

**Prime Minister of Luxembourg and
President of the European Council
Jacques Santer**

Born in Luxembourg in 1937, Jacques Santer studied law and politics in Paris, where he obtained a doctor of laws degree. From 1961 to 1965 Mr. Santer worked in the Luxembourg Court of Appeal, becoming cabinet attaché to the minister of labour and social security, and then government attaché from 1965 to 1966.

From 1966 to 1972, Mr. Santer was parliamentary secretary of the Christian Socialist Party. He next served as secretary general of the party (1972-1974) and then president (1974-1979). As a member of the government, Mr. Santer was secretary of state for cultural and social affairs from 1972 to 1974, then minister of finance, labour and social security from 1979 to 1984.

During the next five years he was, successively, president of the government, minister of state, and minister of finance. In July 1989, Mr. Santer took on the following roles, which he still holds: prime minister, minister of state, minister of the treasury, and minister of cultural affairs.

A keen participant in European politics, Mr. Santer was a member of the European parliament from 1975 to 1979. During his tenure as president of the Council of Europe in 1985, the first revision of the Treaties of the European Communities was successfully negotiated: the Single European Act would unite the 12 members of the European Community into a single market in 1992.



Mr. Santer also served as governor of the World Bank from 1984 to 1989, and since August 1989 has been governor of the International Monetary Fund.

Mr. Santer is married and has two children.