

Marisa Matias

Marisa Matias is Member of the European Parliament (MEP), elected first time in 2009, being re-elected in 2014. She currently integrates Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) and Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) Committees. She was also Vice Chair of the special Committee TAXE and TAXE II.

Currently, she is the Chairwoman of the Mashreq Delegation. From 2009 until 2014, she was Vice-Chair of Mashreq Delegation and integrated the Legislative Council of Palestine and South Africa Delegations.

During the last term, in the Parliament she was the rapporteur of the Directive to prevent falsified medicines from entering in legal chain of supply; the Strategic Innovation Agenda; Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation; European Initiative on Alzheimer and other dementia; and Annual Assessment of European Central Bank Activity in 2011. She was also rapporteur of several opinions.

She was Vice-President of the European Left party, since 2010 until end 2016. Member of the Bloco de Esquerda National Board and Political Committee; member of the directorate of the Pro-Urbe Civic Association (Coimbra).

Marisa has a doctorate in sociology from Coimbra University, Portugal, with the thesis 'Is nature sick of us? Health, environment and new forms of citizenship' (2009); MA in sociology in the field of social studies related to science and technology, Coimbra University, Portugal (2003); graduate in sociology, Coimbra University, Portugal (1998). Her areas of specialisation include environmental health, sociology of science, political sociology, democracy and participation. She has published scientific articles and chapters of books and other national and international publications on the relationship between the environment and public health, science and knowledge and democracy and citizenship. She has been trainer/teacher in post-graduate programmes and courses (including master and doctorate programmes).

Researcher at Coimbra University's Centre for Social Studies, Portugal, since 2004; research assistant at Coimbra University's Centre for Social Studies, Portugal (2000-2004); teacher of sociology and other subjects at the ITAP and Profitecla schools (2000-2001); editorial secretary at Revista Crítica de Ciências Sociais (1998-2000).

Throughout the years, she has been participating in the activities of several NGOs, having been elected vice-president of Pro Urbe, Civic Association for a four year period.