



EUROPEAN
COURT
OF AUDITORS



Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira

Born in Campo Maior, Portugal, in 1960

Married, two children.

Education:

Degree in law from the *Universidade Clássica*, Lisbon, and post-graduate degree in European Studies, European Institute of the Faculty of Law, *Universidade Clássica*, Lisbon.

Taught at the Faculty of Law, *Universidade Clássica*, Lisbon (1983-1984) and at the Higher Institute of New Professions (1996-1999).

Professional experience:

Current role

President of the European Court of Auditors since 16 January 2008, having been successively re-elected on 12 January 2011 for a second term and on 23 January 2014 for a third term ending on 22 January 2017.

Since 1 June 2010, as a result of the reorganisation of the Court, he has also chaired the Court's Administrative Committee.

Member of the Governing Board of the European Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (EUROSAI) since June 2011.

As President of the Court, responsible for overseeing the Court's work, relations with the institutions of the European Union, relations with the Supreme Audit Institutions and international audit organisations, legal matters and internal audit.

During his first term, promoted and managed reform of the Court's structure and decision-making process by introducing a system of chambers with a view to optimising management of the Court, thus making it more efficient and effective. During his second term, led the institution in a period during which the Court's audit reports and opinions on financial legislation assumed even greater importance because of the financial crisis and the urgent need to help ensure better management of EU funds.

European Court of Auditors (since March 2000)

As a Member of the Court, responsible, from March 2000 until the end of 2001, for auditing the EU's banking activities, including the European Central Bank, the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), the European Schools, the decentralised bodies and the Euratom Supply Agency.

From January 2002 until March 2006, responsible for the Court's Statement of Assurance (DAS). In this capacity, worked in the following areas: reliability of the accounts and legality and regularity of the underlying transactions in the various revenue and expenditure areas of the EU budget; reform of the Commission's internal control system; modernisation of the EU accounting system. Was also

rapporteur for the Court's Opinion on the single audit model and proposal for an EU internal control framework.

From March 2005 to January 2008, Dean of the Court's Audit Group responsible for coordinating financial audit, audit methodologies and quality control (CEAD Group). During this period, was also a member of the Court's Administrative Committee.

From March 2006 to January 2008, responsible for the Audit Development and Reports (ADAR) division, in particular, quality control of the Court's audit reports and implementation of audit methodologies. Rapporteur for the Performance Audit Manual adopted by the Court in 2007.

Auditor of EUROSAI during the 2008-2010 period.

Inspectorate-General of Finance (1984-2000)

At the Inspectorate-General of Finance (IGF), Inspector of Finance - Director (1989-1995) and Deputy Inspector-General of Finance (1995-2000), responsible for Coordination of EU Audits and the Internal Control System of the State Financial Administration, with responsibility for the following:

- fostering and coordinating the IGF's work on the financial audit of the EU's own resources, the EAGGF-Guarantee, the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund;
- coordinating the project team that produced the "White Paper on the Internal Control System of the State Financial Administration";
- chairing the Interministerial Committee for the Coordination and Control of the System for Financing the EAGGF-Guarantee;
- participating in various EU working groups, in particular regarding the protection of the EU's financial interests and measures to fight fraud; member of the Portuguese delegation of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Fraud Prevention (COCOLAF) and the Group of Personal Representatives of the Ministers of Finance for sound financial management (SEM 2000).

Other activities

- Adviser to the **OECD** on the SIGMA (Support for Improvement in Governance and Management in Central and Eastern European Countries) initiative, working with the Ministries of Finance of the Czech Republic (1997), Poland (1998) and Estonia (1999).
- Member of **EUROPOL's** Joint Audit Committee (2002-2004).
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the **Academy of European Law**, Trier (since 2008).
- Vice President of the **Bridge Forum Dialogue**, Luxembourg (since 2008).

Publications:

Invited to address various conferences and seminars, author of articles on public finance, financial control and audit in joint works (*'Public Expenditure Control in Europe'*, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham (UK), 2005; *'Accountability, Transparency and Public Sector Audit in the EU – the impact of the crisis'*, offprint of the *Revista do Tribunal de Contas* No 55/56, Lisbon, 2012; *'Finanças Públicas da União Europeia'*, ed. Almedina, 2012; *'The EU's growing public accountability and audit challenges'*, KHT-Media, Helsinki, 2013) and specialist journals (e.g. *Revista do Tribunal de Contas*, *Revue Française de Finances Publiques*, *Public Finance Quarterly*).

Awards:

- Grand Cross of the Military Order of Christ, Portugal, 10 June 2014.
- Medal of Municipal Merit of Marvão, 25 October 2014.
- Order of Merit of Oversight in the Americas (*Organización Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Entidades Fiscalizadoras Superiores – OLACEFS*), 25 November 2014.
- Commander' Cross of the Order of Merit, Poland, 21 April 2015.
- Medal of Civil Merit (*Titullin "Për Merita të Veçanta Civile"*), Albania, 25 May 2015.
- Gratitude (*"Mirënjohje e Qytetit"*) of the City of Tirana, Albania, 26 May 2015.
- Professor *Honoris Causa*, Sofia University of National and World Economy, Sofia, 20 May 2008.
- Doctor *Honoris Causa*, University of Tirana, Tirana, 26 May 2015.