

# News in Portugal

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## **Government approves measures to safeguard British rights in Portugal in case of Brexit without deal**

The Council of Ministers approved a bill to be presented to the House of Representatives envisaging measures to protect British citizens if the UK formally leaves the European Union without a deal. The measures had already been announced in the Council of Ministers on 17 January and were approved in a bill to be submitted to parliament, providing for a "reciprocal logic" for the Portuguese to reside in the United Kingdom. The diploma contains a "suspension clause" if equivalent treatment does not occur, Foreign Minister Augusto Santos Silva said at a press conference at the end of the meeting. As for the rights of Portuguese citizens in the United Kingdom, Santos Silva stressed that the British government "has already done" what the Portuguese government is now approving in order to guarantee protection to citizens after leaving the European Union.

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#).

## **Each Portuguese lost 41 thousand euros with the introduction of the euro**

Germany has benefited the most since 1999. Italy and France also experienced significant losses in GDP per capita. In the 20 years since the entry into force of the single European currency (1999), each Portuguese is about 41 thousand euros poorer, according to a study published online by the German think-tank Center for European Policy. Between 1999 and 2017, the impact of the euro on the Portuguese economy was in negative of 424 billion euros, while Germany gained more than 1893 billion euros (or 1.8 trillion euros) with the single currency.

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## **President of the Republic confirms European elections on May 26**

The President of the Republic, Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, officially announced yesterday the signing of the decree fixing the elections for the European Parliament on 26 May. In December last year, the President of the Republic had already mentioned in a note that the elections to the European Parliament would take place on 26 May 2019. Yesterday's announcement was made 60 days before the day on which elections to the European Parliament will take place, under the terms of the respective electoral law. The next elections

to the European Parliament will take place between 23 and 26 May, the Council of the European Union announced in March last year.

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## **Portugal is among the 25 healthiest countries in the world**

The company Bloomberg sought to analyze indicators such as average life expectancy, access to drinking water and basic sanitation, as well as penalties for risky behaviors such as smoking and obesity, with the objective of creating a ranking of countries according to the health levels of their populations. According to the United States Agency, Spain ranks first in the ranking of 169 countries, surpassing Italy, which fell to the second position. Closing the podium is Iceland.

Portugal is in 22nd place in this ranking, below Cyprus and immediately ahead of Germany, lowering a position in relation to the previous publication

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