

Information on highly specialised providers, centres of expertise (reference), National networks and European Reference Networks:

Name of the Country	PORTUGAL
Free text (voluntary)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By decision of the Government (Order number 4319/2013 published in the Official Journal, March 2013) a National Working Group was created, in order to define the concept of Reference Centre, and the criteria to recognise these centres, and to propose their implementation and financing model. 2. The Final Report of this National Working Group was published in December 2013. 3. Based on the Final Report of the National Working Group, the Government established the concept, the identification process, the approval and recognition of national Reference Centres, in particular for rare diseases. (Order number 194/2014, published in the Official Journal, September 2014). 4. In October 2014 the Government created in its direct dependency, the National Commission for the Reference Centres (Order number 13163-C/2014, published in the Official Journal, October 2014). This Commission has the mission to assess the national needs and to propose areas of Reference Centres intervention, as well as to define the specific criteria they must meet. It is, also, the competence of this National Commission to propose the official recognition of each Reference Centre to the Minister of Health. 5. Based on a proposal from the National Commission for the Reference Centres, the Government defined (Order number 235-A/2015, published in the Official Journal, January 2015) the priority areas, at national level, which should be recognised as Reference Centres in 2015. 6. The Government also adopted at national level (Order number 2129-B2015, published in the Official Journal, February 2015), the Integrated Strategy for Rare Diseases, which determines the creation of Reference Centres for rare diseases.
Title / content of the information provided in the link (1)	National Commission for Reference Centres
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