

BIOGRAPHY

Commissioner-Designate Phil Hogan TD (Fine Gael/EPP) Former Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government

Phil Hogan served as Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Government from March 2011 until July 2014, when he was nominated as Ireland's candidate for the next European Commission. Hogan is considered to be a political heavy hitter and close ally of Taoiseach (PM) Enda Kenny.

Hogan (54) was first elected to the Dáil (Lower House of Parliament) in 1989 and regained his seat at each subsequent General Election. Between 1987 and 1989, he was a member of Seanad Éireann (Upper House of Parliament).

He briefly served as Minister of State for the Department of Finance with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works between December 1994 and February 1995.

He has held a number of spokesperson positions for his party, including on the Food Industry (1989-1991), Consumer Affairs (1991-1993), Regional Affairs & European Development (1993-1994), Enterprise, Trade & Employment (2002 onwards), Environment, Heritage & Local Government (2007-2011).

He was Chairman of the Fine Gael (EPP) parliamentary party between 1995 and 2001.

Hogan graduated from University College Cork (UCC). He is separated with one adult son.