



## **PES supports a Left Wing government in Portugal** **Adopted by the PES Presidency on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The PES Presidency congratulates the Socialist Party of Portugal on the historical and democratic agreement, bringing together the left-wing parties to support in Parliament a PS Government.

During the general elections of 4 October, a majority of 60 percent of the voters favored the left-wing parties. Still the Portuguese President, Cavaco Silva, chose to give the minority conservative coalition the right to form government on 30 October. Their programme was rejected in the national parliament by left-wing forces on the 10 November, thus preventing the conservatives to form a government.

The PES Presidency believes that after four years of austerity and daily struggle of citizens to make ends meet, it is now time to have a progressive government.

Therefore, the PES Presidency considers essential for the sake of democracy to listen to the voice of people and to give a mandate to the Partido Socialista and António Costa – supported by the left-wing parties in Parliament – to form a government that can bring growth, stability and a more prosperous future to Portugal. This will be an historical moment for Portugal.

