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CARLOS HENRIQUE DA COSTA NEVES MINISTER OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

born on 16 June 1954, married, 3 children.

Education

High Degree in Law by the University of Lisbon.

Career

- Minister of State for European Affairs since April 2002
- Member of the European Parliament since 1994, General Rapporteur of the "Budget 2002" of the EU
- Head of the electoral Observation Mission of the EU to the local elections in Cambodia, from December 2001 to February 2002
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SATA AIR Azores (1992-1994)
- Member of the Regional Government of Azores:
 - Member of the City Council Assembly of Angra do Heroísmo (Azores) between 1979 and 1981 and since January 2002
 - Regional Secretary of Internal Affairs (1988-1992)
 - Regional Secretary of Social Affairs (1981-1988)
 - Member of the Regional Parliament of Azores (1980-1988)
 - Regional Director of Social Security (1977-1981)
 - Deputy Regional Secretary of Social Affairs (1976-1977)



Party Affiliation and Positions

- Chairman of the PSD (Social Democratic Party) Congress in Azores (since January 2000)
- Chairman of the Regional Political Commission of the PSD Azores (1997-1999)
- Vice-President of the National Political Commission of PSD (1998)
- Member of the National Council of PSD (in successive terms)
- Member of the Regional Political Commission of PSD Azores (in successive terms)
- Delegate at and Vice-President of the Political Commission of PSD in Ilha Terceira (Azores) (in successive terms)

Others

- Two books published: "*Governar é Escolher*" (*to rule is to make a choice*), in 1994 and "*A Encruzilhada*" (*the crossroads*), in 1991.
- Founding Member of the portuguese Association of Social Security
- Regular contributor of the newspapers.