



Guillermo de la Dehesa

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Born in Madrid in 1941, Guillermo De la Dehesa studied Law and Economics at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. Later, he became a Government Economist in 1968 and served at the Ministries of Trade, Industry and Energy and Economy and Finance. In these ministries and between 1978 and 1988, he was appointed, successively, Director General of Trade, Secretary General of Industry and Energy, Secretary General of Trade, Secretary of State of Economy and Finance and Secretary of the Commission for Economic Affairs of the Council of Ministers. He also worked at the Bank of Spain as Director for International Affairs and Foreign Reserves Management, between 1980 and 1983.

During those Government years Mr. De la Dehesa participated in the negotiations for accession of Spain to the European Union and, later, became a member of the 113 Committee, and of ECOFIN. He was also a member of the OECD Ministerial meetings, Deputy Governor of the IMF and the World Bank and Governor of the Inter American, Asian and African Development Banks for several years.

Since 1988, Mr. De la Dehesa has held different positions in the private sector (CEO of Banco Pastor, Chairman of Gas Madrid, Chairman of Plus Ultra, Vice Chairman of Hullas de Coto Cortes and Director of Cubiertas-MZOV) and today he is an Independent Director and member of the Executive Committee of Banco Santander, as well as independent director of Amadeus IT Holding, Campofrío Food Group and Aviva Corporation, in Madrid. He is also International Advisor of Goldman Sachs.

Mr. De la Dehesa is very involved in academic activities related to economics. He is Chairman of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), in London, Chairman of the European Central Bank Observatory, (OBCE) in Madrid, Chairman of the Network for Economic Research on Electronic Communications (NEREC) in Madrid, member of the Euro 50 Group, in Brussels, Chairman of the Board of the IE Business School, in Madrid, member of the Advisory Board of CREI at the University Pompeu Fabra, in Barcelona and member of the scientific advisory board of the Instituto de Estudios Europeos and of the Instituto Elcano, in Madrid, and Chairman of the advisory board of ESCP-EAP in Paris. He is also member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce ICC, in Paris and a monetary expert of the Economic and Monetary Committee of the European Parliament.



Guillermo De la Dehesa has written 6 books and coauthored another 18 books on economics, published in Spanish, and written 4 books and coauthored another 14 books on economics, published in English and author of 1 book in French and 1 in Chinese. He has published more than 90 papers in economic journals and more than 300 articles published in newspapers and magazines. He is a regular columnist at the following leading newspapers: “El País” in Madrid and less regular in “La Nación” in Buenos Aires, “Gazeta Mercantil” in Sao Paulo and “Reforma” in Mexico.

He is Chairman of the Trustees of the Reina Sofía Contemporary Art Museum and a Trustee of the Prado Museum and the Círculo de Bellas Artes all in Madrid.