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## VIOLENCE IN THE MEDIA

On 24 June 2014, Mendes Bota delivered a speech in session, at the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly, Strasbourg, during the debate on "Violence in and through the media", in which he recalled several school massacres and the close link between prolonged exposure to violent tv contents or the sickening use of videogames, as well as the surge in violent behavior among children and adolescents. [+ INFO](#)

## NEW GENERATIONS, NEW POLICIES, NEW FUTURE

On 1 July 2014, in his role as president of the Parliamentary Committee on Ethics, Citizenship and Communication, Mendes Bota delivered a speech during the closing of the Annual European Session of Project "New Generations, New Policies, New Future", which serves the primary purpose of defining a strategy for the reinforcement of the youth civic participation index and counted with a hundred participants from different Nations. [+ INFO](#)



## ABOUT PROSTITUTION: MENDES BOTA HEARD BY THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

On 8 July 2014, Mendes Bota was heard, via videoconference, by the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, from the Canadian House of Commons, in Ottawa, Ontario State, during a hearing integrated in a law bill debate aiming to criminalize prostitution. Mendes Bota was invited to testify, as the author of the report "Prostitution, trafficking and modern slavery in Europe", recently approved in Strasbourg. [+ INFO](#)

## IN RABAT: PARTIES AND PARITY

On 17 June 2014, Mendes Bota took part, in Rabat, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on the North-South Process for the Reinforcement of the Role of Women, having presided and moderated over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session, dedicated to the theme “Political parties for parity.” In his final address, he upheld a more active role for political parties in promoting women for decision and high profile positions. The next day, he spoke at the opening session of the seminar on “Preventing and combating violence against women”. [+ INFO](#)



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## WORKS IN ER 125 RESUMED

On 22 May 2014, Mendes Bota publicly announced his position regarding the deal between Estradas de Portugal and ER 125 sub-leasing consortium, which will allow the renewal works to be resumed, after their interruption in 2011 due to financing difficulties, and he also reacted to the misleading statements of AMAL's president. On the very same day, he confirmed with the president of Estradas de Portugal, António Ramalho, that the renewal will be carried out without any discrimination between Eastern Algarve and Western Algarve. [+ INFO](#)

## TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

On 13 May 2014, Mendes Bota subscribed Resolution Draft Project no. 1.051/XII/3<sup>a</sup>, promoted by PSD and CDS-PP parliamentary groups, recommending a series of procedures for the promotion of transparency in public hirings resorting to public-private partnerships, so as to avoid situations in the future such as the ones that have cost the country so dearly. [+ INFO](#)



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## INTERVIEW TO “REGIÃO SUL” JOURNAL

In an interview granted to “Região Sul” journal, on 8 May 2014, Mendes Bota refuses to look at Europe through the narrowing vision of a financial fountain in which we strive to quench our infrastructural thirst, for not everything is confined to the Structural European Funds, or social and territorial cohesion policies, along with its allocations. And he cites the case of Tourism and the specific programs a region like the Algarve should have more access to. [+ INFO](#)

## **LOULÉ's STUDENTS AT THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC**

In a laudable initiative by the Municipal Committee of Loulé on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of April 25<sup>th</sup> Revolution, presided by Carlos Albino Guerreiro, a series of high schools from that municipality sent a group of students and teachers for a tour of the Assembly of the Republic, the so called "House of Democracy". The sole Loulé's parliamentarian currently in functions, Mendes Bota, cooperated with the organization, by coordinating the programs for these parliamentary tours. [+ INFO](#)



## **PUT A STOP TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

On 14 May 2014, Mendes Bota adhered to the European campaign against Female Genital Mutilation, as he had himself photographed with his laptop carrying a message alluding to the fight against this plague perpetrated in the name of culture, tradition and religion by certain peoples against their women and girls. [+ INFO](#)

## **EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: SNAILS IN PORTIMÃO, CITRUS FRUIT AND CAVIAR IN FARO, MONTENEGRO's LOCAL POLITICIANS, CLOSING IN BOLIQUEIME**

On 23 May 2014, the final day of the European elections campaign, Mendes Bota visited a snail's farm, in Portimão, and Cacial, the oldest citrus producers cooperative; had lunch with Montenegro's local politicians, toured the local caviar production unit at the University of the Algarve and, in the evening, had a full house for the campaign's closing dinner, in Boliqueime. [+ INFO](#)

