



## **Biography of the Secretary of State for European Affairs**

**Teresa Ribeiro**

Born on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1954 (Mozambique).

### Academic background:

Degree in Philosophy by the Faculty of Letters of the Classic University of Lisbon (1997).

Driving Government Performance in Portugal (Harvard University/John F.Kennedy School of Government, 2004).

Professional training at the Directorate General Information, Communication and Culture (DG X) of the European Commission.

Course for Press Attaché organised by the ex-General Department of Information and the Council of Europe (1976).

### Political experience:

Since November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, Secretary of State for European Affairs.

### Career in the Public Service:

From January 2008 until November 2008: President of the Institute for Social Communication.

In 2000 and 2007, during the EU Portuguese Presidencies: In charge of the European coordination in the Communication sector.

February 1997: Director of the Consultative and International Affairs Department of the Institute for Social Communication.

1992: In charge of the coordination of the Studies Sector and International Relations in the Press Office (Cabinet Presidency).

1983-1992: Adviser at the ex-General Department of Social Communication in charge of the regional press, State aid, State publicity and international affairs.

1976-1983: Press Attachée.

Other Professional activities:

Member of the Advisory Council of ICP/ANACOM - National Communications Authority (since 2005);

Member of the Consultation Board of UNESCO (since 2002);

Member of the Strategic Council of APDC – Portuguese Communications Development Association (since 2003)

Member of the Consulting Council of the School of Communication and Media Studies (since 2003);

Member of the Observatory of the Publicity of Financial Services (2002);

President of the Executive Board of OBERCOM - Observatory for the Media (1999 to 2002);

President of the Steering Committee of the Council of Europe on Mass Media (1998 and 1999);

Assisting Professor of the subject on Media in Europe of the post-graduation on European Studies (1993 to 2000);

Member of the “Group of Reflection on the Future of the Television” (1996).