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Taxation – Key facts and figures

Comparison between a traditional asset portfolio and a life assurance policy

Traditional asset portfolio

Life assurance policy

Income Tax

In general:

- Proceeds arising from domestic dividends are subject to a 28% flat rate.
- Proceeds arising from interest are also subject to a 28% flat rate. However, interest derived from retirement savings may benefit from a tax exemption.
- Proceeds arising from other traditional investments are subject to the following sliding scale:

Taxable income (EUR)	Rates (%)
Up to 7,479	14.5%
Above 7,7479 up to 11,204	21.0%
Above 11,204 up to 15,992	26.5%
Above 15,992 up to 20,700	28.5%
Above 20,700 up to 26,355	35.0%
Above 26,355 up to 38,632	37.0%
Above 38,632 up to 50,483	43.5%
Above 50,483 up to 78,834	45.0%
Above 78,834	48.0%

An additional solidarity tax shall apply to taxpayers at the following rates:

- 2.5% for taxpayers with an aggregated taxable income between EUR 80,000 and EUR 250,000;
- 5% for taxpayers with an aggregated taxable income above EUR 250,000.

Proceeds arising from a life assurance policy are subject to either a 28% flat rate or the Income Tax sliding scale, but only upon a partial or full surrender of the policy, thus providing a tax deferral.

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In case the taxpayer chooses to aggregate the proceeds with other income and to seek application of the Income Tax sliding scale, the additional solidarity tax shall apply at the following rates:

- 2.5% for taxpayers with an aggregated taxable income between EUR 80,000 and EUR 250,000;
- 5% for taxpayers with an aggregated taxable income above EUR 250,000.

In the event of partial/full surrender or maturity, the taxable income is the difference between the amount received and the premiums paid.

If at least 35% of the premium is paid in the first half of the contractual period, a deduction from the taxable income may apply depending on the seniority of the policy, as follows:

Seniority	Tax reduction (%)	Effective tax (%)
Up to 5 years	0	28
From 5 to 8 years	20	22.4
Over 8 years	60	11.2

Life insurance benefits paid out in Portugal upon death of the insured person are not subject to taxation for the purposes of the individual income tax.

Depending on the country of the issuer of the assets making up any internal fund linked to the life assurance policy, withholding taxes may apply on interest payments and/or dividends in the source country of each asset concerned; this would then be reflected in the value of the fund and hence be borne by the policyholder.

	Traditional asset portfolio	Life assurance policy	
Capital Gains Tax	Capital gains arising from sales and switches of financial assets within a traditional portfolio are subject to a 28% flat rate. The State Budget Law for 2022 amended the PIT code establishing the mandatory aggregation of the positive balance between capital gains and capital losses arising from the transfer for consideration of shares and other securities and its taxation at progressive rates (up to 48%) whenever (i) the assets have been held for less than 365 days; and, (ii) the taxable income of the taxpayer including the balance of the capital gains and capital losses amounts to or exceeds EUR 78.834.	Capital gains arising from sales and switches of the underlying assets of a life assurance policy are exempt from taxation, irrespective of the seniority of the policy, making active portfolio management possible, with minimised costs.	
Parafiscal charges	Traditional asset portfolios do not fall under the scope of these charges.	Life assurance policies are subject to parafiscal charges to the ASF (Insurance Supervisory Body) and to the INEM (National Institute for Medical Emergencies): ASF: 0.048% over the total initial and additional premiums; INEM: 2.5% over the part of the premiums related to the additional death cover (i.e. the risk premiums).	
Wealth Tax	No Wealth Tax is applied in Portugal.		
Inheritance Tax	No Inheritance Tax is applied in Portugal.		
Stamp Duty	Gratuitous transfers in favour of spouses, descendants and ascendants are fully exempt from Stamp Duty. Other gratuitous transfers are subject to a 10% Stamp Duty.	Premiums or commissions related to life assurance policies are exempt from Stamp Duty. Proceeds deriving from life assurance policies are not subject to Stamp Duty.	

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