

President of the Commission
of the European Communities
Jacques Delors

Jacques Delors was born in Paris on July 20, 1925. He began his career in 1945 as a writer for the Bank of France. In the early 1950s Mr. Delors became involved in union activities.

From 1962 to 1969 he was seconded from the Bank of France to create and direct the Social Affairs Service for the general commissariat of planning. In 1969, he was appointed counsellor for social and cultural affairs in the office of Prime Minister Chaban-Delmas. He also worked for the United Nations Social Development Research Institute.

In 1981 Mr. Delors was appointed minister of the economy and finance. In 1984 he left the French government and became president of the European Communities.

Jacques Delors is one of the main authors of the Single European Act (1992), and has promoted a European economic and monetary plan.

Mr. Delors is married and has two children.

