



FOCUS: EUROPEAN ELECTIONS – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – ANTÓNIO MANUEL VENDA

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THE MATH AND AFTERMATH OF THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Results from the European Elections held 25 May 2014 last: PS (31,4%), 8 european MPs; Aliança Portugal (27,7%), 7 european MPs; PCP (12,6%), 3 european MPs; MPT (7,1%), 2 european MPs; BE (4,5%), 1 european MP. In an article published in Povo Livre, Mendes Bota presented his analysis: a victory tasting of defeat, which brought to light how the Portuguese people didn't make of the opposition the trusted receiver of its discontent. [±](#)

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AT THE UN: CONFERENCE ON THE ISTAMBUL CONVENTION

On 10 March 2014, Mendes Bota spoke at the UN headquarters, in New York, during a conference promoted by the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States and the governments of France and Argentina, dedicated to the theme "The Convention of Belém do Pará and the Istanbul Convention: a response to violence against women worldwide". This conference took place within the framework of the 58th Session of the United Nations Committee on the Status of Women. [+ INFO](#)





“BRING BACK OUR GIRLS”

On 19 May 2014, Mendes Bota, General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women of the Council of Europe’s Parliamentary Assembly, joined the international campaign for the release of the 276 young Nigerian girls kidnapped on April 14th and 15th last by a radical islamist group, in Chibok, in the state of Borno, Nigeria, as he had himself photographed with the slogan “Bring back our girls.” [+ INFO](#)

“CONTOS MUNICIPAIS”

António Manuel Venda, an Algarve native from Monchique and a prize-winning fictional writer, presented on 29 May 2014 his latest work, entitled “Contos Municipais” [Municipal Tales]. The event took place at the auditorium of Camões’ Secondary School. Mendes Bota spoke in the quality of former mayor, during this part of the presentation, which also counted with the presences of emeritus judge Carlos Moreno and writer Eduardo Duarte. [+ INFO](#)



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: IN VILA REAL DE SANTO ANTÓNIO, SOCIAL SOLIDARITY, SEAFOOD CATCHERS, NAVAL CONSTRUCTION AND DINNER

12 May 2014 was a day dedicated to Vila Real de Santo António. To start off, a visit to the mess hall of the social solidarity institution “Mão Amiga”. Afterwards, a working lunch with seafood catchers, in Monte Gordo. In the afternoon, a visit to Nautiber’s naval construction shipyards. Finally, a great dinner with supporters, at the Coração da Cidade restaurant, with the presence of mayors Luis Gomes and Francisco Amaral, among many others. [+ INFO](#)

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: AT MAY'S FAIR, IN AZINHAL

On 11 May 2014, Mendes Bota visited May's Fair, in the village of Azinhal, Castro Marim, a genuine display on the socio-economic reality of north-eastern Algarve, with traditional producers and artisans, as well as the much appreciated Algarvean gastronomy. Accompanied by the current mayor of Castro Marim, Francisco Amaral, and his predecessor, José Estevens, as well as deputy Elsa Cordeiro, and many mayors and local leaders, Mendes Bota was extremely well received. [+ INFO](#)



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: MARKET AND MAYORS IN LOULÉ, SUPERMARKET IN ALMANCIL, DINNER IN LAGOA

On 10 May 2014, the campaign day was diverse. The traditional Saturday morning market in Loulé, a lunch with local mayors, a visit to the prestigious Supermercado Apolónia, in Almancil, and, in the end, a dinner with supporters in Lagoa, at Fatacil's restaurant, where CDS-PP deputy Artur Rego also appeared and spoke. [+ INFO](#)

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: EXPORTING COMPANIES IN FARO, YOUTH IN OLHÃO

On 6 May 2014, Mendes Bota visited two exporting businesses, in the city of Faro. Visualforma, which focuses on new information technologies, and Corticape, which manufactures high quality corks for internationally reputed beverage brands. Over lunch there was time to speak with MOJU's – a youth association from Olhão – young leaders, with whom he discussed the European project. [+ INFO](#)





EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: TOURISM-MARITIME ACTIVITIES IN SAGRES AND LAGOS

On 5 May 2014, Mendes Bota travelled to Porto da Baleeira (Sagres) and Lagos. He wanted to take stock on the growing importance of the tourism-maritime activities' sub-sector, with innovating projects in sea life observation and accessibility to mobility impaired persons. On the way he witnessed the miserable state the quays in Porto da Baleeira find themselves in and had lunch with entrepreneurs in Lagos. [+INFO](#)

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: VISIT TO OVIBEJA

On 4 May 2014, Mendes Bota joined the frontrunners for Aliança Portugal's list to the European Elections, Paulo Rangel and Nuno Melo, during a visit to Ovibeja, a mandatory meeting point between the political class and the productive forces of Alentejo. Carlos Valente, Alentejo's candidate, posed as host, accompanied by many local and district PSD and CDS-PP leaders, as well as the region's parliamentarian, Mário Simões. [+INFO](#)

