**ABSTRACT:** In last 20 years problems related to the grammaticalization phenomenon have been studied in Portuguese in both its main national varieties and in different theoretic frames but only in late nineties this subject was given more explicit interest on both sides of the Atlantic. Since then in Portugal studies in Cognitive Linguistics have focused this phenomenon explicitly (cf. Pinto de Lima 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2008 and Soares da Silva 1996, 1999, 2006, 2009 and 2009), whereas Discourse Studies (cf. Lopes 2000, 2003, 2008 and 2009) have faced it in a less specific way. In Brazil, the frame of (Cognitive-)Functional Grammar has mostly been used in the description of the grammaticalization phenomenon in BP (cf. studies by Martelotta 1996, 2008). Our paper overviews the literature on the subject and focuses on the grammaticalization process itself observed and studied by linguists in EP and BP, especially when the two varieties diverge in the trajectories accomplished.