

Mr Louis Michel

European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid

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1049 Brussels - Belgium

Personal information

Born in Tirlemont, 2 September 1947

Married, two children

PREVIOUS POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

European Commissioner for Research

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Institutional Reform (July 1999-July 2004)

Member of the lower House (Chambre): 17 December 1978-13 June 1999

Member of the upper House (Sénat) directly elected on 13 June 1999 and 18 May 2003

Leader of the PRL* in Parliament (26 February 1992-8 June 1995)

Leader of the PRL-FDF* in Parliament (8 June 1995-26 October 1995)

President of the Walloon Regional Council (8 January 1992-26 February 1992)

Member of the Jodoigne Town Council (1 January 1977-16 December 1982)

Mayor of Jodoigne (1 January 1983-16 December 2004)

Chairman of the PRL* (23 January 1982-23 January 1990 — re-elected 23 January 1990)

Chairman of the PRL* (21 October 1995-13 July 1999)

President of the PRL-FDF-MCC* Federation

Vice-President of the Liberal International

Member of the Benelux Inter-parliamentary Consultative Council

Member of the Council of the ELDR*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Guest Professor at the University of Liège

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Primary school teacher

Lecturer in Dutch, English and German Literature at the Ecole normale provinciale of Jodoigne (1968-1978)

TITLES and DISTINCTIONS

Minister of state

Honorary mayor of Jodoigne

Chevalier of the Order of Leopold

Officer of the Order of Leopold

Commander of the Order of Leopold

Civic medal – First Class

Dr Honoris Causa, Université de Gembloux

Grand Cross of the Royal Swedish Order of the Polar Star

Grand Cross of the Order Infante Dom Henrique

Grand Cross of the Order of Orange-Nassau

Grand Cross of the Order of Isabel the Catholic

Grand Cross of the Order of Dannebrog

Grand Cross of the Order of Honour

Grand Officer of the Star of Romania

Grand Officer of the Ordre de la Pléiade (Order of French-speaking communities and Cultural dialogues)

Grand Officer of the Order of the Legion of Honour

Grand Cordon of the Order of Merit
Stara Planina Order - First Class
Order Duarte Sanchez and Mella (Dominican Republic)
Doctor Honoris causa of Antananarivo University (Madagascar)
Doctor Honoris causa of Gembloux University (Belgium)

QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching diploma (Germanic languages) (1968)

PUBLICATIONS

- Horizons : la volonté d'impliquer le citoyen dans la politique internationale, 2004, éditions Luc Pire, préface de Kofi Annan et Guy Verhofstadt
- Les nouveaux enjeux de la politique étrangère belge, 2003, éditions Larcier, collection de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Liège
- L'Europe, je veux savoir : 110 questions simples sur le grand univers européen, 2001, 2003 et 2004, Editions Luc Pire
- L'axe du Bien, 2003 Editions Luc Pire
- Contre le racisme, J'agis. La conférence mondiale contre le Racisme, la discrimination raciale, la xénophobie et l'intolérance qui y est associée, 2002
- "Lettre aux citoyens de mon pays" (1999, 2003, 2004, 2007)
- Objectif 100, La Wallonie j'y crois !, 1988, PRL-Editions
Rendre confiance, 1998, Editions Luc Pire, Collection politique
- Wallons et Optimismes, 1997, Editions Luc Pire, Collection politique
- De Echte Walen, 1997, Editions Luc Pire, Collection politique
- Libres et forts, projet éducatif pour réussir le futur, 1986
- L'enfant, en collaboration avec Philippe Monfils, 1984
- Le défi vert en collaboration avec Daniel Ducarme, 1980.