



Biography

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa was born in Lisbon, on 12 December 1948. He is a Catholic and has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

A Law Graduate, he received a Doctorate in Legal and Political Science in 1984. He was a tenured professor at the Faculty of Law of Lisbon University, and has taught throughout his career in various institutions of further education, in Portugal and abroad.

He was a journalist, as editor of the Expresso newspaper between 1980 and 1983, and worked on the Seminário newspaper from 1983 to 1987. Subsequently, he appeared on the media as a political commentator on TSF radio and, later, the TV stations RTP and TVI.

He works with various civic institutions and associations, as well as in the social sector, as founder, sponsor, director, or simply as a volunteer.

In 1976, he served as a deputy to the Constituent Assembly. He was part of the 8th Constitutional Government as Secretary of State of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and later, as the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

He has supported the PSD (Social Democratic Party) since it was founded and was its president from 1996 to 1999, contributing decisively to government stability as leader of the opposition. In the international realm, he encouraged the PSD to join the European People's Party, in which he attained the position of Vice-President.

He has held various positions in local government, including Municipal Deputy, Metropolitan Deputy, Councillor and President of the Municipal Assemblies of Cascais, Lisbon, and Celorico de Basto.

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa was elected President of the Republic for the first time on 24 January 2016 and took office on 9 March.

He was re-elected for a second term on 24 January 2021 and took office on 9 March of the same year.