

# FMA VIRTUAL VISIT TO PORTUGAL

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## **Hans-Gert Pöttering**

*FMA President and Former President of the European Parliament*



Hans-Gert Pöttering was born on 15 September 1945 in Bersenbrück, Germany.

He is a German politician (CDU) and is the current President of the European Parliament Former Members Association. He was the only Member of the European Parliament who has served continuously from the first direct election in 1979 until the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2014 – with 35 years of uninterrupted membership. He held a number of leading positions in the EP and European People's Party throughout his political career. From 2007 until 2009, he was President of the European Parliament.

## **António Filipe<sup>1</sup>**

*Vice-President of the Assembleia da República*



António Filipe is a jurist, a professor and a politician. He has a master's degree in political science and a doctorate in Law. He holds different and numerous political mandates especially at the Portuguese parliament since the 5th legislature in 1989. He is representing the Portuguese Communist Party.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.parlamento.pt/DeputadoGP/Paginas/Biografia.aspx?BID=209>

## Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa<sup>2</sup>

*H.E. The President of Portuguese Republic*



Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is President of the Republic since 2016 and has been re-elected on 24 January 2021.

He graduated in Law and obtained a PhD in Legal and Political Sciences in 1984. He served as a government minister, parliamentarian in the Assembly of the Portuguese Republic, journalist, political analyst and law professor. He has also been a member of the Social Democratic Party since its foundation and was its president between 1996 and 1999.

## Luís Capoulas Santos<sup>3</sup>

*Chair of the European Affairs Committee*



Luís Capoulas graduated in Sociology and worked in the Ministry of Agriculture, from 1977 to 1991. He was Secretary of State of Agriculture and Rural Development from 1995 to 1998 and Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries from 1998 to 2002 as well as Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development from 2015 to 2019. He was also member of European Parliament between 2004 and 2014 in the S&D.

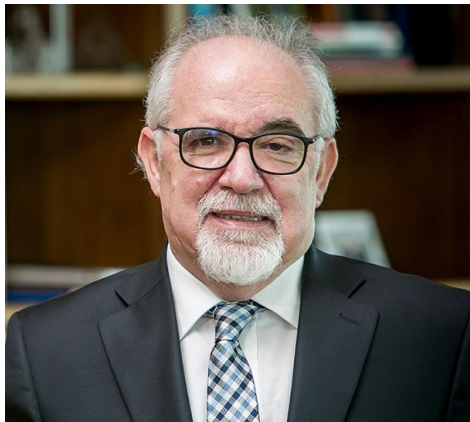
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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.presidencia.pt/presidente-da-republica/o-presidente/> ; <https://www.robert-schuman.eu/en/eem/1900-outgoing-president-of-the-republic-marcelo-rebelo-de-sousa-the-main-favourite-in-the-presidential-election-on-24th-january-next-in-portugal>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.portugal.gov.pt/en/gc21/ministries/agriculture-forestry-and-rural-development/minister>

## **José António Vieira da Silva<sup>4</sup>**

*Former Labour Minister of Portugal and special advisor to Commissioner Nicolas Schmit to prepare the European Pillar of Social Rights action plan*



José António Vieira da Silva graduated in Economics and was member of the Assembly of Republic since 2011. Between 2011 and 2015, he headed the ad hoc Commission for Monitoring of Financial Assistance Program to Portugal. He was also Minister of Economy, Innovation and Development between 2009 and 2011 and Minister of Labor and Social Solidarity between 2005 and 2009 as well as between 2015 and 2019.

