



# Francisco Antonio Blanco

Secretary-General for Industry and SMEs

**MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & TOURISM**

Degree in Economics and Business Administration. PhD in Economics. Associate Professor at the University of Oviedo from 1993 to 1997, year in which he obtained a position as Professor of Applied Economics at the same university, to which he remains linked.

Director-General for Economic and Financial Affairs of the City Council of Gijón (2007-2011), responsible for the areas of budgeting, taxation, accounting and assets.

City councillor in the City Council of Gijón from 2011 to 2015, a position he combined with his duties as a professor.

In 2015 he was appointed as Minister of Employment, Industry and Tourism of the Government of the Principality of Asturias.

In 2019 he was elected senator in the thirteenth and fourteenth legislatures, a position in which he has remained until his appointment as Secretary-General for Industry and Small and Medium Enterprises. As a senator, he has been the spokesman for the Socialist Parliamentary Group in the Senate in the Industry, Trade and Tourism Commission.

In addition, he has held various positions in different organisations, such as President of the Institute for the Economic Development of the Principality of Asturias, the Public Society for Tourism and Cultural Management and Promotion, and the Society for Foreign Promotion. He has also held the position of Vice-president of the Regional Society for Promotion, and has been a member of the board of directors of PYMAR (Small and Medium Reconverted Shipyards) and the Port of Gijón.