The average number of employees by professional category, at service in the Group, is analysed as follows by category:

	2018	2017
Portugal		
Top Management	992	995
Intermediary Management	1,653	1,679
Specific/Technical functions	2,940	2,963
Other functions	1,556	1,655
	7,141	7,292
Abroad	8,630	8,502
	15,771	15,794

## 8. Other administrative costs

The amount of this account is comprised of:

	(Th	(Thousands of euros)	
	2018	2017	
Water, electricity and fuel	15,442	15,416	
Credit cards and mortgage	7,732	6,360	
Communications	23,114	21,167	
Maintenance and related services	16,042	17,130	
Legal expenses	6,379	6,462	
Travel, hotel and representation costs	9,424	8,070	
Advisory services	21,051	18,119	
Training costs	2,590	2,019	
Information technology services	36,996	18,432	
Consumables	4,759	4,429	
Outsourcing and independent labour	77,070	77,022	
Advertising	27,565	26,707	
Rents and leases	73,446	96,276	
Insurance	3,766	4,324	
Transportation	10,157	7,850	
Other specialised services	21,491	19,198	
Other supplies and services	19,652	25,041	
	376,676	374,022	

The balance Rents and lease includes the amount of Euros 70,705,000 (2017: Euros 78,956,000) related to rents paid regarding buildings used by the Group as lessee.

In accordance with accounting policy 1I, under IAS 17, the Group has various operating leases for properties and vehicles. The payments under these leases are recognised in the profit and loss during the life of the contract. The minimum future payments relating to operating leases not revocable, by maturity, are as follows:

					(T	housands of euros)
		2018			2017	
	Properties	Vehicles	Total	Properties	Vehicles	Total
Until 1 year	73,314	96	73,410	80,533	209	80,742
1 to 5 years	127,644	76	127,720	157,785	172	157,957
Over 5 years	39,408	-	39,408	44,126	-	44,126
	240,366	172	240,538	282,444	381	282,825

The item Other specialised services includes fees for services rendered by the Statutory Auditor of the Group, currently in functions, and by companies in its network as part of its statutory audit functions, as well as other services, is analysed as follows:

	IT)	(Thousands of euros)	
	2018	2017	
Auditing services			
Legal certification	2,246	1,934	
Other assurance services	1,604	1,464	
Other services	416	1,177	
	4,266	4,575	

## 9. Amortisations and depreciations

The amount of this account is comprised of:

		(Thousands of euros)	
	2018	2017	
Intangible assets amortisations (note 30):			
Software	13,307	11,060	
Other intangible assets	1,619	837	
	14,926	11,897	
Other tangible assets depreciations (note 29):			
Properties	18,321	19,417	
Equipment			
Computers	11,149	9,572	
Security equipment	1,453	1,609	
Installations	2,394	2,050	
Machinery	648	644	
Furniture	2,235	1,964	
Motor vehicles	4,649	4,233	
Other equipment	1,970	2,196	
	42,819	41,685	
	57,745	53,582	