

## **Currículum Xavier Prats Monné**

Xavier Prats Monné has spent most of his professional career at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. He is currently the special advisor of Teach For All, a global non-profit organization based in the United States whose mission is to expand educational opportunities, and sits on the Boards of Teach For All for Europe, Spain and Belgium. In November 2022 he was appointed president of the Board of Governors of the Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau in Barcelona.

He is the president of the Europe Committee of the King Baudoin Foundation (Belgium), the public health advisor of the Jacques Delors Institute (Paris), the advisor for strategic initiatives at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) and advisor of the Fundación Conocimiento y Desarrollo (CYD). He is also advisor at ASTANOR, an impact venture capital investor focussing on agritech and the sustainability of food systems.

He sits on the Board of various non-profit organizations, including Make Mothers Matter (UNESCO), and the Strategy Advisory Board of the Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR). He is a member of the IEEF (Institut d'Estudis Estratègics de Foment, Barcelona) and DIKTIO (Athens) think tanks.

Previously, in his capacity as the Director-general of health and food safety of the European Commission (2015-2018), he was responsible for the European Union's policies and programmes in the field of public health, representing the European Commission at the Governing Boards of the European Medicines Agency (EMA, London), of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC, Stockholm) and of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA, Parma).

From 2011 to 2015 he was first Deputy and then Director-general for education and culture at the European Commission. In this capacity he was responsible for the educational and cultural policies and programs of the EU, including Erasmus, Marie Curie and Creative Europe; he represented the European Commission in the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT, Budapest), an institution created by the EU to strengthen the capacity for innovation in Europe.

Among his previous responsibilities within the European Commission, he served as Director of employment policies and the European Social Fund and became one of the five founding members of the European Commission's Impact Assessment Board. He also served as deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice- President for international relations; as advisor to the Commissioner for Cohesion and Regional Policy; and as assistant spokesperson to Commission President Jacques Delors.

In 2016 he received the Civil Order of Alfonso X el Sabio, granted by Spain in recognition of merit in the fields of education, science, culture and research. He holds an honorary doctorate from the Rovira i Virgili University (URV).

He holds a degree in anthropology from the Complutense University of Madrid, and obtained a postgraduate degree (DEA) in economic development policies from the Centre International des Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes (DESS, CIHEAM, Montpellier), and in European Studies from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) where he graduated first of the Class of 1981-82 and served as assistant professor. He completed his primary and secondary education at the Istituto Massimo of Rome, Italy. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Catalan, French and Italian.