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From 2017 to 2019 he was a legal advisor to the Secretary of State for Spatial Planning and Nature Conservation and from 2019 to 2023 he was a legal advisor to the Minister of Environment and Climate Action, giving advice in the fields of spatial planning, coastal zones management, water resources, forests and carbon markets, nature conservation, animal welfare, and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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He regularly attends conferences on topics related to spatial planning, cultural heritage, the environment, and climate change.



## Academic background

PhD Candidate in Public Policy (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon).

Graduate Diploma in Public Policies (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon).

Master's degree in public administration (ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon).

Law Degree (NOVA University of Lisbon, Law School).

## Teaching chairs

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## Languages

Portuguese, English.