

Biographical Note



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Vice-President of APQ from 2003-2006, 2006-2009, 2018-2021, 2021-..

Senior Adviser in the Department of Quality for Construction, and Quality Director for Certification, in the National Laboratory for Civil Engineering (LNEC). Expert in several European Regulations.

Previously, technical and management tasks in the Portuguese Institute for Quality (IPQ), namely as the Head of the Certification Unit and of the Quality Innovation and Development Unit. Member of multidisciplinary committees for the implementation of national quality policies in Portugal.

Member of the Accreditation Council of the National Institute for Accreditation (IPAC) from 2003-2021, as well as member of standardization technical committees.

Project manager and consultant in European financed projects as a technical expert or as a Team Leader, for conformity assessment, and for quality infrastructures, in countries in South America, Middle East and Africa.

Lecturer for Erasmus Mundus Master Degree courses (2009-2019) in five European Universities. Trainer in quality related subjects at national and international levels.