



> euroAtlantic airways received in the European Parliament the award “Europe’s 500” as one of the five hundred most developed european companies.

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The portuguese airline euroAtlantic airways has just received in the European Parliament (03-02-11), and delivered by the former german from a universe of 167 million independent companies, the award of Europe’s 500. To this ceremony also attended Antonio Tajani, Vicepresident of the European Commission and Vincent van Quickenborne, Belgian Chancellor of the Exchequer, among other personalities. Europe’s 500 platform organizes every year the “European Development Summit” and the company founded and chaired by Tomaz Metello, is ranked 129 within the top of “500 European Companies”, in the Transport and Logistics sector, because between 2007 and 2009, it matched the following criteria of the “European Development Summit and Europe’s 500 Awards Ceremony”: it is a fully private owned company that doesn’t belong to any financial group and is financially dependent, has promoted new employment, guaranteed soundness and it was not “swallowed” in one of the worse financial periods, that dragged companies to closing down and bankruptcy in Europe and worldwide.

The Chairman and CEO of euroAtlantic airways, Tomaz Metello had stated, by the time of nomination, his desire was to give the company and his employees full satisfaction. He also added that EAA searched in the financial crisis new opportunities and made new investments. He acquired 37% of STP AIRWAYS and bought the Boeing B777-200ER (Triple Seven) the only one in the Iberian Peninsula, having also enriched platforms like “Europe’s 500” which perform a relevant task when promoting dialogue with EU institutions and contribute to a more favourable environment and to assess the entrepreneurs.

PHOTOS: On behalf of Dr. Tomaz Metello, euroAtlantic airways founder and current CEO, Caetano Pestana, the company's Public Relations Officer, received in Brussels the "Europe's 500" award, delivered by the former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.



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