

Antonio Tajani

Personal details

- Born in Rome on 4 August 1953
- Married with 2 children
- He has lived in Paris, Bologna and Rome.

Current duties

- European Commission's Vice-President and commissioner responsible for Transport as from 9 May 2008.

Political career

- Member of the Bureau of the Group of the European People's Party. He has taken part in all EPP summits in preparation of the European Councils.
- Vice-Chair of the European People's Party, elected at the EEP Congress in Estoril in 2002 and re-elected at the EEP Congress in Rome in 2006. Member of the Bureau of the Group of the European People's Party.
- Member of the Convention on the Future of Europe, which drew up the text of the European Constitution.
- Head of the Forza Italia delegation in the European Parliament from June 1999 until May 2008.
- During his 15 years of parliamentary activity he took part in many committees (Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Affairs, at the time chaired by the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano, Transport and Tourism, Fisheries, Security and Defence).
- Elected as member of the European Parliament in 1994, 1999 and 2004 with over 120 000 preference votes.
- Spokesman for the President of the Italian Council of Ministers during the first Berlusconi Government.
- Together with Silvio Berlusconi, he was one of the signatories of the founding act of Forza Italia.

Professional career

- Special correspondent in Lebanon, the Soviet Union and Somalia
- Head of the Rome editorial office of the Italian daily 'Il Giornale'
- Professional journalist and parliamentary journalist Editor of the Italian weekly 'Il Settimanale' Presenter for the RAI 1 radio news programme
- Officer of the Italian Air Force. He completed officer training at the Florence AirWarfare School (Scuola di Guerra Aerea) and attended a specialisation course for Air Defence Controller at the Training Technical Centre at Borgo Piave. Assigned to the Operational Base of the 33rd Air Force Radar Centre, he worked as Air Defence Controller and was Head of the Operations Room monitoring Italian and European civil and military air traffic.

Education

- Degree in Law from 'La Sapienza' University
- Classical studies at the 'Torquato Tasso' secondary school, Rome

Languages

- Italian: mother tongue
- English and French