



## Frans Timmermans

**Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, European Commission**

Frans Timmermans is Executive Vice-President of the Commission, leading its work on the [European Green Deal](#) – Europe’s roadmap to becoming the first climate-neutral continent.

In this role, Frans Timmermans is responsible for implementing the **European Green Deal** and the first **European Climate Law** to enshrine the 2050 climate-neutrality target into EU law. He is in charge of stepping up the commitment to the 2030 **emission reduction target**, increasing it to at least 50% by 2030, and undertaking international negotiations on behalf of the EU to strengthen the ambition of other major emitters by 2021. He leads the Commission's work on extending the **Emissions Trading System** and coordinates work on the **Just Transition Fund** – a key progressive policy from the European elections. He is developing the **Biodiversity Strategy** for 2030, the Commission’s **zero-pollution** ambition, the **circular economy** and the ‘**Farm to Fork**’ strategy, and many other initiatives.

In 2019 Frans Timmermans was the **PES Common Candidate** in the European Elections to become the President of the European Commission, campaigning on the PES manifesto: [A New Social Contract for Europe](#). At the election, Frans Timmermans’ national party – the PvdA – won the election in the Netherlands, doubling its share of the vote. Overall, the social democrats remained the second largest force in the European Parliament.

Frans Timmermans has been a European Commissioner since 2014. **From 2014-2019 he was First Vice-President of the EU Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter-Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights.** Prior to this, he was the **Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs** (2012-2014) and **Dutch Minister of European Affairs** (2007-2010). He has also been a Member of the Dutch Parliament Partij van de Arbeid (PvdA) (2010 - 2012 and 1998 – 2007).

Aside from his native Dutch, Frans Timmermans is fluent in English, French, German, Italian and Russian.

### Personal details

Full name: Franciscus Cornelis Gerardus Maria Timmermans

Place and date of birth: Maastricht, 6 May 1961

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**Education**

1972-1980 Secondary school, Rome (Italy) and Heerlen (The Netherlands)

1980-1985 Degree in French language and literature, Radboud University  
Nijmegen, The Netherlands

1984-1985 Postgraduate courses in European Law and French Literature, University of  
Nancy, France