## **Welcome from the Chairman**



In the 13<sup>th</sup> legislature, the Parliamentary Committee on Labour and Social Security is the 10<sup>th</sup> standing committee of the Assembly of the Republic, as one of the bodies that exercise sovereign power of the Portuguese democratic state based on the rule of law.

It has very specific competences in the areas of public policy on labour and social security assigned to it by the Constitution, the law and Parliament. Its greatest responsibility is to deal with one of the most challenging and complex areas at a time when labour and social security are defining matters for Portugal and Portuguese people.

The Committee on Labour and Social Security has a diverse range of members. The Committee's work contributes to the Portuguese state's public policy within its areas of competence and is based on the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic.

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