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**Maria João Rodrigues**, currently Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group Vice-President in charge of Economic and Social Policies, was Minister of Employment in Portugal and has been a policy maker working in several posts in the European Institutions since 2000, notably in the leading teams at EU Presidency. The main outcomes she has been working for are:

- The EU Strategy for growth and jobs, the Lisbon Strategy followed by the EU2020 Strategy
- The EU agenda for globalization and the strategic partnerships with the USA, China, Russia, India and Brazil for a new growth model
- The development of several policy areas: employment, education, innovation, research, regional and industrial policies
- Special EU initiatives: the new Erasmus for mobility, New Skills for New Jobs
- The responses to the euro-zone crisis
- The final negotiation of the Lisbon Treaty

In academic terms, she was professor of European economic policies in the European Studies Institute - Université Libre de Bruxelles and in the Lisbon University Institute. She was also the chair of the European Commission Advisory Board for socio-economic sciences.

She is author of more than one hundred publications, notably the books:

- ***The New Knowledge Economy in Europe – A Strategy for International Competitiveness and Social Cohesion***, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2002.
- ***European Policies for a Knowledge Economy***, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2003.
- ***Europe, Globalization and the Lisbon*** Agenda, Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2009.
- ***Europe is Still Possible***, Xlibris-Penguin Group, UK and USA, 2013.
- ***Eurozone Crisis and the Transformation of the EU Governance***, edited with Eleni Xiarchogiannopoulou , 2014

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