In 2016, Portugal participated in 13 SSC projects and programs. All these experiences were implemented under the Regional SSC modality. Indeed, it only acted as recipient in one exchange. Its role in the remaining initiatives has not been clearly identified.

With the exception of the regional project led by Brazil, the other SSC exchanges in which Portugal participated revolved around 11 programs and 1 project implemented with the support of bodies with links to Ibero-America, making it difficult to identify a preferred partner-country. Against this background, the capacities strengthened focused mainly on Strengthening of institutions and public policies. Culture and, occasionally, Industry, Enterprises and Science and Technology. This SSC was mainly aligned with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions).