

# Vasco Alves Cordeiro

President of the European Committee of the Regions | Azores, Portugal

Azorean, socialist  
Lawyer, married, 2 children

Graduated in Law from the University of Coimbra, with postgraduate degree in Regional Law from the University of Lisbon and University of the Azores



- 1996 - 2003** Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores by the Azores Socialist Party (PS Açores)
- 2000 - 2003** Leader of the PS Açores Parliamentary Group in the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores
- 2003 - 2004** Regional Secretary for Agriculture and Fisheries, VIII Government of the Azores
- 2004 - 2008** Regional Secretary for the Presidency, IX Government of the Azores and member of the European Committee of the Regions
- 2008 - 2012** Regional Secretary for Economy, X Government of the Azores
- 2012 - 2016** President, XI Regional Government of the Azores and, since 2013, member of the European Committee of the Regions
- 2012 - 2020** External representation of the Autonomous Region of the Azores in the context of: the Conference of Presidents of Outermost Regions, the Assembly of Regions of Europe, R-20 Regions for Climate Change (Vice-Chair for Europe), and relations with the US, in particular for the Portugal-US Agreement on Cooperation and Defense, and with Canada, Brazil and Bermuda
- 2014 - 2020** President of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe
- 2016 - 2020** President, XII Regional Government of the Azores
- Since 2020** Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores  
Leader of the PS Açores Parliamentary Group in the Legislative Assembly of the Autonomous Region of the Azores
- 2020 - 2022** First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions
- Since 2022** President of the European Committee of the Regions

## Orders and Distinctions

On 23 November 2020, awarded the Portuguese Republic Grand Cross of the Military Order of Christ