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President of the European Court of Auditors



1960 - Born Campo Maior, Portugal
Graduated from *Universidade Clássica*, Lisbon, Law
Postgraduate degree in European Studies, *Universidade Clássica*, Lisbon.

1984 - Portugese Ministry of Finance

2000 - Appointed member of the European Court of Auditors

2008 - Elected President of the European Court of Auditors

2011 - Re-elected President of the European Court of Auditors for a further three year term

Role in the EU:

- The European Court of Auditors checks that EU funds are used legally, efficiently and for the intended purposes.
- President chairs Court meetings and also represents the court.
- The Court has 27 members - called Auditors.
- The Auditors are appointed by the Council of the EU for six years. The Auditors elect one Member as the President of the Court for a three year term.
- The Court has the right to audit any person or organisation handling EU funds.
- For the past 15 years, the Court has refused to sign off the EU Commission's accounts.

Quote:

"The impact of the Court's work has improved and resources have been used more efficiently". (2010)

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