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Nationality: Spanish

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

At present

1. **Secretary-General of the European People's Party (EPP)** (since 2002)
2. Member of the National Board of the *Partido Popular* (PP), Spain
3. Executive-Secretary, Centrist Democrat Internacional (CDI)
4. Secretary-General and Treasurer of the Centre for European Studies (CES), Belgium
5. Executive-Secretary of *Fondation d' Etudes Européennes*
6. **Member of the European Parliament**, EPP Group (since 2004):
  - Legal Affairs Committee, Member
  - Foreign Affairs Committee, Substitute
  - Subcommittee on Security and Defence, Substitute

1999-2002                      Personal Adviser to José María Aznar, Former Prime Minister of Spain

1997-1999                     Assistant to the spokesperson of the Spanish Delegation in the European Parliament

1996-1997                    PP Coordinator in the fields of Education and Culture to the *Comunidad Autónoma* of Madrid

1994-1997                    International Secretariat of *Nuevas Generaciones*, PP youth movement

**LANGUAGES:**              Spanish, French, English and Italian

**EDUCATION**

2008-2009                    Postgraduate degree in Public Management Leadership, IESE Business School, University of Navarra, Madrid (Spain)

1989-1994                    Law Degree and Diploma in Business Studies, San Pablo CEU University, Madrid (Spain)