



# ROMANO PRODI

**President of the European  
Comission(1999 – 2004) y Prime  
Minister of Italy (1996 – 1998)**

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Romano Prodi is an Italian economist and politician who was prime minister in his home country (Italy) between May 1996 and October 1998.

He later served as President of the European Commission until 2004 and until 2008 he has been in his post as Prime Minister of Italy since 2006.

Graduated "cum laude" in Law from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan and PhD on the protectionism of the industry in Italy, began his academic career as an assistant professor at the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Bologna 1963.

Three years later he became incaricato professore, obtaining in 1971 the chair of Policy and Industrial Economics and has been a visiting professor at Harvard University and the Stanford Research Institute.





His political career began in 1978 when he was appointed industry minister Giulio Andreotti and later, in 1982, was appointed by President Giovanni Spadolini public holding IRI (Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale).

In 1996, Prodi attended the head of "The Olive Tree" coalition in the general elections in Italy and after the electoral victory of this group, was elected prime minister. The performance of his government focused on cleaning up the Italian economy in order to solve the major economic crisis and achieve Italy's entry into the European single currency project.

Between 1999 and 2004 he was appointed President of the European Commission and after completion of his term returned to Italian politics. In May 2006 he became president of the council of ministers, being summoned to form a government by the President of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano but two years later he resigned.

His extensive experience as a politician and economist make it one of the most renowned experts in Europe to treat some of the most topical issues like the economic crisis or the use of renewable energies.

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