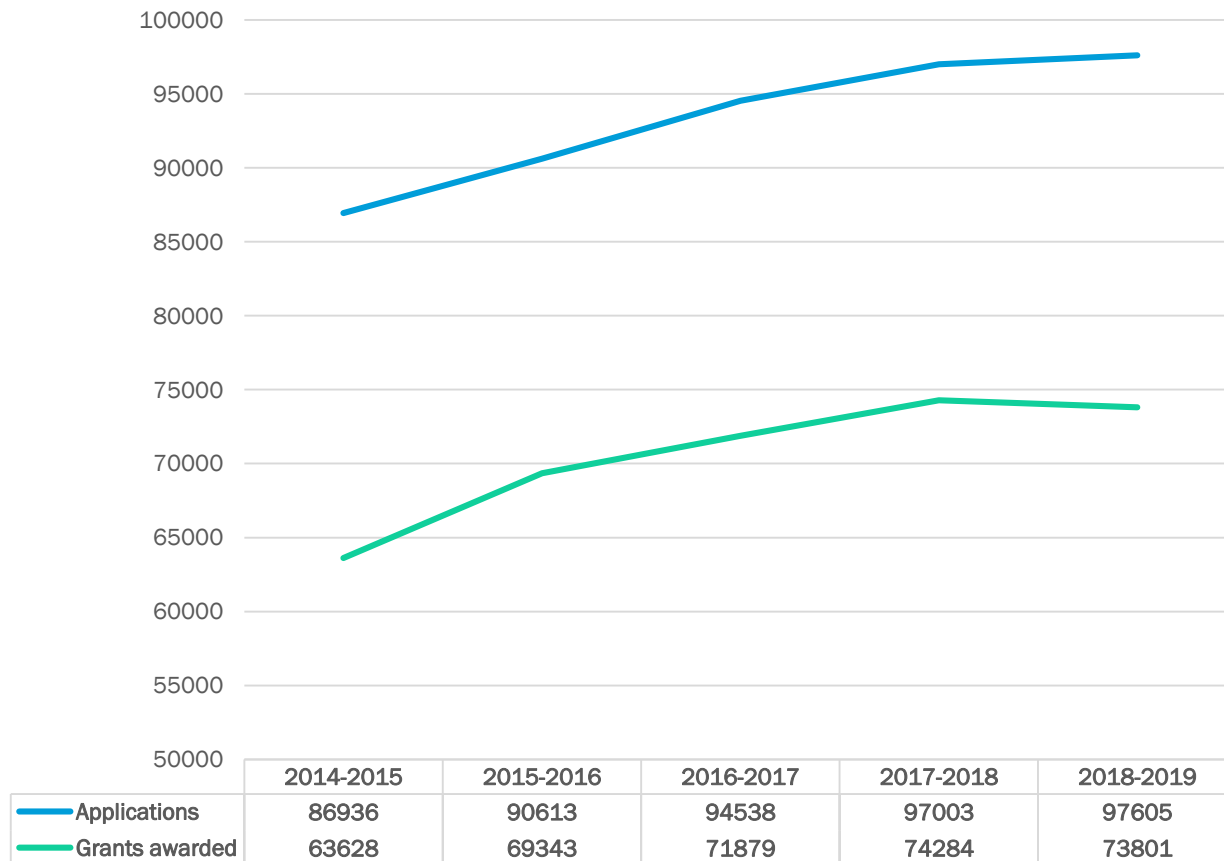


Fully online system
Multiple users

STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Social support grants

Number of applications and grants awarded



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Social support grants

Academic year	Grants awarded	Total cost	Average grant
2014-2015	63628	130 701 129,24 €	1 920,82 €
2015-2016	69343	134 149 741,82 €	1 803,31 €
2016-2017	71879	135 470 368,42 €	1 752,47 €
2017-2018	74284	134 702 294,54 €	1 685,77 €
2018-2019	73801	130 477 186,54 €	1 635,99 €

STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Social support grants

Academic Year	Grants awarded	Accommodation supplement (in residence)	Accommodation supplement (other)	Total
2014-2015	63628	9039	1226	10265
2015-2016	69343	9430	1501	10931
2016-2017	71879	9395	1678	11073
2017-2018	74284	9510	2061	11571
2018-2019	73801	9328	2144	11472

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- Aims to encourage and support the attendance of higher education **in regions of the country with less demand and less demographic pressure**
- Supports **economically disadvantaged** students who are habitually resident in other regions and move to study
- Seeks to contribute to **territorial cohesion** by setting young people in those regions

Started in 2014/2015

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+Superior grants

Norte – 600 grants (2019/2020)

- IP Bragança
- IP Viana do Castelo
- UTAD

Centro – 730 grants (2019/2020)

- IP Castelo Branco
- IP Coimbra – ES Tecnologia e Gestão de Oliveira do Hospital
- IP Guarda
- IP Tomar
- IP Viseu
- UBI

Alentejo – 405 grants (2019/2020)

- IP Beja
- IP Portalegre
- IP Santarém
- Universidade de Évora

RA Açores – 30 grants (2019/2020)

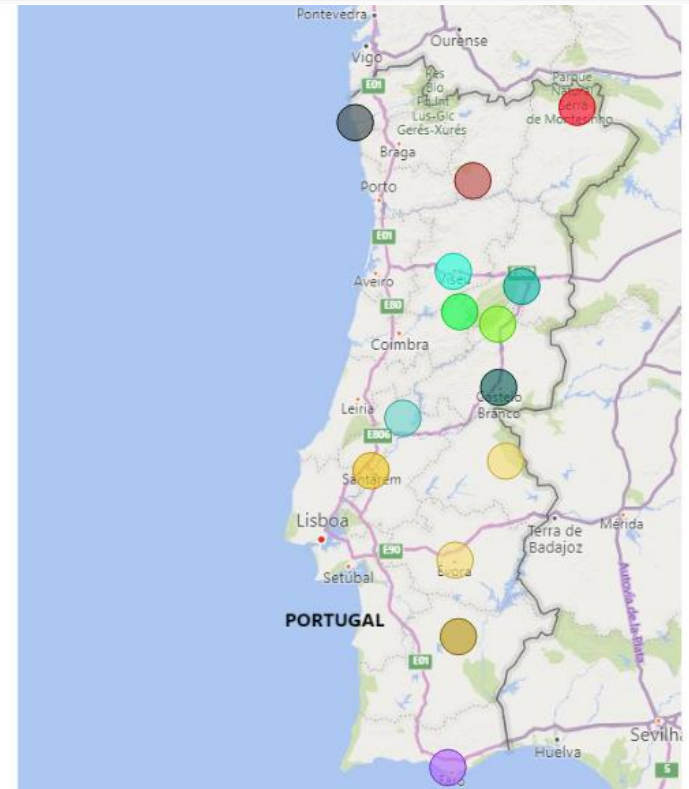
- Universidade dos Açores

RA Madeira – 30 grants (2019/2020)

- Universidade da Madeira

Algarve – 100 grants (2019/2020)

