

## Xavier PRATS MONNÉ

Xavier Prats Monné is the Special Advisor of [Teach For All](#), a global non-profit organisation whose mission is to expand educational opportunity around the world, and he sits on the Board of Teach For All's partners in [Spain](#) and [Belgium](#). He is also the Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives of the Open University of Catalonia ([UOC](#)), and Chief Advisor to the Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology ([EIT-Health](#)), an institution created by the European Union in 2008 to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate. He is the President of the Europe Committee of the [King Baudoin Foundation](#) and sits on the Board of several non-profit organisations, including the eHealth Centre of the UOC. He is strategy advisor at [Astanor](#), an impact investor aiming to scale a regenerative, connected agriculture and food system which protects the planet and supports a healthy, sustainable global population.

From Sept. 2015 to Sept. 2018, he was the [Director-General for Health and Food Safety](#) of the European Commission. In this capacity he was responsible for the European Union's policies and programmes in health and food safety, including: the promotion of public health; the assessment of national healthcare systems; pharmaceutical legislation; animal health and welfare; plant health; and the strengthening of Europe's capacity to deal with crisis situations in human health as well as in the food sector. He also represented the European Commission in the Governing Board of the [European Medicines Agency](#) (EMA, London), the [European Food Safety Authority](#) (EFSA, Parma) and in the [European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#) (ECDC, Stockholm), as well as at the World Health Organisation.

Between 2011 and 2015 he was first Deputy Director-General and then the [Director-General for Education and Culture](#). In this capacity, he was responsible for the European Union's education and culture policies and programmes, including [Erasmus+](#), [Marie Curie](#), and [Creative Europe](#), and he represented the European Commission on the Governing Board of the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT, Budapest) and on the Advisory Board of [EIT-Health](#).

Among his previous responsibilities in the European Commission, he served as Director for employment policy and was one of the five founding members of the European Commission's Impact Assessment Board, reporting to the President. He also served as Deputy Head of Cabinet of the [Vice-President for international relations](#); as Advisor of the Commissioner for Regional policy; and as Assistant Spokesman of the President, Mr Jacques Delors.

He is the recipient of Spain's *Orden Civil de Alfonso X el Sabio*, awarded in recognition of merit in the fields of education, science, culture and research. He received a Doctorate honoris causa from the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Spain), and he advises the Open University of Catalonia (UOC, Barcelona) on innovation and strategic initiatives and is a member of the Advisory Board of its eHealth Centre.

He holds degrees in social sciences (Anthropology major) from the *Universidad Complutense* of Madrid (Licenciatura); in development policy from the *Centre International des Hautes Études Méditerranéennes* of Montpellier, France (DEA); and in European Studies from the *College of Europe* of Bruges, Belgium, where he graduated first of the Class of 1981-82 and served as assistant professor. He completed his primary and secondary education ("Maturità Scientifica") at the *Istituto Massimo* of Rome, Italy. He is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Italian and Catalan.

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