

# DR Notícias

JOB SHOP CATÓLICA

This is what people are saying behind the scenes about this event, which has already taken on its own identity.

It's certainly not necessary to go back too many years to find a reality in the world of law very different from the one we have now. These days, law firms are increasingly organised bodies with their own concrete requirements and specificities with regard to their human capital. On the other hand, law students are also looking at the market with different expectations.

It is on the basis of this duality that law schools have been adapting their syllabuses and increasing initiatives that help students develop skills that go beyond purely academic aspects.

The Job Shop at Universidade Católica Portuguesa is a very important event of recognised value. The 2008 - 2009 edition involved an innovative, dynamic, very well structured model which resulted in a real partnership between students, the university, law firms and companies that benefited everyone.

Over the three days, there were round tables on a number of issues. Attendance was very high, thanks also to the students' interest and commitment.

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Students today are clearly concerned about finding jobs and the need to be as well informed as possible so that they can draw up their attack strategy. The competition is getting fiercer not only for applicants but also for firms wishing to expand, and the market tries to assimilate the best. This is why we realised that specialised recruitment was increasingly important. We were pleased to see that **FIND** could attest to the fact that, as suggested before, the programme had adapted to the market's requirements and expectations.



It is certainly essential for there to be greater proximity between students and the reality of professional life! The Recruiting Lounge provided the opportunity for dialogue and exchanges of information between the participants. It was the first visiting card, where students, law firms and companies showed off their assets.

Over the last four years of working with the country's main law faculties, **FIND** has had the privilege of noting that the students from the Law Faculty at Universidade Católica Portuguesa, obviously along with those from others, enjoy a status that enables them to join the recruitment processes of Portugal's main companies and law firms.

We have been seeing a very positive job-finding rate on their part and we are sure that the university's strategic, highly practical vision has also contributed to this. The Job Shop is a very good example.

We therefore feel that it is extremely important to continue this type of initiative and we will be willing and able to collaborate again with Universidade Católica Portuguesa in the future.

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