



Rui Bettencourt / Eurodyssey



Mr Rui Jorge Leite de Bettencourt is born in 1956 in Açores (Portugal). He graduated from the Conservatoire national des arts et métiers (CNAM) in Paris. He was in the past Regional Director for Employment and Youth and Regional Director for Employment and Professional Training in the Portuguese region of Açores. He is also a former member of the political Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions

Today, he is Regional Director for Labour and Professional Qualification in Açores and Secretary to the Eurodyssey Programme of the AER.

Eurodyssey was the AER's first programme, which was set up in 1985, and aims at improving the chances of young Europeans to integrate into working life by offering them the opportunity of a work experience abroad.

The programme is open to young Europeans between the ages of 18 and 30, unemployed or recently qualified, living in a participating region.

Since its creation, over 10 000 young people have benefited from Eurodyssey work placements.

The work placements are organised and financed by the host regions. Twenty-five regions participate in this programme under the aegis of the Açores (P), which manages the Eurodyssey secretariat.