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Professor José Mariano Gago trained as an electrical engineer (IST) and as an experimental high energy physicist at the École Polytechnique in Paris. He also worked as an experimental high energy physicist for several decades at CERN, the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Geneva as well as heading Portugal's Laboratory for Particle Physics, LIP. Prior to his appointment to the government, Prof. Gago was a physics professor at the Instituto Superior Técnico in Lisbon. In 1998 he launched the Eureka-Asia Initiative in Macao. He chaired the International Risk Governance Council, IRGC, in Geneva and is a member of the Academia Europaea.

Prof. Gago was Portugal's Science and Technology Minister (1995-2002). He launched the Ciencia Viva movement to promote Science & Technology culture and the importance of S&T in society. During the Portuguese EU presidency (2000), he prepared, along with the European Commission, the Lisbon Strategy for the European Research Area and for the Information Society.

Professor Mariano was in March 2005 appointed as Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education in Portugal.

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