INTREPID LAB

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Research Unit Identification

Full Name	INTREPID Lab – Research for Business and Society
Acronym	INTREPID LAB
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Mission & Objectives

Intrepid Lab's mission is to produce excellent, ethical, rigorous and socially relevant scientific knowledge, advancing Economics, Management and Public Policy through interdisciplinary research, advanced training, innovation and knowledge transfer. Its activities seek to understand and address complex societal challenges, promoting sustainable solutions that generate impact across organisations, territories and society.

The Unit also plays an active role in advanced research training and the development of early-career researchers, integrating doctoral students into research projects, supervision activities, collaborative networks and capacity-building initiatives that support scientific careers.

Intrepid Lab's scientific development is grounded in Open Science, responsible research and scientific integrity, and is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and European research and innovation priorities.

Intrepid Lab's vision is to establish itself as an autonomous, internationally recognised R&D unit in Economics, Management and Public Policy, distinguished by the excellence of its research, the quality of its advanced training, its ability to attract competitive funding, and the scientific, economic and societal impact of its activities. It also aims to consolidate its position as a strongly internationalised research hub, strengthening cooperation with the Portuguese-speaking world, Europe and the Global South, and generating knowledge that contributes to more sustainable, inclusive and innovative development.

Intrepid Lab is distinguished by an interdisciplinary approach that brings together Management Sciences, Economics, Behavioural Sciences and Public Policy, promoting evidence-based research to address complex problems in organisational and societal contexts.

Scientific Areas & Research Lines

Principal Scientific Areas [proposed synthesis – validate]

Economics	Management	Social Sciences	Education

Research Lines

Entrepreneurship and innovation: business development, SMEs and knowledge transfer.

Organisations and people: decision-making, work dynamics and well-being.

Sustainable tourism: tourism management, hospitality and societal impact.

Education and skills: higher education and the green and digital transitions.

Identifiers & Citation Information

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Mandatory Acknowledgement Statement

Template statement – validate funding and reference before use:

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Mandatory Application Scope

The acknowledgement statement above must appear in all of the following outputs:

- Scientific articles, posters, books, and journal papers;
- Monographs, brochures, and informational leaflets;
- Newsletters, announcements, and advertising materials;
- Cover pages (where applicable) and all printed applications;
- Digital typographic and other reproduction formats;

  PowerPoint presentations and other digital presentations.