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Biography John Bruton



John Bruton was the EU Ambassador to the United States from 2004 to 2009, and previously the Irish Prime Minister.

As a former Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach), John helped transform the Irish economy into the "Celtic Tiger", one of the fastest growing economies in the world. During his time in office from 1994 to 1997, the Irish economy grew at an annual average rate of 8.7%. He was also deeply involved in the Northern Irish Peace Process leading to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

While Prime Minister, John presided over a successful Irish EU Presidency in 1996 and helped finalise the Stability and Growth Pact, which governs the management of the single European currency: the Euro. He represented the EU at Summit meetings with the President of the United States and with the Prime Ministers of Canada, Japan, China and Korea.

In May 2010 John was announced as the chairman of the newly-formed financial services body, IFSC Ireland. His main role is to promote the Republic of Ireland as a location of choice for international financial services.

John is currently the director of two public companies and is associated with several European economic think tanks, including the European Institute in the LSE, the Transatlantic Institute in Johns Hopkins University, and the Centre For European Policy Studies in Brussels.

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