

# Herman Van Rompuy

## President of the European Council

Etterbeek, 31 October 1947.

Married to Geertrui Windels and father of [Peter](#) (1980), [Laura](#) (1981), [Elke](#) (1983), [Thomas](#) (1986) and grandfather of [Lander](#) (2008) and [Jasper](#) (2009).



### Education:

- Grammar School, Sint-Jan Berchmanscollege Brussels (1965)
- Bachelor of Philosophy, K.U.Leuven (1968)
- Master in Applied Economics, K.U.Leuven (1971)

### Career history:

- Attaché Internal Affairs National Bank of Belgium (1972-1975)
- Adviser Cabinet Prime Minister L. Tindemans (1975-1978)
- Adviser Cabinet Minister of Finance G. Geens (1978-1980)
- Director Centrum voor Politieke, Economische en Sociale Studies (1980-1988)
- Lecturer Handelshogeschool Antwerpen (1980-1987)
- Lecturer Vlaamse Economische Hogeschool Brussel (VLEKHO) (1982-...)

### Political career:

- National vice-president C.V.P.-Jongeren (1973-1977)
- Member of the National C.V.P. Buro (1978-...)
- C.V.P.-negotiator for the government formation Martens-III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and Dehaene I, II
- C.V.P.-president of the district Brussel-Halle-Vilvoorde (1982-1988)
- C.V.P.-senator (1988-1995)
- Secretary of State of Finance and Small Businesses (May 1988-Sept. 1988)
- C.V.P.-party National President (Sept. 1988-Sept. 1993)
- Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (Sept. 1993-July 1999)
- CD&V MP in the House of Representatives (1995 - Dec. 2009)
- Minister of State (Jan. 2004)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives (July 2007- Dec. 2008)
- Royal Explorer (Sep. 2007)
- Royal Conciliator (Okt. 2007)
- Prime Ministre (Dec. 2008 - Nov. 2009)
- President of the European Council (Dec. 2009 - ...)

### Publications:

- "De kentering der tijden", book published by Lannoo, 112 p. (1979)
- "Hopen na 1984", book published by Davidsfonds, Horizonreeks (Sept. 1984)
- "Het christendom. Een moderne gedachte", book published by Davidsfonds, Forumreeks (Sept. 1990)
- "Vernieuwing in hoofd en hart. Een tegendraadse visie", book published by Davidsfonds, Forumreeks (Autumn 1998)
- "De binnenkant op een kier. Avonden zonder politiek", book published by Lannoo, 165 p. (2000)
- "Dagboek van een vijftiger", book published by Davidsfonds, 144 p. (Oct. 2004)