

The Present and Future of the Banking Sector

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When APB and TVI decided to organise this conference, we gave the title a lot of thought. We eventually chose this sober “present and future of the banking sector”, because it accurately reflected what we wanted from such distinguished speakers - a clear perception of the current situation in Portuguese banking and an idea of the road to follow to achieve our goal of making it stronger.

And we will have with us people who, together, are responsible for doing some strategic thinking and taking appropriate measures to strengthen and possibly reconfigure the sector. On the Portuguese side, we have the government, Banco de Portugal and the banks’ representatives and, at European level, the chairs of the supervisory and resolution authorities, the Eurosystem, whose framework and actions have a decisive influence on our decisions, the Portuguese MEP with the highest and most fruitful involvement in financial-sector matters in the European Parliament and the CEO of the European Banking Federation, who will be giving us a broad overview of the sector. We will also be hearing from one of the system’s main auditors.

I have left the presence of the President of Portugal until last, because of what he represents in terms of the particular focus and importance of financial stability and the role of a strong banking system to our country’s economic and social development.



We are extremely honoured by the participation of everyone here today and very grateful for the fact that you accepted our invitation, as this means you are contributing to the reflection that we are all undertaking with a view to achieving the country's goal of strengthening our banking sector.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for coming.

I am sure that we are going to have a highly enriching day.

Fernando Faria de Oliveira