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**Marta Azevedo is an invited speaker in the main Global Corporate Counsel Congress**

# SONAE PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL CORPORATE COUNSEL CONGRESS

**Sonae's labour law team is also nominated for global prize, after winning the International Law Office (ILO) and Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) European prize.**

Sonae will participate in the Global Corporate Counsel Congress, one of the biggest international events in the field of law, which will take place on the 11th of June in New York. Marta Azevedo, Sonae's Labour Relations director, is one of the invited speakers and will participate in the round table about labour law, which will analyse the main tendencies in the law sector.

Under the theme "Common Risks, Shared Solutions", the Global Corporate Counsel Congress is the biggest annual forum to exchange ideas about risk management and to share good practices and knowledge, and as such will bring together multinational lawyers from over 50 countries.

Marta Azevedo graduated in law at the Law Department of the Catholic University of Porto and undertook post-graduate training in Data Protection and Management. The director of Sonae's Labour Law relations is also a member of the European Employment Lawyers Association and a founding member of the Portuguese Young Labour Lawyers Association.

**Sonae nominated for international Labour Law award**

Within the conference, the Global Counsel Awards 2015 also takes place, with an objective of recognising the best in-house lawyers in each category on an international level. After winning the European prize in the ILO European Counsel Awards 2015, promoted by the International Law Office (ILO) in partnership with the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Sonae has been nominated for the international award in the Employment category.

Sonae's Labour Relations team, part of the Corporate Centre's Human Resources team and made up of Inês Ribeiro, Duarte Abrunhosa e Sousa, Marta Azevedo, Filipe Sousa Ramos and Laura Lanzas, has been nominated together with Hewlett-Packard, Ingersoll-Rand, MB Financial Bank and Pfizer.

Marta Azevedo, labour relations director stated: "The presence in this conference and the nomination for the international award at the Global Counsel Awards 2015 are a recognition of the good practices implemented by Sonae in the development of rigorous and sustainable labour orientations and show our strong concern for the legal and social framework of our activities".



Sonae is a Retail company with two major partnerships in the areas of Shopping Centres (Sonae Sierra) and Software & Information Systems Media and Telecommunications (Sonaecom).
By the end of 2014, Sonae achieved a turnover of over 5 thousand million Euros. The company defined as its strategic objectives: the internationalisation and diversification of investment style and the leveraging and strengthening of core assets and competencies. Find out more at www.sonae.pt.

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