
REPORT

MEP Volunteer Job Shadowing MEP Maria Manuel Leitão Marques



Throughout the year VERA activities are supported by an increasing collaboration with the European Parliament. Meetings of the **European Parliament Volunteering Interest Group** are planned throughout 2023. MEPs get closer to the volunteering field by job shadowing a volunteer during a normal day of activities. By wearing the shoes of volunteers, MEPs involved will be better suited to support, advocate and value volunteering in their daily work at the European Parliament.

On **6 September 2023**, **Volunteer Beatriz Coelho** from Pista Mágica spent the day at the European Parliament with MEP Maria Manuel Leitão Marques (S&D Group). Beatriz followed, together with the Portuguese MEP, a coordination meeting in preparation of the plenary session to happen in Strasbourg. Furthermore, the Portuguese volunteer had the opportunity to visit the European Parliament and experience, first hand, the day of the MEP and her assistants.

Beatriz's experience started the previous evening, when she joined MEP Maria Manuel Leitão Marques for dinner in Brussels, where they both had the opportunity to share their experiences and visions on volunteering. We have made a short interview with Beatriz Coelho and you can find it [here](#).

On **December 19 2023**, **MEP Maria Manuel Leitão Marques (S&D Group)**, Vice-chair of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, spent a day volunteering in the project "VoluntariaMente" in Valongo, northern Portugal, organised by the **CEV Member Pista Mágica**.

