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CONFERENCE

EUROPEAN FUNDS: MANAGEMENT, CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY 21-22 June 2021

PROGRAMME

21 JUNE

Session 1

The new MFF¹ of the European Union, the RFF¹ and two major challenges for Europe: the climate transition and the digital future

09h30-10h00	OPENING SESSION
	 JOSÉ F.F. TAVARES, President of the Court of Accounts of Portugal KLAUS-HEINER LEHNE, President of the European Court of Auditors ANTÓNIO COSTA, Prime-Minister
10h00-10h45	PRIORITIES AND CHALLENGES UNDERLYING THE MFF/ Recovery and Resilience Plan
	Panel moderated by JOANA MATEUS Journalist of Expresso, with ELISA FERREIRA, European Commissioner NELSON DE SOUZA, Minister for Planning of the Portuguese
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¹ MFF –Multiannual Financial Framework l; RRF – Recovery and Resilience Plan





10h45-11h00	Break
11h00-11h40	EUROPEAN FUNDING AND THE CLIMATE TRANSITION
	Panel moderated by PETER WELCH, Director of Chamber I of the ECA – Sustainable use of natural resources
	 JÚLIA SEIXAS, Nova University, Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering; CENSE - Centre for Environmental and Sustainability Research
	 SAMO JEREB, Member of the European Court of Auditors, Dean of Chamber I – Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
	 Intervention by the Area responsible for the European Funds, Environment and Natural Resources in the Portuguese Court of Accounts
11h40-12h30	DIGITAL FUTURE
	 RICARDO BORGES DE CASTRO, Associate Director and Head of the Europe in the World Programme, in the European Policy Centre
	DIGITAL FUTURE IN AUDIT
	 EVA LINDSTRÖM, Member of the European Court of Auditors, Chamber V – Financing and Administering the Union and Chair of the Digital Steering Committee
	HOW TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE DIGITAL FUTURE
	Panel moderated by CONCEIÇÃO VENTURA, Tribunal de Contas of Portugal, Director, and FABRICE MERCADE, European Court of Auditors — Spokesperson — Head of Communication and Media Relations
	NUNO MANGAS, President of the Management Authority of COMPETE
	 ALEXANDRE NILO FONSECA, President of ACEPI, Digital Economy Association
12h30	CLOSING OF THE SESSION
	■ EDUARDO FERRO RODRIGUES, President of the Portuguese Republic





Parliament (Assembly of the Republic)





22 JUNE

Session 2

Sustainability of public finances, management and control of the European Funds in the new EU MFF and the Portuguese RRF

09h30-10h30

THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS, THE SUSTAINABILITY OF PUBLIC FINANCES AND EUROPEAN FINANCING

Opening

- JOÃO LEÃO, Minister of State and Finance of the Portuguese Government
- FILIPE NETO BRANDÃO, President of the Parliamentary Budget and Finance Committee

Panel moderated by ANTÓNIO MARTINS, Vice-President of the Court of Auditors of Portugal

- ANA FURTADO, member of the Court of Auditors of Portugal, responsible for the Opinion on the General State Account Area of Responsibility
- CLARA RAPOSO, President of the Lisbon School of Economics and Management

10h30-11h25

MFF 2021-2027 AND RRF²/RRP: GOVERNANCE AND CONTROL MODELS

Panel moderated by PAULO NOGUEIRA DA COSTA, Director General at Court of Auditors of Portugal

- NUNO MANUEL OLIVEIRA DOS SANTOS, President of the Agency for the Development and Cohesion, I.P.
- FERNANDO ALFAIATE, President of the Mission "Recuperar Portugal"
- ANTÓNIO MANUEL FERREIRA DOS SANTOS, Inspector General of Finances
- RIMANTAS ŠADŽIUS, Member of the European Court of Auditors, Chamber IV, responsible for the Institutional Relations

² Recovery and Resilience Facility





11h25-11h40	Break
11h40-12h25	EXTERNAL CONTROL AND RISKS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN FUNDS
	Panel moderated by NAZARÉ DA COSTA CABRAL, Chairman of the Public Finance Council of Portugal IVANA MALETIĆ, Member of the European Court of Auditors, Chamber IV – Market Regulation and Competitive Economy
	 HELENA ABREU LOPES, member of the Court of Auditors of Portugal, responsible for the European Funds, Environment and Natural Resources Area of Responsibility
12h25-12h30	Break
12h30	CLOSING SESSION
	 MARCELO REBELO DE SOUSA, President of the Portuguese Republic