

# Alberto DE GREGORIO MERINO



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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**December 2015 - today**

**Council of the European Union, Legal Service, Directorate 6, Economic and financial affairs/EU Budget/Structural Funds  
Director**

**Main tasks**

- Management of the staff integrated within the Directorate.
- Legal advice and written or oral opinions on legal and institutional questions to the Council, Coreper or other preparatory instances of the Council as well as to the presidency of the Council .
- Assists and represents the European Council or the Council in legal disputes before the EU's courts.

**January 2009 – Dec. 2015:**

**Council of the European Union, Legal Service, Directorate 2, Economic, monetary and financial matters  
Legal advisor**

**Main tasks**

- **Legal advice and negotiating role in intergovernmental conferences related to Ecofin matters** (IGC on the pool of bilateral loans to Greece (2010), on the European Financial Stability Facility (2010), on the European Stability Mechanism (2011-12), on the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance (2012) and on the transfer and mutualisation of contributions to the Single Resolution Fund (2014))
- **Legal advice to the Council and its preparatory bodies** (including, Ad hoc Working Group on Economic Governance, six pack (2010-11) and two pack, (2012-13), High level group on Financial Supervision (European Supervisory Authorities, 2009), on the Single Supervision Mechanism (2013) and on Banking Resolution (2013-14), the Economic and Financial Committee – EFC - and Eurogroup Working Group - EWG.
- **Legal advice to the cabinet of the president of the European Council** (including, the task Force of the president of the European Council on Economic Governance (2010) and the simplified amendment of the TFEU (new article 136(3) TFEU).
- **Representation of the Council and the European Council before the EU**

**Courts** - including, case Pringle on the legality of the simplified amendment of the TFEU (136(3) TFEU) and of the European Stability Mechanism (2012)

**March 2005-Dec. 2008:** **Council of the European Union, Legal Service, Directorate 2, Agriculture and fisheries**  
**Legal advisor**

Main tasks

- **Legal advice to the Council and its preparatory bodies** (Working Group on external and internal fisheries policy, Special Committee on Agriculture, WTO agricultural related matters, common organisation of the sugar market reform, organic agriculture).
- **Representation of the Council before the EU Courts**

**Nov. 2002-February 2005** **European Commission, DG Trade, Trade Defense Instruments**  
**Legal desk officer**

Main tasks

- **Legal advice on trade defense investigations** (e.g. USA/EU 2004 steel trade dispute).
- **Coordination of work within the Trade Defence instruments Committee** (with Member States).
- **Training of new officials in WTO law related aspects.**

**Sept. 1999-October 2002:** **Cuatrecasas Abogados, Madrid**  
**Lawyer (Madrid Bar)**

- **Legal counsel to legal entities and individuals** (competition law: mergers, vertical and horizontal agreements and state aid measures; corporate and commercial law; banking, financial and securities law - secondment from January 2002 to October 2002 in Credit Suisse Private Banking, Spanish Branch).
- **Litigation before Spanish commercial, civil and administrative Courts.**

**Jan. 1997-October 1999:** **Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law**  
**Assistant professor**

- **Lecturing and researching** (Spanish Administrative and Constitutional Law)

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## EDUCATION

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- LL.M.:**  
(1998-1999) **College of Europe** (Brugge, Belgium): Masters in European Law  
Master thesis in : “The formal validity of arbitration clauses” – supervision by Professor J. Usher.
- Law Degree :**  
(1991-1996) **1) Universidad de Salamanca** (Spain, grade average 9 out of 10):  
**2) Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium):** one-year Erasmus scholarship (1993/94).

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## PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES

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### i) Publications

- **On external relations of the Union**

*"El efecto directo de los acuerdos OMC a la vista de su instrumento de solución de diferencias: evolución jurisprudencial y crítica"*, Gaceta Jurídica de la Unión Europea y de la Competencia, n 240, 2005, pages 3-14

*"Notas en torno a los acuerdos internacionales de pesca"*, Noticias de la Unión Europea, n. 287, 2008, pages 57-71.

*"La Sentencia del Tribunal de Justicia de 3 de junio de 2008, Intertanko e.a., C-308/2006 y la relación entre Derecho internacional y Derecho comunitario"*, Gaceta Jurídica de la Unión Europea y de la Competencia, n 10, 2009, pages 101-108.

- **On economic and monetary union**

*"Legal developments in the Economic and Monetary Union during the debt crisis: the mechanisms of financial assistance"*, Common Market Law Review, n. 10, 2012, pages 101-148 (quoted by the German Constitutional Court in its OMT preliminary reference of 14 January 2014, at paragraph 85).

*"El Derecho de la Unión Europea y el Tratado de estabilidad, coordinación y gobernanza en la Unión Económica y Monetaria"*, Revista española de derecho europeo, n 45, 2013, pages 27-60.

*"Institutional aspects of variable geometry: special consideration of the intergovernmental method"*, Studia Diplomatica, n 3, 2013, pages 101-118.

*"La unión bancaria: comentario editorial"*, Revista General de Derecho europeo, n 33, 2014, pages 1-10.

*"The intergovernmental method as source of democratic legitimacy of the economic and monetary union: a critical view"*, in *"Democracy in the new economic governance of the EU"*, ed. Garzón Clariana, G., Marcial Pons, 2015

### ii) Lectures

"The public debt crisis and its impact on the financial sector", Catholic University of Leuven, Law Faculty, October 2011.

"El nuevo tratado de estabilidad en la Unión Europea: ¿Un instrumento admisible, eficaz, transitorio?", Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, March 2012

"Les implications juridiques du fiscal compact", College of Europe, Bruges, March

2012.

"Legal developments in the economic and monetary union during the debt crisis", FIDE, Sofia, Bulgaria, October 2012.

"Keynote: what has happened and how has it happened: from Maastricht until present", Maastricht Centre for European Law, University of Maastricht, November 2012

"Roundtable on the ECJ Pringle judgment", University of Leiden, The Netherlands, February 2013.

"Los límites constitucionales de la integración económica y monetaria", Fundación Ramón Areces/Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain, March 2013.

"Towards an EU Banking Union: the role of the Single Resolution Mechanism", Brussels, February 2014

"Aspectos jurídicos de la crisis del euro", Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, May, 2014.

"La legitimidad democrática del euro", Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona/Oficina del Parlamento Europeo en Barcelona, Spain, February 2015.

"The European Council, the Eurogroup and new forms of intergovernmental method in economic governance", European Parliament, Brussels 2015.

Rapporteur of the EU institutions for the Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Droit Européen (FIDE), Budapest 2016.

## LANGUAGES

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**Spanish:** mother tongue

	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>English</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<b>French:</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<b>German</b>	Basic	Basic	Good
<b>Dutch</b>	Good	Basic	Good

## OTHER

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**Citizenship/ Date of birth:** Spanish, 28 December 1973  
**Marital status:** Married, 4 children  
**Computer skills:** Operational knowledge (MS Office, Excel, Powerpoint)