

PRESIDENT OF HONOR

Eduardo Serra Rexach

Eduardo Serra Rexach studied at the Institute of Ramiro de Maeztu de Madrid, where he received the alumnus medal in 2010. He earned a Law degree from the Complutense University of Madrid in 1968, in 1974 joined with the top ranked Body of Lawyers of the State.

In 1977 went to work in the technical office of the Minister of Industry, Alberto Oliart, while President Adolfo Suarez and the Union of the Democratic Centre were in power. In 1982, the new president Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo appointed Oliart as his Minister of Defence, who then chose Serra to be his undersecretary. In 1982, the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party won the election and President Felipe González Márquez appointed Narcis Serra as Defense Minister. Eduardo Serra Rexach held the post of Secretary until 1984, when he was appointed Secretary of State for Defence. As number two in the Ministry during Spain's accommodation stage in NATO, Serra Rexach managed budgets until his resignation in 1987.

In July 1987, he joined the Foundation for Help Against Drug Addiction (FAD) along with then Lieutenant General Manuel Gutiérrez Mellado. From 1993 to 1996, he was President of the Institute of International Affairs and Foreign Policy (INCIPE). In 1996, the Popular Party won the elections, and the new president José María Aznar López appointed Serra Rexach as Defence Minister until 2000. One of the major milestones of his four years in the Ministry was the beginning of the Spanish mission in Kosovo, which lasted ten years. He was President of the Royal Elcano Institute of International and Strategic Studies and member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts since 1997. Currently, Eduardo Serra Rexach is President of the Foundation Everis and the director of various companies.