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Biography : Iratxe García Pérez is the president of the S&D Group

Iratxe García Pérez has been a member of the Group of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament since 2004.

She was born in Barakaldo (Basque Country) in 1974, but her family moved to Laguna de Duero (Valladolid) when she was three, and this is where she grew up.

She has a degree in Social Work from the University of Valladolid (1995) and started her professional career as a social educator in vocational training courses.

She became engaged in politics in 1993, in municipal and regional youth organisations.

Between 1995 and 2000 she was a member of Laguna de Duero Municipal Council and a member of Valladolid Provincial Assembly. From 2000 until 2004 she was a member of the Spanish Parliament.

Iratxe García has been a member of the Federal Executive Board of PSOE since 2014, when she became PSOE's Federal Secretary for EU affairs.

From 2014 to 2017 she was the chair of the parliamentary committee on women's rights and gender equality, and then from 2017 until the end of the last term she was the S&D coordinator in this committee.

She has been president of the Spanish Socialist Delegation in the European Parliament (from June 2017, and July 2014 to October 2016)

In previous legislative terms, she has been a member of the committee on regional development; member of the committee on agriculture and rural development; member of the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula and member of the Intergroup on 'Disability'.

She is also the first vice-president of the Party of the European Socialists (PES) since 2018, and before that, she was a member of the executive board of PES Women.