

José Manuel Albares Bueno

Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation



DUTIES

The duties of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation are to oversee the planning and implementation of the State's foreign policy, relations with the European Union, and international cooperation.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree in Law from Deusto University, with a specialization in legal and economic affairs, and Diploma in Business Studies (1995).

Diploma in National Defence from the Centre for National Defence Studies (graduate of the thirty-third edition of the course) (CESEDEN) (2013).

Expert in Cultural Management Abroad from Carlos III University in collaboration with Spain's Diplomatic School (2017).

POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (2021-present).

Ambassador of Spain to the French Republic and the Principality of Monaco (2020-2021).

Secretary-General for International Affairs, European Union, G20 and Global Security in the Office of the President of the Government (2018-2020).

As a career diplomat since 2000 he has held a number of senior positions at the headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Madrid, as well as in Colombia and France and at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Deputy for Madrid in the Congress of Deputies (fifteenth term of Parliament).

DECORATIONS

The Minister has been awarded the Commander by Number of the Order of Isabella the Catholic; the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany; the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic; the Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Polar Star of Sweden; the Grand Cross of the Order of the Dannebrog of the Kingdom of Denmark; the Grand Cross of the Order of San Carlos of the Republic of Colombia; the Grand Cross of the Order of Boyacá of the Republic of Colombia; the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit for Distinguished Services in Peru; the Grand Cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; the Medal of the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise of Ukraine; Grand Officer of the National Order of the Star of the Republic of Romania and the Grand Cross of the Order of the Star of the Italian Republic. He has also received the Foreign Policy Association Medal.