

Michel BARNIER:

Personal details:

- French
- Born 9 January 1951, Grenoble
- Married
- 3 children

Current roles

- Elected MEP on 7 June 2009, President of the French EPP group
- Since March 2006, Vice-President of the European People's Party
- Since 2009, Political advisor to the UPM

Political career:

- June 2007 to June 2009: Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries
- April 2004 to May 2005: Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 1999 to 2004: European Commissioner responsible for regional policy and *ad personam* institutional reform (1999-2004)
- 1997 to 1999: Senator for Savoie
- 1995 to 1997: Deputy Minister for European Affairs
- 1993 to 1995: Minister for the Environment
- 1982 to 1999: President of the Savoie General Council
- 1973 to 1999: Member of the Savoie General Council (Canton of Bourg-Saint-Maurice)

Professional career:

- February 2006 to May 2007: Vice-President of the Mérieux Alliance group responsible for international relations
- Since September 2005: Member of the Council of State

Other activities:

- In 2006, special advisor to the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso. Presentation of the report proposing the creation of 'A European Civil Protection Force: Europe Aid'.
- Since May 2003: Founding President of the 'New Republic' club

- 1997 to 1999: President of the French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- 1987 to 1992: Co-President, Organising Committee for the XVIth Olympic Games, Albertville and Savoie

Publications:

- 2008: 'Europe, cartes sur table' - Acropole
- 2008: 'Qui va nourrir le monde: pour une nouvelle révolution agricole' - Acropole
- 2007: 'Atlas pour un monde durable' - Acropole
- 2005: 'Sortir l'Europe des idées reçues' - Plon
- 2001: 'Notre contrat pour l'alternance' - Plon
- 1994 'Vers une mer inconnue' - Pluriel
- 1992: 'Atlas des risques majeurs' - Plon
- 1985: 'Vive la politique' - Stock

Education

- Graduate of the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris

Languages

- French (mother tongue)
- English