



## Jean-Claude Juncker

*President of the European Commission*

1954 - Born in Redange, Luxembourg

1974 - Joined the Christian Social People's Party

1982 - 1984 - State Secretary for Labour  
and Social Security

1984 - 1989 - Minister for Labour, Minister Delegate for the Budget

1989 - 1995 - Minister for Finance and Minister for Labour

1995 - 2013 - Prime Minister of Luxembourg

2004 - 2013 - President of the Euro Group  
*First person to hold this position*



### Role in the EU:

- Appointed by the heads of all EU member states, then approved by the EU Parliament
- Presidential term lasts for 5 years
- Determines the policy agenda of the Commission
- Allocates portfolios to Commission members
- Gives a sense of direction to the Commission as a whole
- Calls and chairs meetings of the Commissioners
- Attends major debates of the EU Parliament and the Council of Ministers
- Attends European Council meetings
- Represents the EU at international summits

### Quotes:

*"When it becomes serious, you have to lie."* (On Greece's economic meltdown in 2011)

### Trivia:

Staying in office for almost 20 years, Jean-Claude Juncker was the longest-serving leader of a government in any European country. His appointment as President of the European Commission was vehemently opposed by British PM David Cameron, who feels that Juncker is too Euro-federalist.

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