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Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation,
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, Polytechnic University of Madrid.

B.A. and Ph.D. in Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

Postgraduate degree in Energy Economy, IFP School, Paris

Master's in Applied Mathematics (Operations Research), Stanford University, California, USA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

From 1972 to 1982, taught Maths at the Higher Technical School of Aeronautical Engineering and at Complutense University of Madrid.

From November 1982 to May 1996, held a series of positions in the Spanish Government: Secretary-General for the Budget (1982-1984), Secretary of State for the Treasury (1984-1991), and Minister of Public Works, Telecommunications, Transport, and the Environment (1991-1996).

In April 1998, won the Spanish Socialist Party's primary elections to be its candidate for President of the Government of Spain.

While a Member of Parliament for Barcelona from 1986 to 2003, chaired the Joint Committee for European Affairs and was a member of the European Convention (1999-2002) which prepared a draft European Constitution.

Elected to the European Parliament in the 2004 elections. During the first half of the 2004-2009 legislature, was President of the European Parliament, and during the second half, was Chair of the Committee on Development.

Chaired the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly and co-chaired the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly.

From 2010 and 2012, was President of the European University Institute in Florence. From 2013 to 2017, went back to teaching, as a Professor, at the Complutense University of Madrid's Faculty of Economics, and was appointed to the Jean Monnet Chair in European Economic Integration.

Currently holds the Jean Monnet Chair at the Complutense Institute of International Studies.