

## **Secretary-General: Petr Blížkovský**

Petr Blížkovský was appointed Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions on 7 October 2019, for a period of five years. In 2024 his mandate was prolonged for another two years.



Over a career spanning nearly three decades in various public roles, Petr Blížkovský has been a member of a city council and a university lecturer, and served in a number of positions in the Czech and European civil services. He was also a young elected politician during the Velvet Revolution.

He has a master degree in agriculture and obtained a PhD in Economics and Management from Brno's Mendel University.

In 2020 he was appointed professor by the President of the Czech Republic. He gives lectures at the Mendel University and at the Free university of Brussels.

### **Public career**

#### **Since 2019**

European Committee of the Regions

- Secretary-General

#### **2004 - 2019**

Council of the European Union

- Director for Agriculture and Social Policy
- Director for Rural Development, Agricultural Structures, Forests, Phytosanitary, Food Safety
- Director for Economic and Regional Affairs

#### **1999 - 2004**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

- Director of the EU Department
- Head of the Section for Agriculture, Trade and Environment of the Mission of the Czech Republic to the EU

#### **1992 - 1998**

Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

- Deputy Head of Cabinet to the Deputy Prime Minister
- Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture

#### **1994 - 1997**

Member of the Executive Board, State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic

#### **1990 - 1991**

Elected Member of Brno City Council (400 000 population)