- Universidade do Algarve



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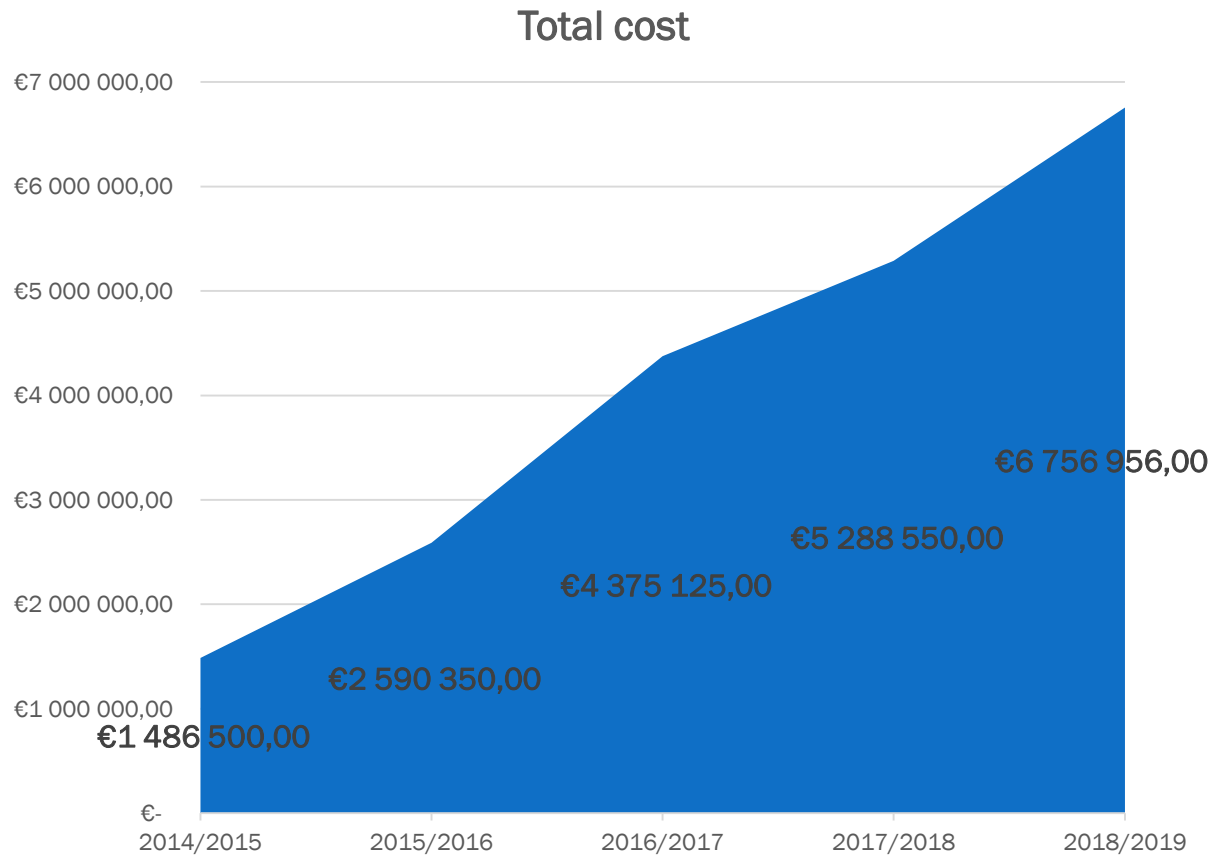
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Academic year	Available grants	Applications	New grants awarded	Renewals
2014/2015	996	1507	1000	
2015/2016	1028	2487	1002	796
2016/2017	1320	2163	1361	1533
2017/2018	1450	3100	1290	2212
2018/2019	1605	6393	1565	2392
2019/2020	1895	6794		

Co-financed by the European Social Fund

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Grants for students with disabilities

- Aims to **promote access to higher education of citizens with special needs**, creating the conditions for a democratic and **inclusive society**
- Addressed to students with a **disability of 60% or more** enrolled in a higher education institution
- The grant usually corresponds to the **amount of the tuition fee**

Started in 2017/2018

STUDENT SUPPORT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Grants for students with disabilities

Academic year	Grants awarded	Total cost
2017/2018	522	710 769,42 €
2018/2019	787	1 080 304,34 €
2019/2020*	652	804 275,13 €

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Merit grants

- Awarded by all Higher Education Institutions to **students with exceptional performance**, regardless of their income
- 1 grant awarded for every **500 students** enrolled in a HEI (covers about 700 students per year)
- The amount corresponds to **5 times the minimum wage** in force in the year concerned (2.785€ in 2017/2018)



Thank you!

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