

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/597****of 13 March 2023****appointing a member, proposed by the Portuguese Republic, of the European Economic and Social Committee**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 302 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/853 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the European Economic and Social Committee <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal of the Portuguese Government,

After consulting the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(2) of the Treaty, the Economic and Social Committee is to consist of representatives of organisations of employers, of the employed, and of other parties representative of civil society, notably in socioeconomic, civic, professional and cultural areas.
- (2) On 2 October 2020, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2020/1392 <sup>(2)</sup>, appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025.
- (3) A member's seat on the European Economic and Social Committee has become vacant following the resignation of Mr Carlos Alberto MINEIRO AIRES.
- (4) The Portuguese Government has proposed Mr António Augusto DA ASCENÇÃO MENDONÇA, *Bastonário da Ordem dos Economistas, Conselho Nacional das Ordens Profissionais (CNOP)* (President of the Portuguese Order of Economists, National Council of the Professional Orders), as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Mr António Augusto DA ASCENÇÃO MENDONÇA, *Bastonário da Ordem dos Economistas, Conselho Nacional das Ordens Profissionais (CNOP)* (President of the Portuguese Order of Economists, National Council of the Professional Orders), is hereby appointed as a member of the European Economic and Social Committee for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 20 September 2025.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

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<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 15.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2020/1392 of 2 October 2020 appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period from 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025, and repealing and replacing the Council Decision appointing the members of the European Economic and Social Committee for the period 21 September 2020 to 20 September 2025 adopted on 18 September 2020 (OJ L 322, 5.10.2020, p. 1).

Done at Brussels, 13 March 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
J. PEHRSON

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