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European Commission Executive Vice President for the European Green Deal

December 2019-present

First Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights

2014-2019

Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

2012-2014

Member of the Dutch parliament, Partij van de Arbeid (Dutch Labour Party)

2010-2012 and 1998-2007

Minister of European Affairs, The Netherlands

2007-2010

Senior Advisor and Private Secretary to High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE Max van der Stoep

1995-1998

Staff member of EU Commissioner Hans van den Broek

1994-1995

Deputy Head of the EC Affairs Section, Directorate-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs., The Netherlands

1993-1994

Second Secretary, Dutch embassy in Moscow

1990-1993

Policy Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

1987-1990

Postgraduate courses in European Law and French Literature, University of Nancy

1984-1985



Degree in French language and literature, Radboud University Nijmegen

1980-1985



Dario Nardella – Mayor of Florence



Dario Nardella was born in Torre del Greco (Naples) on November 20th 1975 and he is married with Chiara and father of 3 children. Graduated in Law with first class-honours at the University of Florence, where he got a Ph.D. in Public Law and construction and Environmental Law, he is also a graduate in violin from the “Conservatorium Cherubini” in Florence. Professor at the University of Florence where he teaches Cultural Heritage Law, he started his political career in 2004 when he was elected Councilman for the City of Florence.

He served as legal advisor to the Minister of Institutional Reforms during Romano Prodi’s premiership (2006-2008). In 2008 he was selected by the U.S. State Department as young Italian politician

to attend the International Visitor Leadership Program. In 2009 he was once again elected to the Florence City Council and appointed Vice Mayor in the City Government.

In February 2013 he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian Parliament and Member of the Commission for tourism, industry and trade.

After winning primaries, in May 2014 Nardella has been elected Mayor of Florence with 59,16% of preferences and as a consequence from January 2015 became Mayor of Florence Metropolitan City.

In the same year, Dario Nardella has been also elected as ANCI (the national association of Italian Municipalities) coordinator for the metropolitan cities. In 2017, he was Representative of the European Regional Sea – ICLEI.

Member of the Eurocities Executive Committee since 2015, in 2018 Dario Nardella was elected Vice President of Eurocities and in 2020 was elected President of Eurocities, after being re-elected as Mayor of Florence for the second term at the first turn.

Burkhard Jung – Mayor of Leipzig



Mayor of the City of Leipzig since 2006, Burkhard Jung was born in Siegen/Westphalia in 1958. After qualifying as a teacher of German and Protestant Theology he established the Leipzig Protestant educational centre. He has held political positions since 1991, and was responsible for Leipzig’s bids for the Olympics and Football World Cup. In 2020 he was re-elected for a third period. He is Vice-President of Eurocities and sits on many boards and associations, including as president of the Association of German Cities (Deutscher Städtetag). In 2014, he was awarded the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and the Medal of Honour of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Minna Arve – Mayor of Turku



Minna Arve has served as the Mayor of Turku since 2017. Turku-born Arve is a Master of Economics and a nurse. During her career Arve has worked i.e. as the Managing Director of Turku Chamber of Commerce and as the Party Secretary of the Finnish National Coalition Party. She has also led a long career in municipal politics. As the Mayor of Turku, Arve has highlighted major issues such as sustainable growth, urban inclusion, the prevention of social exclusion, and new means of industrial and business policies. She has promoted international networks and co-

operation, and serves as Vice President of ICLEI - Local Governments for sustainability.

Rafał Trzaskowski – Mayor of Warsaw



Mayor of Warsaw (elected on 21 October 2018), Member of the 8th term of the Polish Parliament, Vice-Chairman of the EU Committee, Vice-Chair of the European People's Party, Member of the Committee of the Regions (since 2019), analyst and academic teacher.

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (EU Affairs) and Prime Minister's European Council Plenipotentiary in PM Ewa Kopacz's government. In charge of governmental European policy, involved in key EU

negotiations, i.a. on sanctions against Russia and energy security.

Minister of Administration and Digitization in PM Tusk's government (2013-2014), responsible for digitization, including online data protection, cybersecurity and online access for people with disabilities. Supervisor of province governors (voivodes), coordinated disaster relief services.

Member of the European Parliament and of the Constitution Committee between 2009 and 2013. Involved in the EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 negotiations, under which the European Union has allocated EUR 82.5 billion to Poland. He also served at the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, where he dealt with e-commerce, consumer laws, and public procurement.

Between 2004 and 2009, he was Advisor to Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs Jacek Saryusz-Wolski and to the European Parliament Delegation of the Civic Platform.

Academic teacher at Collegium Civitas, Warsaw (since 2000) and the National School of Public Administration (1998-2009). Long-standing analyst at the Natolin European Center.

In 2004 he was awarded a PhD degree from the Warsaw University Institute of International Relations for his thesis: "The dynamics of reforming the decision-making system of the European Union".

Speaks English, French, Spanish, Russian and Italian.