



Paula Franco Elected as Bastonária (President) of OCC Portugal



One of EFAA's most established and largest members, [Ordem dos Contabilistas Certificados \(OCC\)](#), has confirmed the election as President (Bastonária) of Paula Franco for the 2018-2021 mandate after an election process spanning several months. Paula Franco is a SMP chartered accountant with 20 years of professional experience and an experienced trainer on accounting and tax matters. She contributed to EFAA as an active member of the Accounting Expert Group in the last years, working on multiple papers, surveys and studies. Paula Franco and her new board of directors will aim to substantially improve the prospects of accountants in Portugal as well as the standing of the profession. Digitalisation and the challenges and opportunities that it creates are one of the most important topics on their agenda. The full story, in Portuguese, is [here](#). EFAA President Bodo Richardt congratulated Paula Franco on behalf of EFAA on this prestigious appointment and looks forward to working even closer with her and OCC going ahead. OCC has recently joined the Edinburgh Group (see above).