



## Deadlines

One of the harsh and often overlooked realities of doing business in Portugal is *deadlines*. Portuguese legislation is littered with rigid time limits that often catch the unwary freelancer off guard. It takes time and concentration to track these cut-off points. Unlike many other countries, extensions are rare and far between in Portugal.

At EuroFinesco, we register all of our resident and non-resident sole traders on a routine basis with their own personal ViaCTT email address as part of our initial set-up and registration process. The controversy surrounding failure to register on time was not an issue for our clients as it was for so many others.

This is one of the differences between using a knowledgeable professional and a “do-it-yourself” approach. While self reliance is admirable in many ways, mistakes and oversights can be expensive, aggravating and time consuming. By relying on expert support services, entrepreneurs can focus their attention of building their business rather than being bogged down with inevitable bureaucracy.