

ELENA SALGADO MÉNDEZ

Ourense, España (1949)



1. CURRENT ACTIVITY

April 8th 2009- Second Vice-President and Minister of Economy and Financial Affairs

2. PREVIOUS ACTIVITY

July 2007- April 2009 Minister of Public Administration

- Cooperation with Autonomous Communities (regional Administrations) and Local Corporations.
- Reform and modernization of the State Public Administration.

April 2004 – July 2007 Minister of Health and Consumer Affairs:

May 2005- May 2006 President of the 58th World Health Assembly

1997 – 2004 Held top-level managerial posts in various private companies in the technology sector.

- Chair of the Board of Directors of Telegate Spain.
- Chief Executive Officer of Vallehermoso Telecom.
- Managing Director of Lenzi Consulting.

1991 – 1996 Secretary General for Communications of the Ministry of Public Works, Transport and the Environment

- Chair of the Board of Directors of *Correos* (Spanish Postal Service), heading the process of modernization of its services.
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- Chair of the Telecommunications Regulatory Board and representative of the Spanish Government at the Board of Directors of *Telefónica* (Spanish Telephone Company, at the time a publicly-owned telecommunications company).
- Head of the Spanish delegation at the EU Council of Ministers Telecommunications meetings, with an active role in the process of liberalization of telecommunications in Europe.

1985 – 1991

Director General for Personnel Costs and Public Pensions

(Ministry of Economy and Finance)

- She implemented the reform of the structure of the State Administration wage and salaries system, including the Armed Forces, the State Security Forces and the Diplomatic Service.
- She implemented the comprehensive transformation of the wage and salaries system, the working hours and the career structure of all the professional staff of the National Health Service.
- Overall reform of the public pensions system.

1982 – 1984

Director of the Studies Department at the Institute for Small and Medium-sized Businesses (Ministry of Industry and Trade).

1976 – 1982

Head of the Economy Department at the *Escuela de Organización Industrial* (EOI Business School).

Universities

- **Polytechnic University of Madrid**
Member of the Council (1988-1992 and 1999-2002)

Public Companies

- **Retevisión:** Television Transport and Distribution Network
Chair of the Regulatory Board (1991-1996)
 - **Hispasat S.A.** National Satellite Company
Chair of the Board of Directors (1991-1996)
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- **Caja Postal** Postal Savings Bank
Member of the Board of Directors (1991-1996)
- **Hunosa** Main Coal Mining Company
Member of the Board of Directors (1985-1991)
- **RENFE** National Railway Company
Member of the Board of Directors (1985-1991)
- **Transmediterránea** National Shipping Company
Member of the Board of Directors (1985-1991)
- **Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre** National Mint
Member of the Board of Directors (1985-1991)

Private Companies

- **Abertis Telecom** Member of the Board of Directors (2003)
- **Arthur Andersen** Member of the Advisory Board (1999-2000)

3. ACADEMIC EDUCATION

1966 - 1972 **Polytechnic University of Madrid**
Industrial Engineer, specializing in Energy and Organization

1972 - 1977 ***Complutense* University of Madrid**
Graduate in Economic Science

1972- 1973 **Masters Degree in Business Administration from the EOI Business School**

LANGUAGES English and French (Proficiency Level)
Mother Tongue: Spanish

4. AWARDS AND HONOURS

1996 **Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit**

1987 **Grand Cross of the Order of Military Merit in peace time.**

5. LEISURE

- **Classical music**

 - **Sports and outdoor activities: hiking, trekking and swimming.**
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