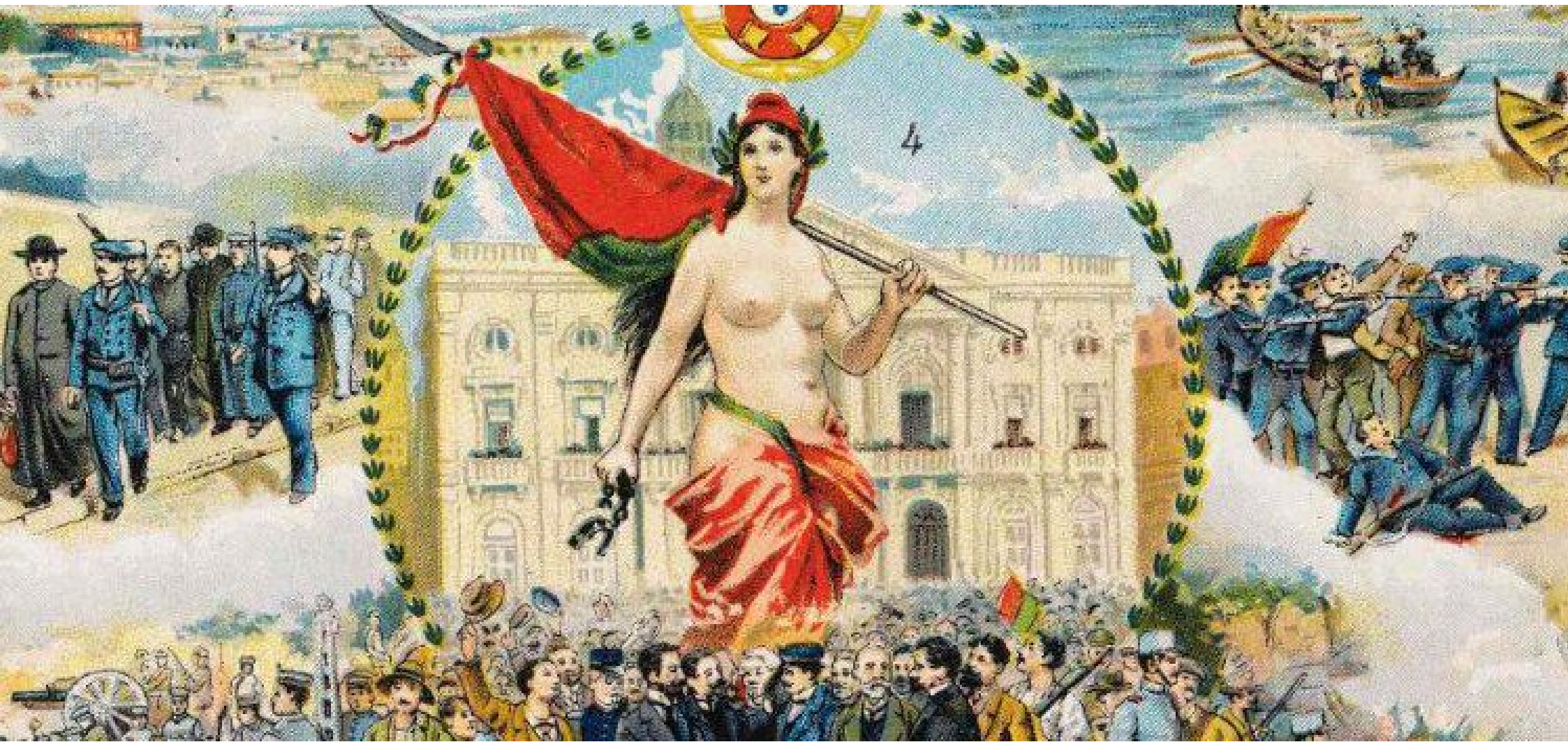




The Assembleia da República – at a glance



Constitutional Monarchy (1822/1910)



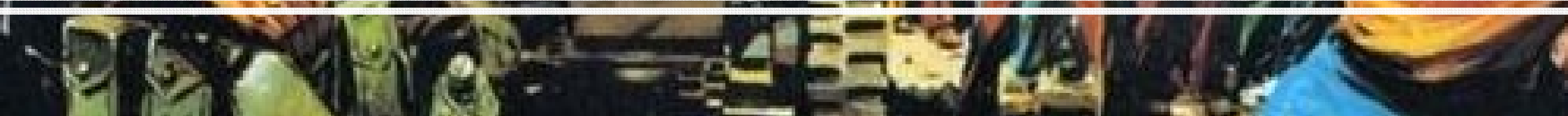
The First Republic (1910/1926)

