

# Joaquín ALMUNIA

## **Personal details**

- Spanish
- Born June 17, 1948 in Bilbao, Spain
- Married
- Two children

## **Current duties**

- Since April 2004: Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs

## **Political career**

- Since April 2004: Member of the European Commission
- 2000 elections: Socialist candidate for Prime Minister
- 1997-2000, Leader of the PSOE
- 1994-1997, Leader 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

## **Professional career**

- Founder (2002) and Director of the progressive think tank “Laboratorio de Alternativas”
- Director of the research program on “Equality and redistribution of income” at the Fundación Argentaria (1991-1994)

## **Education**

- 1991-1994, Associate Lecturer at the University of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) on Employment and Social Security Law
- 1991, “Senior managers in Government” program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 1970-1971, École Pratique des Hautes Études de Paris
- Graduated in Law (1965-1972) and Economics (1965-1971) at the University of Deusto (Bilbao)

## **Languages**

- Spanish: mother tongue
- English and French: thorough knowledge
- Italian and Portuguese: good understanding