

# Vladimír Špidla

Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities



## Personal details

Nationality: Czech

Born: April 22nd, 1951 in Prague, Czech Republic

Married, 2 sons

## Education

1974 : Charles University of Prague,  
Master Degree at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

1976 : Charles University of Prague,  
PhD. in History and Prehistory

## Career

Since 2004 : Member of the European Commission

2002-2004 : Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

2001-2004 : Chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party (CSSD)

1998-2002 : First Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

1997-2001 : Vice-Chairman of the CSSD

1996-2004 : Member of the Czech Parliament Chamber of Deputies for the CSSD  
Chairman of the Social Policy and Health Care Committee of the Chamber

1991-1996 : Director of Regional Employment Authority in Jindřichův Hradec

1990-1991 : Vice-Chairman of Regional Public Authority in Jindřichův Hradec

1976-1989 : In fact, a respectable person did not make a special career in my country at that time. So, following my studies I occupied different positions in different sectors very often just as a worker:

⌘ saw-mill worker

⌘ scene-shifter

⌘ dairy industry worker

⌘ archaeologist

⌘ public administrator in nature protection and environment

⌘ construction worker

⌘ public administrator in culture heritage preservation

## Hobby

⌘ History and care for historical monuments in particular

⌘ Outdoor sports, particularly cross-country and long distance running