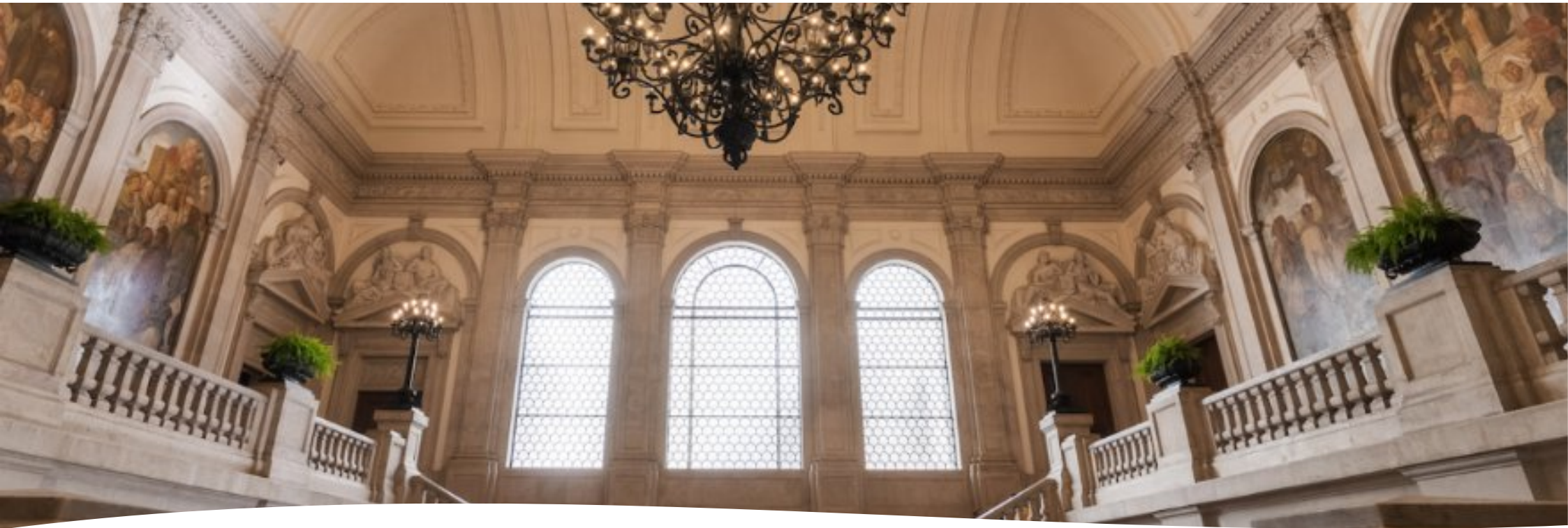


Estado Novo (1926/1974)



Democracy (1974/present)





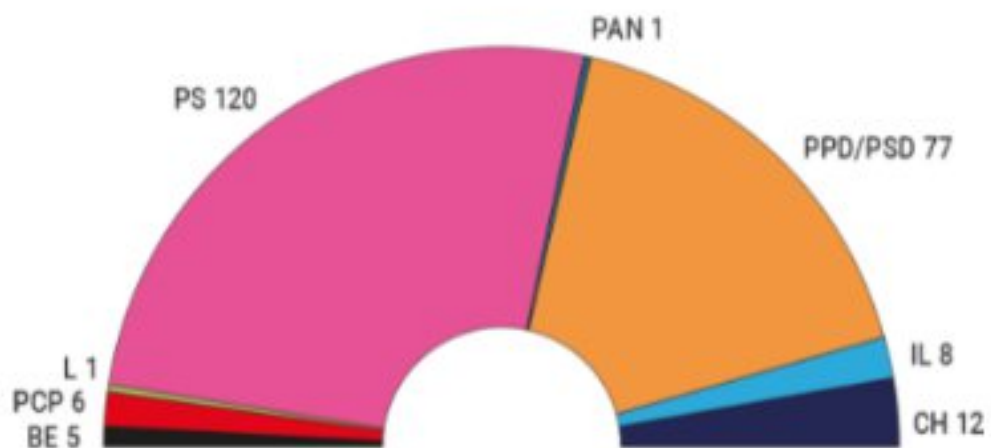
Article 110 of the Constitution of the Portuguese Republic, states:

Entities that exercise sovereignty

1. The President of the Republic, the Assembleia da República, the Government and the Courts are entities that exercise sovereignty.

Election results

15th Legislature (elected 30 January 2022)



The Assembleia da República is currently made up of 230 Members elected by direct, universal suffrage of all Portuguese citizens.

Círculo Eleitoral	Número de Deputados	Mapa
	48	
	40	
	19	
	18	
	16	
	10	
Algarve, Faro e Santarém	9	
	8	
Açores e Viana do Castelo	6	
Beja e Vila Real	5	
Centro Branco	4	
Coimbra, Bragança, Évora e Guarda	3	
Alentejo, Açores, Europa e Fora da Europa	2	
Total	230	

Members of the Assembleia da República represent the whole country, rather than just the constituencies for which they were elected.



Members are elected for one legislature, a period that comprises four legislative sessions.

Each legislative session lasts one year, with the normal parliamentary term of the Assembleia running from 15 September to 15 June, although this may be extended by Plenary decision.



Parliamentary proceedings are organised in such a way as to reserve specific periods for plenary sittings, parliamentary committee and parliamentary group meetings and for Members to spend time on constituency business.

As a rule, plenary sittings take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings, and are chaired by H.E. the Speaker.



In the current legislature, the Portuguese Parliament has 14 standing committees (specialised committees with permanent jurisdiction over specific matters, and which in principle exist in every legislature), and ad hoc committees (established for a limited period of time in order to perform a specific function).



The European Affairs Committee, set up on April 13, 2022, is chaired by Luís Capoulas Santos (Socialist Party) with Miguel Santos (Social Democracy Party) and Bernardo Blanco (Liberal Initiative) as Vice-Chairmen. The Committee is composed of twenty-four (24) full Members and twenty-four alternate Members, representing six Parliamentary Groups with a seat on the Committee.