

## Short biography of Ínigo Méndez de Vigo

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- Born on 21 January 1956 in Tétouan (Morocco)
- Nationality: Spanish
- Graduated in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid (1978)
- Legal adviser to the Cortes Generales (1981–1984)
- Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid (1982–1984), Visiting Professor at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg (1984–1989) and Professor of EU Law at CEU San Pablo University (1984–1992)
- Special adviser in the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1984–1992)
- Member of the European Parliament for the European People’s Party (EPP), EPP coordinator and spokesman in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (1992–2011)
- Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation to the EU’s Convention on the Charter of Fundamental Rights (1999–2000)
- Chairman of the European Parliament Delegation to the Convention on the Future of Europe (2002–2003) and European Parliament representative at the Intergovernmental Conference that approved the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe (2003–2004)
- Holder of the Jean Monnet Chair in ‘European Institutions’ at the Complutense University of Madrid (1999–2003) and Honorary Jean Monnet Professor (since 2003)
- President of the Administrative Council of the College of Europe (since 2009)
- State Secretary for European Union (since 2011)