

Short biography of Willy Claes

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- Born on 24 November 1938 in Hasselt (B)
- Nationality: Belgian
- Graduated in political and diplomatic sciences (1960)
- Member of the Chamber of Representatives (1968–1991)
- Minister for National Education (1972–1973)
- Minister for Economic Affairs (1973–1974; 1977–1982; 1988–1992)
- Leader of the Flemish Socialist Party (1975–1977)
- Leader of the Party of European Socialists (1992–1994)
- Minister for Foreign Affairs (1992–1994)
- NATO Secretary General (1994–1995)
- Minister of State (1983)