

Summary Bio | Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite, MP, MD, PhD(c)

Dr. Ricardo Baptista Leite is a Medical Doctor and a Member of the Portuguese National Parliament, where he sits on the Health Committee and on the Foreign Affairs Committee. He is Head of Public Health at the Institute of Health Sciences of the Catolica University of Portugal, Coordinator of the Sustainable Healthcare Unit at the NOVA Information Management School and Guest Lecturer at NOVA Medical School. He is also City Councilor of Cascais where he's responsible for local health strategy, economic diplomacy and international relations. Prior to being elected MP, he was a practicing physician during 7 years, including a 5-year Infectious Diseases residency program at the Western Lisbon Hospital Center and an internship in public health (HIV, Hepatitis and STI's) at the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen, 2011). PhD candidate in Public Health at Maastricht University having completed post-graduate studies in multiple universities including Johns Hopkins University, Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Harvard Medical School. Founder of CREATING HEALTH – Research and Innovation Funding (<http://creatinghealth.ics.lisboa.ucp.pt>) and Co-founder of the Estoril Conferences (www.estorilconferences.com). Volunteer work related with health, development and patient organizations. He is a member of the European Leadership Network (www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org), the European Young Leaders (Friends of Europe), the European Young Leaders Forum (BMW Foundation), the Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network (ELEEP | The Atlantic Council), associate member of Chatham House (The Royal Institute of International Affairs) and member of ZEIT Stiftung and Fundacao Gertulio Vargas Alumi. Main author of the books "Citizenship for Health" and "Strategic Consensus on Integrated Management of Hepatitis C in Portugal", among other publications.