



Josep Borrell Fontelles, born on the 24th of April 1947 in La Pobla de Segur (Lleida), is a Spanish Catalan politician, member of Socialist Party of Catalonia (Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya). Elected for the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), he sits with the Party of European Socialists group, and is the leader of the Spanish delegation. Since January 2010, he is President of the European University Institute in Florence, in Italy.

Josep Borrell is an Aeronautic Engineer, having qualified at the Polytechnic University of Madrid. He has a master degree in Operations Research from the Stanford University and also a master degree in Economic Energy at the French Institute of Petroleum. He obtained a PhD in Economics from the Complutense University of Madrid, where he is the holder of a Chair in Mathematical Economics.

Between 1972 and 1981, he worked as an engineer at the Compañía Española de Petróleos S.A. (CEPSA), where he also was union representative.

His political career

In 1982, Josep Borrell was nominated General Secretary for the Budget at the Ministry of Economy and Finance. From 1984 - 1991, he was Secretary of State for Budget, Taxation and Economic Planning.

In 1986, he was elected deputy of the Province of Barcelona.

In 1991, he was nominated Minister for Public Works, Transport, Environment, Housing and Telecommunications

Josep Borrell was President of the European Parliament from 20 July 2004 until 16 January 2007. From January 2007 to June 2009 he was chair of the Committee on Development.

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