

**Nelson de Souza**  
**Minister of Planning**  
**Portugal**

### **Biography**

Nelson de Souza has a deep knowledge of the Portuguese business fabric, as well as of the national and European support programs for companies and the economy.

He was manager of COMPETE/QREN Program and PRIME, member of the board of IAPMEI (National Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) and Program Manager at PEDIP (Specific Programme for the Development of Portuguese Industry).

He was Secretary of State for Small and Medium Enterprises, Trade and Services of the XIV Constitutional Government, and Chief of Staff for the Minister of Economy of the XIII Constitutional Government.

He held the position of General Director at the Portuguese Industrial Association until the end of 2013, where he had previously joined the Executive Commission, between 2002 and 2005.

Before joining the XXI Constitutional Government, he was Municipal Director of Finance at the Lisbon City Hall, since February 2014, where he was also advisor of the Mayor.

Nelson de Souza was born in India, in 1954. He graduated in Finance from Instituto Superior de Economia.

He was Secretary of State for Development and Cohesion until February 18, 2019.