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Since February 2007, Diogo Vasconcelos has been a Distinguished Fellow with Cisco's Internet Business Solutions Group (IBSG), the global open innovation and strategy group of Cisco. He chaired the [Business Panel on Future EU Innovation Policy](#), set up by the European Commission in January 2009, which called for a radical change in European innovation policies and was appointed in May 2010 member of the High Level Group on Innovation Intensity Indicators.

He co-authored the report on "Europe and Social Innovation" for the BEPA and Chairs SIX - [Social Innovation exchange](#), a global community of NGOs, global firms, public agencies and academics committed to improve the methods with which our societies find better solutions to challenges such as ageing, climate change, public services and healthcare. He also advises the EU on ambient assisted living innovation. He chairs [Dialogue Café](#), a global network that will bring people together from cities across the globe to learn, share and collaborate on projects which support people and planet, through state of the art videoconference technology. In May 2008, Diogo he was elected Chairman of [APDC](#), the association that represents all the ICT industry in Portugal and, one year later, elected member of the Executive Board on [DigitalEurope](#), the voice of digital industry in Europe.

Diogo is also non executive member of the board of Catholic University of Porto and is a member of the advisory boards of the European think tanks Lisbon Council (Brussels) and European House-Ambrosetti (Milan) and fellow of ResPublica (London). Before joining Cisco, Diogo was the Knowledge Economy Advisor to the President of the Portuguese Republic Prof. Cavaco Silva. He was also a member of the board of the Portuguese Innovation Agency. Before that, he was elected member of the Parliament and was Vice-President of PSD and its spokesperson for innovation. Prior to that, Diogo founded a multimedia company and published the first magazines in his country on both the internet and entrepreneurship and launched the Entrepreneurs Academy. He has a Law degree and post-graduate degrees in Communications Law, Management and Political Science.

In 2006, Diogo received from the former President Jorge Sampaio one of his country's highest honours, the "Commander of the Order of Prince D. Henrique", due to his work promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.