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Member of the European Commission,  
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### Personal Data

- ✘ Born in Bilbao (Spain), on 17 June of 1948.
- ✘ Married. Two Children.

### Academic Background

- ✘ Graduated in Law and Economics at the University of Deusto (Bilbao).
- ✘ Follow-up studies at L'École Pratique des Hautes Études de Paris.
- ✘ "Senior managers in Government" program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
- ✘ Associate Lecturer at the University of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) on Employment and Social Security Law.

### Professional Activities

- ✘ 1976-1979, Chief economist of the UGT, a Spanish trade union.
- ✘ 1972-1975, Economist at the Council Bureau of the Spanish Chambers of Commerce in Brussels.

### Political Positions

- ✘ Since 26 April 2004, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Economic and Monetary Affairs.
- ✘ 2000, Socialist candidate for Prime Minister.
- ✘ 1997-2000, Leader of the PSOE.
- ✘ 1994-1997, Spokesperson of the Socialist Parliamentary Group.
- ✘ 1986- 1991, Minister of Public Administration.
- ✘ 1982-1986, Minister of Employment and Social Security.
- ✘ 1979-2004, Member of the Spanish Parliament.
- ✘ Member of the Federal Committee of the PSOE.

### Other Activities

- ✘ Director of the research program on "Equality and redistribution of income" at the Fundación Argentaria (1991-1994).
- ✘ Founder (2002) and Director of the progressive think tank "Laboratorio de Alternativas".
- ✘ Author of several books and numerous press articles.