

Biography

ANTONIO VITORINO

PRESIDENT OF NOTRE EUROPE - JACQUES DELORS INSTITUT

António Vitorino, born in 1957 in Lisbon, holds a degree in law from the University of Lisbon and a master's degree in political science.

A lawyer by profession, he has taught at the University of Lisbon since 1982. Elected to parliament in 1980, he was Minister for Parliamentary Affairs in the government of Mario Soares (1983-85), then Deputy Secretary in the government of Macau (1986-87).

He was a judge on Portugal's constitutional court (1989-94) before being elected MEP in 1994. In 1995 he became Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Portugal.

In 1999 António Vitorino was appointed European Commissioner for Justice and Internal Affairs, a post he occupied until 2004. As a representative of the European Commission he took part in both the convention which drew up the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Convention on the Future of Europe. Since 2005 he has been president of the general assembly of the Santander Totta bank and an associate at the law firm Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados.

