



BIOGRAPHIES

EDUARDO BITRÁN COLODRO

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL INNOVATION COUNCIL FOR COMPETITIVENESS

Eduardo Bitrán is an Industrial Civil Engineer from Universidad de Chile and PhD in Economics from Boston University.

Between 1981 and 1990 he served as professor in the Industrial Engineering Department at the Universidad de Chile, and since March 1990 he worked as advisor to the Minister of Finance, position in which he was the counterpart to the Ministry of Public Works in concession matters. Parallel to this, he kept his academic work as an external professor for Universidad de Chile and received the Department of Engineering's Best External Professor Award between 1992 and 1994.

In March 2004, he took over as General Manager of CORFO, where he developed a new system of production development, promoted the privatization of subsidiaries, and participated in the development of the regulatory framework for the health sector.

From July 1st 1997 until March 2006 he served as director of Fundación Chile, where he promoted innovative projects of high economic impact in natural resource sectors.

Between March 2006 and January 2008 he served as Minister of Public Works. Since April 2008 he is serving as President of the National Innovation Council for Competitiveness.