## **Pedro Valente da Silva<sup>5</sup>**

*Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in Portugal*



Pedro Valente da Silva worked as Administrator at the European Parliament and since 2013 as Head of the EPLO in Portugal.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.portugal.gov.pt/en/gc21/ministries/labour-solidarity-and-social-security/minister>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pedro-valente-da-silva-b8653832/?originalSubdomain=pt>

## Ana Paula Zacarias<sup>6</sup>

*Secretary of State for European Affairs*



She has a degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Lisbon (1983). She entered the Portuguese Diplomatic Service in 1983 and held several assignments: to the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1984-1985); as Junior Counsellor for International Relations at the Office of the President of the Republic (1986-1988); as Director of Press and Information Department (1996-1998) and as Vice President of the Instituto Camões (1998-

2000). As a career diplomat she also served at different Diplomatic Missions. From 2011 to 2015 she was Head of Delegation of the EU Delegation in Brazil and from 2015 until July 2017 Head of Delegation of the EU Delegation to Colombia and Ecuador. On July 2017, she was appointed as Secretary of State for European Affairs, and is currently serving in this position since October 2019.

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## Ciência Viva

Launched in June 1996, the Ciência Viva programme is the contribution of the Ministry of Science and Technology to the promotion of a scientific and technological culture among the Portuguese population. It has played a key role in the promotion of scientific and technological culture. The expansion of Ciência Viva centres around the country made possible conveying S&T to the younger generations and has helped in attracting more students into scientific and research careers.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.portugal.gov.pt/en/gc22/ministries/foreign-affairs/secretaries-of-state?i=europeanaffairs>

## Rosalia Vargas<sup>7</sup>

*President of Ciência Viva*



Since 1996, she has been leading the creation of a network of science centres in Portugal, currently with 20 members. Her academic and professional development covers Education, Media Studies, Political Governance, and Scientific and Technological Culture: Benchmarking Study on Scientific Culture for the European Commission (2002); Board Member for Ecsite (2001-2007); member of the International Programme Committee of 5th Science Centre World Congress (2004-2008); member of the National Council of Education 2006-2012); elected City Councillor for Education, Youth and Culture at Lisbon City Hall (2007-2009); member of Editorial Board Harvard Medical School Portugal (2010-2012); National Delegate

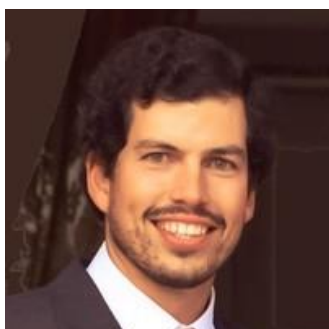
for Science in Society at the 7th Framework Programme of Research and Development, European Commission (2007–2012); member of ASTC board (2015-2018).

## Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is an international foundation based in Portugal whose statutory aims are in the fields of arts, social welfare, education and science. Created by a clause in Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian's will, the Foundation's statutes were approved in 1956.

## Luís Lobo Xavier<sup>8</sup>

*Director Strategy and Planning*



Director of the Strategy and Planning Office since 2019. Director of the Gulbenkian Sustainability Program since 2018.

Economics degree and law degree, respectively in Faculty of Economics and in Faculty of Law at Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

Between 2007 and 2012 worked in energy planning at EDP, Energias de Portugal, developing and coordinating projects in the areas of Energy Markets, Regulation, Market and Operations Risk, Renewable Energies, ERoEI, Assets Valuation, Energy Policy.

Subsequently worked in strategic and technical area of Access to Energy for Development

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.cienciaviva.pt/sobre/equipa/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://gulbenkian.pt/en/the-foundation/organisation/directors/>

(A2E) at EDP Foundation, and also as a consultant and trainer in many institutions of social intervention and entrepreneurship. Since 2014 works at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, providing strategic support to the Board of Trustees, and in the coordination and supervision of projects in the areas of health, human development, sustainability and social innovation. He was Director and organizer of several volunteering projects, and since 2016 is Member of the Board of ACEGE – Christian Association of Business Executives.

## **Margarida Espírito Santo<sup>9</sup>**

*Deputy Director, Strategy and Planning Department*



Strategy and Planning Deputy Director since 2019 for the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, she started working at Deloitte as an Auditing Analyst in 2006, and then joined ECS Capital in 2007, before joining Accenture in 2008 as a Manager. She studied at the Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics and at the Nova School of Business and Economics.

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