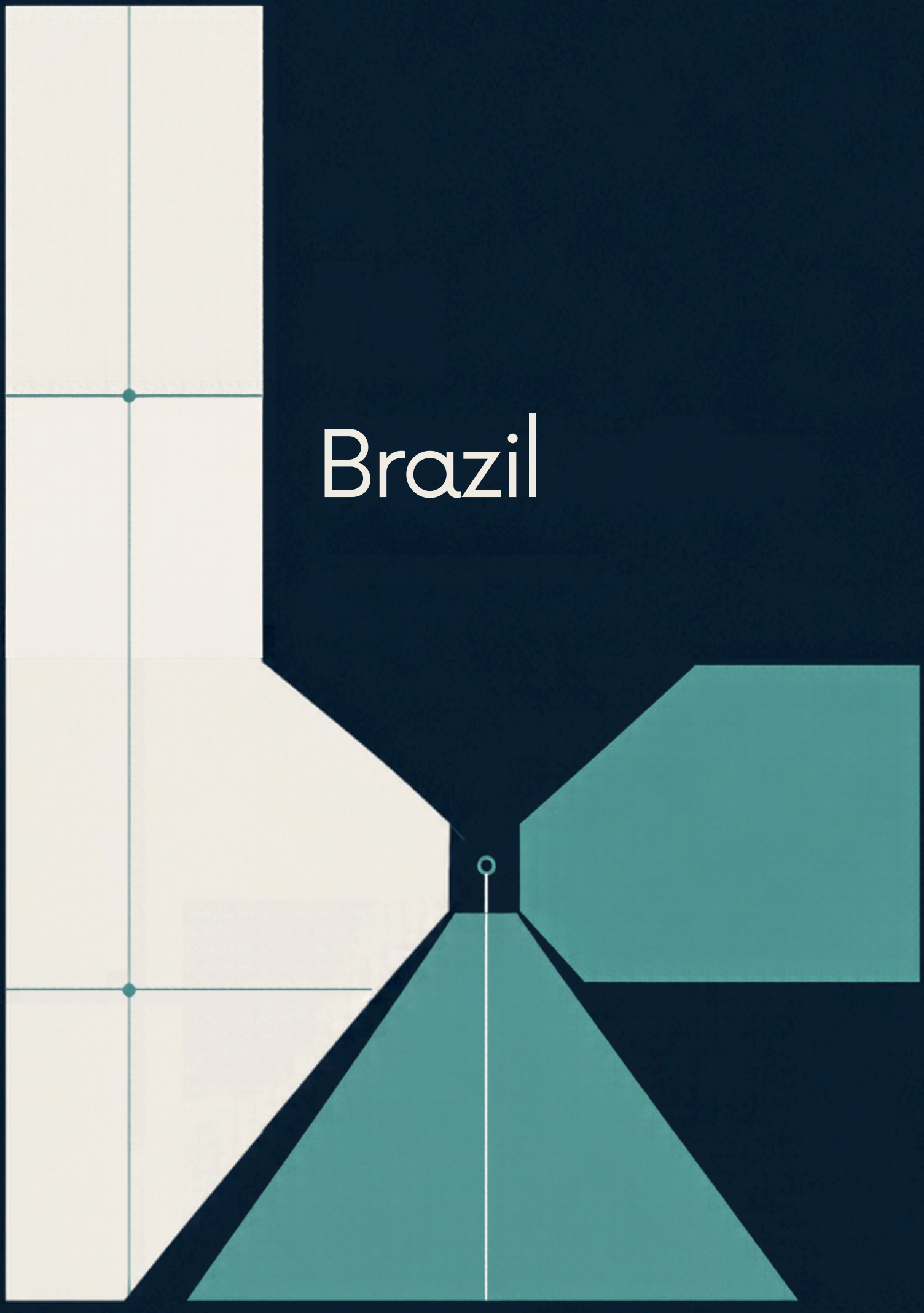
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Understanding the applicable framework

INTERFARMA publishes a 2021 Code revision with a patient-association section. It provides a framework for participating companies and adherents alongside law and governance, rather than automatically binding every company (INTERFARMA, 2021, sec. 4).

What companies need to understand

Ask how the organisation approves funding, consults and forms positions. National branding does not establish consultation across every community or region. Include outreach, analysis and approval time in the project.

The Code restricts permanent administrative or operational support and provides a limited conditional exception. Running-cost proposals need a provision-specific assessment (INTERFARMA, 2021, sec. 4.4.3).

What patient organisations need to understand

The reviewed Code requires legitimate purpose, independence and written support contracts regardless of value. It prohibits requiring exclusive support and calls for contribution records (INTERFARMA, 2021, secs. 4.4.1–4.4.4).

Agree a detailed budget, reporting and staff or volunteer work. Ask whether a cost concern relates to its nature, duration or funding structure; relabelling it does not resolve classification.

Personal information

LGPD treats health information as sensitive, with specific Article 11 grounds and international-transfer provisions. Ordinary-data grounds should not simply be assumed to cover health information (Autoridade Nacional de Proteção de Dados [ANPD], 2026).

Consider retaining responses locally and providing summaries. Explain provider access, protection and retention before collection, and discuss publication separately.

Regulatory and access participation

Conitec's Patient Perspective route invites eligible patients, carers and relatives through calls, selection, preparation and interests assessment. Participants do not vote or join the incorporation discussion through this route (Comissão Nacional de Incorporação de Tecnologias no Sistema Único de Saúde [Conitec], 2026).

Separate personal participation from organisational advocacy. Check the current call before proposing contributors, and preserve their control over what they say.

Practical example and local checks

Assess education funding and office expenses separately. Agree purpose, costs, content and accounting. Check any Conitec role independently, keeping the funded project distinct from official selection and statements.