

# ALBERTO RUIZ-GALLARDÓN

*Former Minister of Justice*



Stakeholder at the ONE OF US Forum opening ceremony  
(10h30 to 11h30)

## CAREER PATH

Alberto Ruiz-Gallardón (Madrid, 11 December 1958), was a Permanent Member of the Advisory Council of the Community of Madrid, in his capacity as former President of the Community of Madrid, between 25 September 2014 and 31 December 2015.

As Minister for Justice, he formed part of the Spanish government from his appointment on 22 December 2011 until his resignation on 24 September 2014.

His political career began in 1977, when he joined the recently formed Alianza Popular (People's Alliance), a movement that would later be relaunched in 1989 as the Partido Popular (People's Party).

He has held several positions of responsibility both within the party (member of the Executive Committee and secretary-general in 1986, vice-president in 1987, member of the National Executive Committee in 1989) and in a variety of institutions (Madrid city councillor in 1983, deputy of the Madrid Assembly in 1987, 1991, 1995 and 1999, senator in 1987, 1989 and 1993, president of the Community of Madrid in 1995 and 1999 and mayor of Madrid in 2003, 2007 and 2011).

Of the seven elections he has contested as leading candidate, he has won on six occasions, five of these with a big enough majority to govern. In 2007, he won re-election as mayor with the largest number of votes in the city's history and later went on to win re-election for a third term.

In the general elections of 20 November 2011, he was elected Deputy to Congress for Madrid, but resigned his post of deputy on 24 September 2014.

A Law graduate, he is currently a non-practising member of the legal profession, for which he qualified with the second-best grade in his class. He is married with four children.