

Bio

Maria João Cardoso

Pro-President



Maria João Cardoso received her bachelor's degree in Economics, majoring in Management, in 1985 from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra. In 1994 she completed her master's degree with honours in European Economics in the same university.

She began working in 1986 at the Algarve Region Coordination Commission as assistant to the Administration of the Integrated Regional Development Programme for the Northeast Algarve. In 1988, she began teaching in the Management Department of the University of Beira Interior. In 1990, she became a teacher at Coimbra Business School (ISCAC) of the Polytechnic of Coimbra. She has been an Assistant Professor in Economics in ISCAC since 1997. While in ISCAC, she was the coordinator of Economics, a member of the Scientific-Technical Council, a member of the

Representatives Assembly, and a member of the Pedagogical Council, having been President of the latter. Regarding the bodies of the Polytechnic of Coimbra, she was a member of the Statutory Assembly, completed several terms as a member of the General Council, and was Vice-President between 2009 and 2013. In 2017 she became the Pro-President for International Relations and was renewed for the 2021-2025 mandate.

Her field of expertise — European Economics — and the management positions she held since 2009 at the Polytechnic of Coimbra both made her particularly interested in International Relations. She has developed several successful international projects, including the pioneering initiative to create the first Erasmus consortium in Portugal. She has been responsible for the institutional coordination of international relations of the Polytechnic of Coimbra since 2017.