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**Mr Pedro Rollán Ojeda**

*President of the Spanish Senate*



Pedro Rollán (born, March 21, 1969), is a Spanish politician of the Popular Party, senator for Madrid since 2019 and president of the Senate since 2023. Previously, he was acting president of the Community of Madrid between April and August 2019.

Rollán began his political career at the local level, being a councilor of Torrejón de Ardoz between 2003 and 2015, as well as mayor of the same municipality between 2007 and 2015. He ran in the 2015 municipal elections, being elected deputy of the Madrid Assembly, and he left the mayor's office at the end of June of that year after being appointed Minister of Infrastructure, Transportation and Housing by President Cristina Cifuentes. In 2017, he was appointed Minister of the Environment, Territorial Planning and Local Administration.

## **Ms María Lledó Laredo**

*Secretary General for the European Union at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation*

María Dolores Lledó Laredo has a degree in Economic Sciences (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) and a degree in Political Science (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia).



She entered the diplomatic corps on 1 July 1999.

At the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Madrid, she has been Head of Consular Action Service in the General Directorate of Legal and Consular Affairs and Head of the Coordination and Cooperation Service in the General Directorate of Political Affairs and for the United Nations. Subsequently, she held the positions of Vocal Advisor in the cabinet of the Minister and Director of the Cabinet of the Secretariat of State for International Cooperation.

She has been stationed at the embassies of Morocco and London and has been Consul General in Algiers and Deputy Consul General in Bogotá.

In the Representation of Spain before the EU, she has performed the functions of Deputy Permanent Representative before the Political and Security Committee and Parliamentary Affairs Council.

She is currently the Director General for the Coordination of the Internal Market and other Community Policies.

## Mr Francisco de Borja Fanjul Fernández-Pita

### President of the Plenary of the City Council of Madrid



Francisco de Borja Fanjul Fernández-Pita (Madrid, December 19, 1975) is a Spanish jurist and politician of the Popular Party (PP), councilor since 2015 and second deputy mayor of the Madrid City Council since June 2019. He was a deputy of the IX legislature of the Madrid Assembly.

Candidate at number 18 on the PP list for the 2015 municipal elections in Madrid, he was elected councilor of the Madrid City Council. Appointed as general director of Disability Support Policies, he ceased as councilor in November 2016. He returned to be elected councilor in the 2019 municipal elections.

When José Luis Martínez-Almeida was sworn in as mayor of Madrid in June 2019, he delegated his duties as president of the plenary session to Fanjul, appointing him second deputy mayor of the Madrid council. Fanjul was also appointed councilor-president of the districts of Puente de Vallecas and Usera. However, he was dismissed a little later—in July 2019—from his position as head of the Usera council-presidency.

## **Ms Francina Armengol** *President of the Congress of Deputies*



Francina Armengol is a politician who has developed her career in the Balearic Islands, her birthplace. In fact, she is the current general secretary of the Socialist Party of the Balearic Islands (PSIB-PSOE).

Although she studied Pharmacy, she soon directed her steps to the world of politics, becoming the president of the Government of the Balearic Islands, the first woman to hold the position, from 2015 to 2023.

Armengol has obtained a seat in Congress as a representative for the Balearic Islands and, as of the vote this Thursday, August 17, 2023, she has become the president of the Congress of Deputies during the 15th legislature, for absolute majority in the first vote.

## **Mr Enrique Barón Crespo** Former President of the European Parliament and FMA

Enrique Barón Crespo was born in Madrid, 1944. He speaks seven European languages. He was the Former President of the European Parliament (1989-92), President the Socialist and Democrats in the EP (1999-2004), Member of the European Parliament (1986-2008). He also was the the FMA's President from 2014-2018. In his function as MEP he was the Former Chairman to the Foreign Affairs Committee and to the International Trade Committee of the EP.



He was the Former Minister of the Spanish Government which adhered to the EC (1982-85) and a Former Member of the Spanish National Parliament (1977-87). He is a Chair Jean Monnet “ad honorem”, visiting Professor in Universities all over the World and a lawyer and Economist. P.H.D. in Law and Economics (Universidad Complutense, ICADE – Madrid ) & Diplômé Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (ESSEC).

## **Mr Luis Planas Puchades**

*Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food*



Luis Planas Puchades (born 20 november 1952, Valencia) has a degree in Law and is a labor and social security Inspector. Since 2018, he is the Minister for Agriculture, fisheries and food. From 2014-2018, he was the Secretary General of the European Economic and Social Committee.

From 1986 - 1993, Puchades was a Member of the European Parliament. He was a Member of the Foreign Affairs Commission and the Institutional Affairs Commission, as well as a Member of the Delegation for relations with the US Congress. He is a member of the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party (PSOE).

## **Ms Cristina Gallach Figueras**

**Special Commissioner for the Alliance of the new economy of the Language, Ministry of Economy**

A journalist by training, she has a degree from the Autonomous University of Barcelona in Information Sciences (1982) and a Master in International Relations from Columbia University in NY (Graduation 1986, with a Fulbright scholarship).

She was appointed Special Commissioner for the Alliance for the New Language Economy by Royal Decree 171/2022, in March 2022.

Before, she was a senior official of the European Union. She also was the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and for Latin America and the Caribbean between February 2020 – July 2021.



**Friday 20 October**

**Mr Pablo Bellido**

*President of the Cortes de Castilla la Mancha*

Pablo Bellido Acevedo (born 23 April 1976 in La Línea de la Concepción, Cádiz) currently holds the position of president of the Cortes of Castilla-La Mancha, in the X Legislature of the parliament of this autonomous community. He was elected in plenary session on June 19, 2019 with a total of 23 votes of the 33 cast in the chamber, the 19 of the Parliamentary Group of the PSOE and the four of the Parliamentary Group of Citizens.



He was mayor of Azuqueca de Henares (Guadalajara) between 2007 and 2015. Since March 2012 he is also secretary general of the PSOE in the province of Guadalajara and from 2016 to 2019 he was a deputy in the Congress of Deputies for the province of Guadalajara.