

## **PORTUGAL**

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Area: 92,226 km<sup>2</sup>

Borders: 1,214 km (with Spain)

Coastline: 1,793 km Capital: Lisbon

Official language: Portuguese



Population: 10,639,726 inhabitants (2023) Natural change rate: -3.1% (2023)

Population repartition: 12.9% under 15 years old, 23.9% over 65 years old (2023)

Foreign residents: 2% EU nationals, 5% non EU nationals (2021)

**Migration rate:** 14.7% (2023) **Asylum applicants:** 2,695 (2023)

Life expectancy: men 79.5 years, women 85.2 years (2023)

Ethnic groups: homogeneous Mediterranean population with African and Eastern

European minorities

Religions: Roman Catholic 80.2%, none 14.09%, Protestant 2.13%, other religions

3.59% (2021)

Source: Eurostat, Statista, Portuguese National Institute of statistics



Currency: Euro

**GDP:** € 267,384 million (2023)

GDP per capita (PPP): € 19,250 (2023)

GDP growth: 2.5% (2023)

Unemployment: 6.4% (August 2024) Inflation: 2.1% (September 2024) Public debt: 100.4% of GDP (Q1 2024) Budget balance: +1.20% of GDP (2023)

Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world: 69% of GDP

(2023)

Source: Eurostat, ECB, OECD, Country economy, Trading economics



# Political System

### Republic, parliamentary democracy

**Head of State:** Rebelo de Sousa (Social Democratic Party -PSD) elected on 24th January 2016, by direct universal suffrage for a 5-year mandate, and reelected for a second and last mandate on 24th January 2021.

**Prime minister:** Luis Montenegro (Social Democratic Party, PSD) in office since 2nd April 2024. His center-right political coalition, the Democratic Alliance, won 80 of the 230 seats in Parliament in the parliamentary elections held on 10th March 2024. With around 30% of the vote, his government does not have an absolute majority in Parliament, but a relative one.

**Legislative power is held by the Assembly of the Republic** (Assembleia da República), which comprises 230 members who are elected for 4 years.



### **Political Representation**

### Parliament composition (in October 2024):

- 80 seats PSD-CDS-PP-PPM (Democratic Alliance)
- 78 seats PS (Socialist Party)
- 50 seats Chega (Enough, far-right)
- 8 seats Iniciativa Liberal (Liberal Initiative, IL)
- 5 seats BE (Left Bloc)
- 4 PCP (Portuguese Communist Party)
- 4 seats Livre (Free, ecosocialists)
- 1 seat PAN (People-Animals-Nature)

### Female representation:

in government: 7/18

in the Assembleia da República: 82/230

Next elections: Legislative elections in 2028 and

presidential elections in 2026