



## **JOSÉ TOSTE**

José Eduardo Toste was born in the Azores, in the World Heritage City of Angra do Heroísmo, where he lived until going to university in Lisbon to study Foreign Languages - English and German at *Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas* from *Universidade Nova de Lisboa*. During this time José Toste had the opportunity to study one academic year at the University of Bremen, Germany, under the Erasmus program.

In 2002 he returned to Angra do Heroísmo where he began his professional carrier as a teacher in the vocational school of Santa Casa da Misericórdia with the extra assignment of directing the tourism vocational courses. It was also during this time that he started having the first contact with the local tourism trade, working at the same time as a tour guide mostly in English and German languages.

In 2008 he was invited to become the Executive Director of the Regional Tourism Association where he stayed until July 2013 to become the Coordinator of the Tourism Product Department in the Azores Promotion Board (ATA).

In 2010 he was invited by the University of the Azores to teach the subject Ecotourism and Patrimonial Values to the course Nature Guides.

Over the past few years José Toste has participated in projects that have contributed to the development of different tourism products such as diving, canyoning, cultural tourism, among others.

