


# Short biography of Romano Prodi

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- Born on 9 August 1939 in Scandiano (I)
- Nationality: Italian
- Assistant (1963–1966), Deputy Professor (1966–1971) and Professor (1971–1999) in the Department of Economics and the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Bologna
- Minister for Industry, Trade and Craft Trades (1978–1979)
- Head of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (IRI) (1982–1989)
- Prime Minister (1996–1998; 2006–2008)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies (1998–1999)
- President of the European Commission (1999–2004)
- President of the African Union–United Nations Peacekeeping Panel (2008)
- Professor at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University (since 2009)
- Lecturer on Sino-European relations at China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) (since 2010)
- Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, for the Sahel (2012–2014)