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CANDIDACY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

Lisbon, 22nd October 2024

Dear Members of the European Green Party 39th Congress,

The European Greens stand at a critical juncture. Our diagnoses of the challenges facing Europe and the world - from the climate crisis to the erosion of democratic values - have proven prescient. Yet, our political influence has not grown commensurately with the urgency of these issues. It seems we've mastered the art of being right, but we're still working on the trick of being listened to.

We often find it challenging to translate our analyses into broader support. The question before us is not just about policy, but about how we engage, mobilize, and inspire. How do we ensure our message cuts through the noise? How do we transform awareness into action? And crucially, how do we articulate a vision of the future that people actively desire?

These challenges demand a comprehensive approach. We need to weave together environmental protection and social justice in a way that resonates across diverse communities. We must create strategies that address our challenges at all levels.

It is in this context that I offer my candidacy for the European Green Party Committee. My journey through various levels of governance - from city councillor in Lisbon to national parliamentarian in Portugal, and as a Member of the European Parliament - has given me a sound perspective on how Green policies can be effectively implemented across different scales. This practical experience, combined with my work as a historian and author, has allowed me to bridge the gap between theoretical insight and political action.

In my work, I've strived to create what I call "objects of political desire" - visions of the future that inspire active engagement. This approach guided the growth of LIVRE in Portugal and, I believe, can strengthen our movement across Europe. My experience in the European Parliament, particularly on rule of law issues, has reinforced my belief in the power of collective action to defend our fundamental values.

If elected to the Committee, I commit to fostering greater collaboration between national Green parties, developing strategies to combat climate change and defend democracy, promoting a just transition to a green economy, and expanding the appeal of Green values. These goals are interconnected, and by addressing them in an integrated manner, we can increase our impact.

I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I'm committed to working alongside all of you to find solutions. Our collective wisdom and diverse experiences are our greatest assets. Together, we can build a stronger Green movement capable of not just responding to crises, but of shaping a future that embodies our values at every level of governance.

The challenges before us are great, but so is our potential for meaningful change. I look forward to contributing to this crucial work and to our shared vision of a greener, more just, and democratic Europe. Perhaps then, we'll not only be right, but we'll also be heard - and followed.

Sincerely,
Rui Tavares

RUI TAVARES



PROFILE

Portuguese writer, historian, and member of the parliament for LIVRE. Formerly an MEP for Greens/EFA.

EDUCATION

2014 — **PhD in History (Docteur en Histoire et Civilisations)**
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France.

1998 — **MA in Social Sciences (Mestre em Ciências Sociais)**
Instituto de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal.

CURRENT POSITIONS

2022 - present — **LIVRE**
Co-spokesperson of LIVRE.

2022 - present — **Assembleia da República (Portuguese Parliament)**
Member of Parliament for LIVRE

2021 - present — **Lisbon City Council**
Councillor for LIVRE

2024 - present — **Weekly Portuguese Newspaper Expresso**
Columnist

2024 - present — **Brazilian newspaper Folha de São Paulo**
Columnist

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2015 - 2022 — **Green European Journal**
Contributor

2015 - 2016 — **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung**
Contributor

2009 - 2014 **European Parliament**

- Full member and coordinator: EP Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and EP subcomittee on Human Rights (DROI);

- Vice-president of the Special Committee on Organised Crime, Corruption and Money Laundering (CRIM);

- Substitute member: Committee on Culture and Education (CULT), Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) and Committee of Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON);

- Member of the standing parliamentary delega- tions: Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries (MERCOSUR), Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EURO-LAT) and the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

- Member of the special delegations on refugees in Syria (2010; also served as temporary chairman) and on the follow-up to several EU-USA data protection negotiations (including the Terrorist Finance- Tracking Program "SWIFT-TFTP", 2009 and the Passenger Names' Records program "PNR", 2011);

2005-2021 **Portuguese Newspaper Público**
Freelance columnist and author.

AWARDS

2019 **Best book on Portuguese history**
O Censor Iluminado (The Enlightened Censor). Academy of Portuguese History, Portugal.

2005 **Best book of the year in non-fiction**
O Pequeno Livro do Grande Terramoto (Little Book of the Great Earthquake). Público (daily newspaper) / RTP (public TV channel), Portugal.

BOOKS PUBLISHED

Author (selection):

[2024] Não foi por falta de aviso/Ainda o apanhamos, Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2024

[2023] Agora, agora e mais agora, Lisboa, Tinta da China 2023.

[2015] Esquerda e Direita. Guia histórico para o Século XXI [Left and Right: Historical Guide for the 21st Century], Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2015.

2015 - 2016 Le censeur éclairé [The Enlightened Censor], Paris, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

[2012] A Ironia do Projeto Europeu [The Irony of the European Project], Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2012 (2nd edition, 2014).

[2008] O Regicídio [The Regicide] [with co-au- thor Alice Samara], Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2008.

[2007] O Arquitecto [The Architect], Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2007.

[2005] O Peixe e o Lugre do Grande Tarrafo [The Great Earthquake Shock Book], Lisboa, Tinta da China, 2005 [1a e 2a edições], 2006 [3a edição].
Best Portuguese non-fiction book of 2005 "Livro Aberto" Público/RTP award.

Supporters

SF - Green Left, Ecolo, Esquerra Verda, Demokrat? s?junga „Vardan Lietuvos", Partija Zelenykh Ukrainy, Ecological Green Party - Partidul Verde Ecologist, PROGRES?VIE, Irish Green Party / Comhaontas Glas, Verdes Equo, Možemo! – politi?ka platforma, Miljøpartiet De Grønne*

European Parliament rapporteur (selection):

Report on the situation of fundamental rights: standards and practices in Hungary, *parliamentary report, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament, 2013*. Preceded by four working papers on the Hungarian situation on Rule of Law, Fundamental Rights, Constitutional Reform and Media Pluralism (2012-2013).

Report on the review of the EU's human rights strategy, parliamentary report, *Subcommittee on Human Rights of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (DROI-AFET), European Parliament, 2012*.

Report on the establishment of a joint EU refugee resettlement programme, *parliamentary report, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament, 2010*.

Report on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 573/2007/EC establishing the European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 as part of the General programme "Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows" and repealing Council Decision 2004/904/EC, *European Parliament, 2010*.