

Vladimír Špidla

Nationality

Czech

Personal details

Born on April 22nd, 1951 in Prague

Married, 2 children

Education

1974: Charles University of Prague,

Master Degree at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences

1976: Charles University of Prague, PhD. in History and Prehistory

Professional career

Before 1989

- saw-mill worker
- scene-shifter
- dairy industry worker
- public administrator in culture heritage preservation
- archaeologist
- construction worker
- public administrator in nature protection and environment

From 1990

1990/91: Vice-Chairman of Regional Public Authority in Jindřichův Hradec
(responsible for social affairs, education, health care and culture)

1991/96: Director of Regional Employment Authority

Political career

1990: initiated resumption of the Social Democrats in Southern Bohemia region

1992: became a Member of the Czech Social Democratic Party (CSDP) Presidium

1996: elected Member of the Parliament (Chamber of Deputies) for the CSDP

- Chairman of the Social Policy and Health Care Committee of the Chamber

1997: elected Vice-Chairman of the CSDP

1998: re-elected Member of the Parliament (Chamber of Deputies) for the CSDP

- First Deputy Prime Minister
- Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

2001: Chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party (CSDP)

2002: won the general elections

- Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

2004: nominated as member of the European Commission