

João Costa was the Portuguese Minister of Education of Portugal from 2022 to 2024. He integrated the Portuguese Government in 2015, serving as Secretary of State for Education until 2019 and as Deputy Minister of Education until 2022, when he was appointed Minister of Education.

Director of the European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education, from January 2025.

Chair of the Advisory Group of the OECD Global Forum “Future of Education and Skills 2030”, since 2024.

Chair of the OECD Education Policy Committee, since January 2024.

Chair of the Governing Board of “Teaching and Language International Survey – TALIS”, and co-chair and member of the Advisory Board of the Global Forum “Future of Education and Skills 2030”, at OECD.

Member of the UNESCO Steering Committee for SDG4, from 2022 until 2024.

Full Professor of Linguistics at Universidade Nova de Lisboa, he holds a PhD in Linguistics (1998), from Leiden University and was a visiting scholar at MIT in 1996.

Dean of Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Universidade Nova de Lisboa until November 2015, and Chair of the Scientific Council for Social Sciences and Humanities from the Portuguese Research Council (FCT), until November 2015.

He was a Member of the Scientific Council of the National Reading Plan, of the National Commission of the International Institute for Portuguese Language, and of the Advisory Board of Camões Institute.

President of the Portuguese Linguistics Society (2006-2008).

Invited professor at universities in Brazil, Macao, Spain, The Netherlands and Italy.

He dedicates his research activity to the domains of theoretical syntax, language acquisition and development, and educational linguistics.