

Romano Prodi

Prime Minister of Italy

Mr. Prodi was born in 1939. After graduating from the Catholic University of Milan in 1961, he was a researcher at the London School of Economics.

Mr. Prodi was professor of economics and industrial policy at the University of Bologna and was also a visiting professor at Harvard University. He then became chairman of the scientific committee of the economic research institute NOMISMA in Bologna.

He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As an expert on economics and industrial policy, he has carried out extensive research on basic problems of the Italian industrial economy.

From November 1978 to March 1979, Mr. Prodi was Minister of Industry.

Mr. Prodi led the Olive Tree coalition to victory in the April 21, 1996 general elections and saw his government sworn in on May 18 of the same year.

Mr. Prodi has also written numerous scientific publications, particularly in the areas of European industrial policy, Italian public enterprise, energy, and the functioning of different economic systems.

He is married and has two sons.