



Województwo
Wielkopolskie

Leszek Miller, Prime Minister RP, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Poland

Graduated from the Higher School of Social Sciences in Warsaw with a Master's degree in political science

- He began his working career as a worker in the Linen Industry Works in Zyrardów, combining it with civic and trade union activity.
- A member of the Polish United Workers' Party from 1969. In the final stage of the party's existence he was a secretary and Political Bureau member thereof. As a secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party he was actively involved in preparations for and the deliberations of the 'Round Table' -- an event of historic significance. He co-chaired the team in charge of youth affairs.
- Deputy to the Sejm (Lower House of Parliament) of the Republic of Poland in the first, second, third and four parliamentary terms.
- The founder and Secretary general of the Social Democracy of the Republic of Poland (SdRP - 1990-1993), the deputy chairman (1993-1997), and the party chairman (1997-1999). At the First Congress of a new party, the Democratic Left Alliance (18-19 December 1999), he was elected its chairman.
- Minister of Labour and Social Policy (1993-1996), Minister-chief of the Office of the Council of Ministers (1996), Minister of Interior and Administration (1997), Chairman of the Socio-Political Committee of the Council of Ministers (1994-1997).
- Prime Minister and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Poland since 2000

Józef Oleksy, Former Prime Minister RP and member of the Polish Parliament

Graduated from the School of Central Planning and Statistics - Post-graduate studies at the European Faculty of Comparative Law - PhD in Economics

1989	Minister - Member of the Council of Ministers - Participated in the 'Round Table' conference
Since 1989	Deputy at the Sejm (Polish Parliament). Deputy chairman of the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) Parliamentary Club
1989-93	Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE
1993-95	Marshal (President) of the Sejm
1995-96	Prime Minister RP
1997	Representative at the EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee
2001	Chairman of the European Committee of the Sejm Co-chairman of the EU-Poland Joint Parliamentary Committee
2002-03	Sejm delegate to the European Convention
2003	Vice-President of the SLD President of the European Committee of the Sejm and Vice-President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Marek M. Siwiec, Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland

Graduated J.Sc. from Academy of Mining and Metallurgy, specialising in the physics of solid bodies and completed Post-graduate Journalist Studies

1987 – 1991	Editor-in-chief of the „Trybuna” and other magazines and newspaper in Warsaw
1991 – 1997	Member of Sejm (Lower House of the Polish Parliament) representing Kalisz Voivodship, as Democratic Left Alliance deputy (SLD); member of Sejm Foreign Affairs Committee, Culture and Media Committee; member of Poland - Columbia and Poland - South Korea parliamentary bilateral groups
1993 – 1996	Press spokesman for the Democratic Left Alliance Parliamentary Club
1993 – 1996	Member of the National Broadcasting Council, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Since 1996 Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland
Since 1997 National Security Adviser to the President of the Republic of Poland, Head of the National Security Bureau, Secretary of the State Defence Committee, Co-chairman of the Co-ordination Committee of the Presidents of the Republic of Poland and Ukraine

Robert Collignon, President of the Walloon Parliament

Doctor in Law

1988-1989 President of the Socialist Party at the Belgium Senate
1988-1992 President of the Socialist Party at the Walloon Parliament
1992-1994 Minister for Budget of the Walloon Region
1994-1999 Minister-President of the Walloon Government
1999-2000 Minister of the Government of the Wallonie-Brussels Community
Since 2000 President of the Walloon Parliament

Stefan Mikolajczak, Marshal of the Wielkopolska Voivodeship

Graduated from Agricultural University

1988-90 Deputy Governor of Poznan
1990-98.1 Director of the Department of Agriculture in the Voivodship Office
Councillor of the Regional Council of Wielkopolska from the list of Alliance of Democratic Left – Social Democratic Party (SLD)
Since 1998 Mandate of the Wielkopolska Sejmik Councilor from the list of SLD ; elected the Marshal of the Wielkopolska Voivodeship, reelected in 2002

Liese Prokop, Vice-Minister-President of the Land Lower Austria and President of the Assembly of European Regions

Biology and physical education University

Since 1969 Deputy in the Landtag (Regional Parliament) of Niederösterreich (Lower Austria) holding different party positions
Since 1981 Member of the Lower Austrian Government
1992 Elected as Vice-Minister-President of Lower Austria
Vice-President of the "Volkspartei" (ÖVP) in Lower Austria

Assembly of European Regions: First Vice-President (1999-2000) and President of Committee D "Culture, Education & Training, Youth, Media and Sport" (1996-2000), and AER President since December 2000.

Jeremy Rifkin, President of the Foundation on Economic Trends

Degrees in economics and in international affairs

Founder and President of the Foundation on Economic Trends in Washington, DC. The Foundation examines the economic, environmental, social and cultural impacts of new technologies introduced into the global economy.

Rifkin is an advisor to heads of state and government officials around the world and speaks frequently before business, labor and civic forums. Mr. Rifkin currently serves as an advisor to Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission, the governing body of the European Union. He has also lectured at more than 500 universities in some 20 countries in the past 30 years. Mr. Rifkin's monthly column on global issues appears in many of the world's leading newspapers and magazines, including the *Los Angeles Times* in the U.S., *The Guardian* in the U.K., *Frankfurter Allgemeine* in Germany, *L'Espresso* in Italy, *El Pais* in Spain, and *Le Monde* in France.

Author of sixteen books on the impact of scientific and technological changes on the economy, the workforce, society, and the environment, including *The Hydrogen Economy* (2002), *The Age of Access* (2000), *The Biotech Century* (1998), *The End of Work* (1995).

