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IN MONCHIQUE: AT THE 2nd JSD/ALGARVE CONGRESS

Mendes Bota was a guest speaker during the II JSD/Algarve Congress, which took place on 31st of May 2014, at Fóia, Monchique municipality. During the event, Eduardo Almeida handed the presidency over to Carlos Gouveia Martins. PSD's Secretary-General, José Matos Rosa, was also present, having addressed the audience over lunch. [+ INFO](#)

IN TÉTOUAN: WOMEN'S ACCESS TO POLITICS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

On 28 March 2014, Mendes Bota took part, as a guest speaker, in a conference dedicated to the theme “Renforcer l'accès des femmes à la vie politique en Méditerranée: défis et opportunités. L'exemple du Maroc” [Reinforcing Women's Access to Political Life in the Mediterranean: challenges and opportunities. Morocco's example], promoted by the Council of Europe's North-South Centre and “Voix des Femmes” [Women's Voice] Association, from Tétouan (Morocco), presided by the nation's ambassador in Lisbon, Karima Benyaich. [+ INFO](#)



ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: THE PROTRACTED REFORM

On 22 March 2014, Mendes Bota was the lecturer invited by “Faro 1540” Association, which is presided by Bruno Lage, to speak on the theme of “Ethics and Transparency: the protracted reform”, during which the algarvean parliamentarian was quite critical regarding the lightness of the control system for the intersection between public and private interests, most commonly translated in the existence of conflicts of interest hard to detect and rarely declared. [+ INFO](#)

IN EUROPE, THIRTY YEARS ON

On 3 April 2014, Mendes Bota took part, from the Assembly of the Republic, in Lisbon, in a videoconference promoted by EuropeDirect Algarve Cabinet – whose audience was seated at the University of the Algarve – over the theme of Portugal's 30th anniversary since joining the European Economic Community, today known as the European Union. Mendes Bota pointed out the hardships along the way, but he underlined Europe's contribution to the country's infrastructural recovery, namely, in the Algarve. [+ INFO](#)



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: TOP BUSINESSES IN FARO, OLHÃO AND S. BRÁS DE ALPORTEL; IN TAVIRA, EQUALITY

On 19 May 2014, Mendes Bota visited business group Rolear, in Faro; Necton, a micro-algae producing and exporting company, in Olhão; Publivinhos and Corqenow, in S. Brás de Alportel, having also expatiated on violence against women at the “Convívio pela Igualdade” [Gathering for Equality], in Tavira, with the presences of deputy Elsa Cordeiro and Professor Aurízia Anica. [+ INFO](#)

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: INTERVIEW TO “A VOZ DE LOULÉ” JOURNAL

On 4 May 2014, Mendes Bota granted an interview to his hometown's journal, “A Voz de Loulé”. In it he confessed that *“those who fuel themselves on passion never tire. Fate had it that most of my active life be occupied by politics. Loulé was my cradle, Algarve my vocation. And there so happens that I began taking on responsibilities from a very early age. My energy reserves were above average than those entering politics. And it still hasn't run out. Hence the longevity...”* [+ INFO](#)





EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: IN FARO, MARKET, YOUTH, DINNER, AFRICAN COMMUNITIES

On 17 May 2014, Mendes Bota's campaign trail began at Faro's Market, then marched on to a lunch/debate with Algarve's youth over Europe, and ended in the evening with a grand dinner at Casa dos Rapazes, subsequently followed by a never before seen expression of support by the african community in Faro. [+ INFO](#)

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: LUIS VILLAS-BOAS's SUPPORT

On 16 May 2014, Luis Villas-Boas, the charismatic director of Refúgio Aboim Ascensão, in Faro, and distinguished member of this town's PSD section, made a political statement supporting Mendes Bota's run to the European Parliament for Aliança Portugal, highlighting the quality of this parliamentarian's political work, and the reasons why it's important for the Algarve to rely on his presence before the EU's institutions. [± INFO](#)



EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: CAMPAIGNING THROUGH LOWER ALENTEJO I – ODEMIRA AND MILFONTES

Mendes Bota travelled, on 21 May 2014, to Odemira and Vila Nova de Milfontes, for a campaign action in view of the european elections promoted by the local sections of PSD and CDS-PP. Carlos Valente, Alentejo's candidate for Aliança Portugal, as well as several local and district leaders from both parties, teamed up with the parliamentarian and algarvean candidate. The action's program included social topics, professional education, protected horticulture and street actions. [+ INFO](#)

MOURNING VOTE FOR LUIS CATARINO

On 20 March 2014, Mendes Bota was among the subscribers of mourning vote no. 182/XII, for the passing away of Luis Catarino, a distinguished figure of the former regime's opposition and also a former deputy in the Constitutional Assembly, as well as a parliamentarian in the Assembly of the Republic, elected for the Algarve, over a few years. He was the founder of MDP-CDE, of which he was the vice-president, as well as a mayor for CDU in the city of Portimão. [+ INFO](#)

