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Leonard Orban graduated from the Faculty of Mechanics, the University of Braşov and from the Faculty of Management, the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest. At present he is an associate professor at the Romanian-American University in Bucharest. Between May 2001 and April 2005 Leonard Orban was Romania's Deputy Chief Negotiator and later Chief Negotiator with the European Union. He is a signatory of the Accession Treaty of Romania to the European Union (25 April 2005, Luxembourg). He was Secretary of State in the Ministry of European Integration between December 2004 and December 2006.

In January 2007 Leonard Orban became the first Romanian European Commissioner. Between January 2007 and February 2010 he served as a member of the European Commission in charge of Multilingualism. Between 2010 and September 2011 Leonard Orban was Presidential Adviser on European Affairs within the Presidential Administration. Between September 2011 and December 2012 he was Minister of European Affairs responsible for European affairs and European funds.

Leonard Orban is the author of numerous articles and studies on European affairs and multilingualism, published in the Romanian and international media. In 2002 he was bestowed the Star of Romania Order in the rank of Knight for his contribution to the accession of Romania to NATO.

Leonard Orban was appointed Presidential Adviser on 14 January 2015.