

Pedro Solbes Mira

Pedro Solbes Mira earned his Bachelor's Degree in Alicante and his Doctorate in Political Science from the Complutense University of Madrid. He is also a Law School graduate from the Complutense University and earned a diploma in European Economics from the Free University of Brussels.

Since 1968, he served as Technical Commerce of the State, and held various positions in the Spanish administration. He was a member of the working group to negotiate Spain's entry into the European Community, and in late 1985 he was appointed Secretary of State for Relations with the EC.

In 1991 he was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food between 1993 and 1996, and served as Minister of Finance. As such he was President of the Council "Ecofin" during the Spanish EU Presidency in the second half of 1995.

In the general elections of March 1996, he was elected Deputy for the province of Alicante, and during his term in the House of Representatives, he chaired the Joint Committee of the Spanish Parliament of the EU. In September 1999, he was appointed to the European Commission, and was given the task of Economic and Monetary Affairs. During this period, his main achievements were the introduction of the euro and the closer coordination of economic policies in the European Union. After José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero came to power in April 2004, Pedro Solbes Mira was appointed as second Vice President and Minister of Economy and Finance.

In early April 2011, Pedro Solbes Mira was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Italian Electricity Company, Enel, which is the owner of Endesa. Since May 2011, he has worked as a consultant and advisor for Barclays bank. In 2013, he published his memoir entitled, *Memories*.

40 years of Public Service. He has received several awards including the medal of the Order of Civil Merit (April 24, 2009), the Grand Cross of the Order of Carlos III (May 10, 1996), and the Commander of Number of the Order of Isabel the Catholic (May 30, 1985). He is President of FRIDE.