

BIOGRAPHY

- Name and surname:** Vladimír Špidla
- Date of birth:** 22 April, 1951, born in Prague
- Family status:** married for the second time; he has two sons from the first marriage and a son and a daughter from the first marriage of his wife
- Education:** 1970 – graduated from High School
1976 – graduated from the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University in Prague, he majored in history and prehistory
- Professional career:** until 1989 – employed as a clerk in the Cultural Department of the Town Hall of Jindřichův Hradec, archeologist in the District Museum of Jindřichův Hradec, industrial plant worker; he also took up diverse blue-collar jobs
1990 – became Vice-Chairman of the Town Hall of Jindřichův Hradec responsible for Education, Health Care, Social Affairs and Culture
1991-1996 – Director of the Labour Office in Jindřichův Hradec
1992 – became a member of the Presidium of the Social Democrat Party (ČSSD)
1996 – elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Committee for Social Policy and Health Care of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic
March 1997 – elected Vice-Chairman of the Social Democrat Party
July 1998 – June 2002 – First Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
April 2001 – elected Chairman of the Social Democrat Party
since 2002 – Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
- Hobbies:** history, archeology, classical music, running and country sports