

Joaquín ALMUNIA

Personal details

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

Current duties

- Since February 2010: Commissioner for competition

Political career

- Since April 2004: Member of the European Commission: (April 2004- February 2010: Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs)
- 2000 elections: Socialist candidate for Prime Minister
- 1997-2000, Leader of the PSOE
- 1994-1997, Spokesperson 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

- Associate Lecturer at the University of Alcalá de Henares (Madrid) on Employment and Social Security Law
- “Senior managers in Government” program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- Follow-up studies at L’École Pratique des Hautes Études de Paris
- Graduated in Law and Economics at the University of Deusto (Bilbao)

Languages

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