

Brief Profile

Gaspar Frontini, a Spanish national, is Chief Economist in the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission, a responsibility he has held since 2003. Former student of the Paris-based institution Sciences Po, he holds a PhD in economics from the French Fondation Nationale de Sciences Politiques and has a strong experience in trade and development issues. Since 1986 he has occupied several high level positions in the European Commission, working for the Directorate General for Development, where he was among others Assistant to the Director General in 1997 and Head of the Regional Coordination Unit in 2000. He also holds degrees in Trade Policy from Harvard University and in International Trade Law from the College of Europe.

Mr. Frontini is closely involved with policy development at the Commission, not least in the context of the ongoing global economic and financial crisis. He is also leading an internal project that aims to map out policy options for the EU's trade policy during the term of the next Commission (2009 – 2014), which is due to take office before the end of the year.