



## Jan Fischer

Jan Fischer is former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic and former Vice-President of the EBRD. He currently is a consultant to the President of the Czech Statistical Office and professor at the University of Economics, Prague.

After graduating from the Faculty of National Economy at the University of Economics, Prague and obtaining a PhD in the field of economic statistics at the same institution, he joined the Federal Statistical Office as a researcher at the Research Institute for Social and Economic Information. Fischer headed various teams processing the results of several elections in the country and was in charge of relations with Eurostat. In the years that followed suit, he also acted as the vice-president and later as the president (2003-2009) of the Czech Statistical Office. Delving into more entrepreneurial waters, he served as the director of production at marketing research company Taylor Nelson Sofres Factum and director for strategic projects at private energy company CE Group. In 2001 he was part of an International Monetary Fund mission that assessed and devised plans for a statistical service for East Timor, which had only recently gained its independence at the time. From September 2010 to November 2012, he was a Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). During that time, he also served as the head of the joint research centres of the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics and the University of Economics, Prague. Entering the political sphere, Fischer served as the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic from April 2009 to July 2010 and was thus the head of the country's government during the Czech Presidency of the European Council. He was also the Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in later years. Besides his principal activities, Fischer is also member of various councils and boards such as the Board of Trustees of the University of Economics, Prague, the Czech Statistical Council etc.