



Donald Tusk

European Council President

2001 - Founder of Civic Platform Party

2007 - 2014 - Prime Minister of Poland
Only Polish Prime Minister to win a 2nd term since the collapse of Communism in 1989

2007 - Won Charlemagne Prize for leadership

2014 - First person from Central and Eastern Europe to become President of the European Council



Role in the EU:

- Represents the EU on the world stage
- Chairs the European Council - facilitating cohesion and consensus
- Works in cooperation with the President of the EU Commission
- Reports to the EU Parliament after each Council meeting
- Each President serves a 2½ year term, which can be extended to 5 years
- The post-holder cannot hold a national office at the same time as being President

Quotes:

“Poland is quite a mediocre country in some regards. The only natural resource that we have, and with which we can compete, is freedom.” (2008)

“I’m plain incapable of getting angry with Angela Merkel and likewise.” (2011)

Trivia:

Donald Tusk is the second person, after Herman Van Rompuy, to hold the post of European Council President. His English is shaky and he does not speak any French.

Website: <http://www.european-council.europa.eu/the-president.aspx>