

## Maria do Céu Antunes

## Portuguese Minister of Agriculture

## **Biography**

Maria do Céu Antunes was born in 1970 in Abrantes.

She holds a degree in Biochemistry from the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Coimbra and a postgraduate degree in Quality Management and Food Safety from the Egas Moniz School of Health Sciences.

She was Secretary of State for Regional Development from February to October 2019.

She was Mayor of Abrantes for 9 years and since 2013 has chaired the Council of the Médio Tejo Intermunicipal Community. She was a member of the Economic and Social Council, and of the Council of European Communities and Regions at the Standing Committee for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life.

She was a member of the Monitoring Committee of the Regional Operational Programme of the Centro Region - Centro 2020, and of the Executive Committee of the Regional Tourism Authority of the Centro de Portugal Region, while also chairing the board of TecParques - Portuguese Association of Science and Technology Parks.

She has received the following awards: Most Family-Friendly Local Authority, Equal Lives Municipal Award, The Tesla Sustainable Leadership Award - Leadership category, Women of the Decade in Public Life Award - All Ladies League.

