

Request for the waiver of the immunity of António Marinho e Pinto

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of António MARINHO E PINTO (ADLE, PT).

The judge at the Coimbra District Court submitted a request for waiver of the parliamentary immunity of a Member of the European Parliament António Marinho e Pinto in connection with possible legal action concerning an alleged offence. He is accused of defamation of former officials of the Portuguese Bar Association

Parliament noted that:

- the charges are manifestly unrelated to the position of António Marinho e Pinto as a Member of the European Parliament and arise from his former position as President of the Portuguese Bar Association;
- the alleged actions do not relate to opinions expressed or votes cast by the Member of the European Parliament in the performance of his duties within the meaning of Article 8 of Protocol No 7 on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union;
- there is no suspicion of any attempt to obstruct the parliamentary work of António Marinho e Pinto (*fumus persecutionis*) behind the proceedings, which were in fact initiated before he assumed his seat in the European Parliament.

Bearing this in mind, Parliament decided to waive the immunity of António Marinho e Pinto.