

Mario Monti profile



■ **1943:** Born in Varese, Italy. Earns degree in Economics from Milan's **Bocconi University**, completing graduate studies at **Yale University**

■ **1970:** Teaches at University of Turin, becoming professor of political economy at Bocconi in 1994

■ **1994:** Appointed to European Commission by first **Silvio Berlusconi** government

■ **1999:** Becomes EU competition commissioner – earning nickname “Super Mario” for tenacity in taking on powerful corporate interests

■ **2010:** Asked by Commission's president **Jose Manuel Barroso** to compile influential report on future of EU's single market

■ **Nov 9, 2011:** Nominated Senator for Life, one of Italy's highest honours