

ABSTRACT

«The political debate in the Member States, in the EU and in the US, evokes two visions on the future of our societies: an open or a closed one. A world of free trade, tolerance, multilateralism, open debate and moderation versus one of protectionism, closed borders, authoritarianism, polarisation and hate. We should not be locked in this kind of dilemma. The European model must remain open in many respects, and at the same time it should better protect people in domains which are considered fearful and even dangerous.

We have to show that Europe and its Member States can obtain results in the fight against financial instability; unemployment; climate change; irregular migration; terrorism; international tax fraud and evasion; social, commercial and tax dumping; and huge inequalities. Protecting without protectionism. The EU has already delivered, but could not reconquer trust, following a succession of crises in a short lapse of time. Furthermore, leaders fell short on defending the results and the European project itself.»

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HERMAN VAN ROMPUY (Etterbeek, 1947). *President Emeritus of the European Council (First full-time President, elected on 1 December 2009 and re-elected for a second term from 1 June 2012 to 30 November 2014) and Minister of State (2004), he is currently also President of the European Policy Centre – one of the leading think tanks of Brussels. Herman Van Rompuy began his political career in 1973 as national Vice-President of his party's youth movement. He was president of the Flemish Christian Democrats (1988-1993). As a former economist at the National Bank of Belgium he was Secretary of State for Finance and Small Businesses (1988), Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (1993-1999) and served in Belgium as Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007-2008). He served in the Belgian Parliament, in turn as Senator (1988-1995) and Member of Parliament (1995-2009). On 30 December 2008 he was sworn in as Belgian prime minister.*

In his academic career he tenured as Professor at the Handelshogeschool Antwerpen (1980-1987) and at the Vlaamse Economische Hogeschool Brussel (VLEKHO) (1982-2008). Since 2015 he is a visiting Professor at the Université Catholique de Louvain (Louvain-La-Neuve), the College of Europe (Bruges), Sciences Po Paris, the Universiteit Gent (Ghent) and the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

Herman Van Rompuy has been awarded many honours and prizes, among which the Charlemagne Prize - Internationale Karlspreis (29 May 2014).