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Maria João Rodrigues, currently Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group Vice President in charge of general coordination and interface with the other EU institutions and member of the Committees of EMPL and ECON, was Minister of Employment in Portugal and has been a policy maker working in several posts in the European Institutions since 2000, notably in the leading teams of EU Presidencies. During her work she has helped deliver important outcomes areas such as: the Lisbon Strategy and the EU2020 Strategy; the EU agenda for globalization and the strategic partnerships with the USA, China, Russia, India and Brazil for a new growth model; policy; the new Erasmus for mobility, New Skills for New Jobs; responses to Pillar of Social Rights. More recently The Road Map and Annual Programming for the European Union.

In academic terms, she was professor of European economic policies in the European Studies Institute - Université Libre de Bruxelles and in the Lisbon University Institute. She was also the chair of the European Commission Advisory Board for socio-economic sciences. She is author of more than one hundred publications, notably the books.

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