Pascal Lamy



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He began his career in the French civil service at the General Inspectorate of Finance and at the Treasury. In 1981 he became advisor of the Minister of Economy and Finance, Jacques Delors, then Deputy Head of Prime Minister's Pierre Mauroy cabinet in 1983.

Between 1985 and 1994, Pascal Lamy was Head of the President of the European Commission's Cabinet, Jacques Delors, and its "sherpa" at the G-7.

In 1994 he joined the team in charge of the recovery of the French bank Crédit Lyonnais then becoming its CEO up to its privatization in 1999. He then returned to the European Commission having been appointed as Commissioner for Trade under the presidency of Romano Prodi.

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Pascal Lamy also proved his commitment to the European Union and its vision of globalization through several publications:

- Quand la France s'éveillera (Odile Jacob, 2014)
- The Geneva Consensus, (Cambridge University Press, 2013)
- Now for the Long Term (Report of the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations, 2013)
- La Démocratie-monde Pour une autre gouvernance globale (Seuil, 2004)
- L'Europe en première ligne (Seuil, 2002)
- L'Europe de nos volontés (with J. Pisani- Ferry, Plon, 2002 The Europe we want, Arch Press / The Policy Network, 2002)
- Report "Monde-Europe", chaired by P. Lamy in the XIth plan of the Commissariat général du Plan (Dunod, 1993)

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