

Short biography of Josep Borrell Fontelles

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- Born on 24 April 1947 in La Pobla de Segur (Lleida, Spain)
- Nationality: Spanish
- Graduated in aeronautical engineering from the Technical University of Madrid and completed a PhD in Economic Sciences at the Complutense University of Madrid
- Engineer at the Spanish petroleum company CEPSA (1975–1982)
- Member of the Madrid Regional Government for the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE) (1979–1983)
- Secretary-General with responsibility for the budget in the Ministry of the Economy (1982–1984)
- State Secretary for Finance (1984–1991)
- Minister for Public Works and Transport (1991–1996)
- Professor of Economic Analysis and Mathematics at the Complutense University of Madrid (1982–2012)
- Member of the Spanish Parliament for the Socialists' Party of Catalonia (PSC) (1996–2004) and Chairman of the Spanish Cortes Joint Committee for European Union Affairs (1999–2004)
- Member of the Convention on the Future of Europe (2002–2003)
- Member of the European Parliament for the Party of European Socialists (PES) (2004–2009), President of the European Parliament (2004–2007)
- President of the European University Institute, Florence (2010–2012)
- Member of the Board of Directors of Abengoa, S.A. (since 2009) and Chairman of the Global Progressive Forum (2007–2011)
- Holder of a Jean Monnet Chair at the Complutense University of Madrid (since 2013)