

FULL BIOGRAPHY OF JACQUES DELORS

Founding President of the Jacques Delors Institute, former President of the European Commission, former French Cabinet Minister, European Citizen of honor

Jacques Delors was born in Paris in 1925 and started his career at the *Banque de France* in 1945. He worked there until 1962, and was a member of the Economic and Social Council. He became head of the social affairs department of the General Planning Committee until 1969 before being appointed General Secretary for Permanent Training and Social Promotion (1969-1973). He was a member of Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas's cabinet (1969-1972), then associate professor at the University of Paris-Dauphine (1974-1979) and was also teaching at the *Ecole Nationale d'Administration*.

He was member of the General Council of the Banque de France (1973-1979), member of the French Socialist Party since 1974, and was elected as a Member of the European Parliament in 1979 where he chaired the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee until May 1981.

From May 1981 to July 1984, Jacques Delors served as Minister of Economics and Finance. In the meanwhile he was elected Mayor of the city of Clichy (1983-1984). He was appointed in 1985 President of the European Commission for three mandates until 1995.

From 1992 to 1996, he chaired UNESCO's International Commission on Education for the 21st century.

He was, from 1995 to 1999 President of the Board of the College of Europe in Bruges.

In October 1996, Jacques Delors founded the European think tank *Notre Europe*, that became in 2012 *Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute*, and is today its founding President. In May 2000 he was appointed President of the CERC (*Conseil de l'emploi, des revenus et de la cohésion sociale*) until July 2009.

Jacques Delors is author of various books, e.g. *Les Indicateurs Sociaux* (1971), *Changer* (1975), *En sortir ou pas* (1985), *Le Nouveau Concert Européen* (1992), *L'Unité d'un Homme* (1994), *Combats pour l'Europe* (1996). *Mémoires* - with Jean-Louis Arnaud- (2004), *Investir dans le social* - with Michel Dollé (2009). He has been awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa by 30 universities and won various prizes and distinctions.