

Presidencies of EU Council of Ministers since 1958

The Six (1958-72)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
1958	Belgium	Achile Van Acker	West Germany	Konrad Adenauer
1959	France	Charles de Gaulle	Italy	Antonio Segni
1960	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner	Netherlands	Jan de Quay
1961	Belgium	Gaston Eyskens/ Theo Lefèvre	West Germany	Konrad Adenauer
1962	France	Charles de Gaulle	Italy	Amintore Fanfani
1963	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner	Netherlands	Jan de Quay/ Victor Marijnen
1964	Belgium	Theo Lefèvre	West Germany	Ludwig Erhard
1965	France	Charles de Gaulle	Italy	Aldo Moro
1966	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner	Netherlands	Jo Cals/Jelle Zijlstra
1967	Belgium	Paul Vanden Boeynants	West Germany	Kurt Georg Kiesinger
1968	France	Charles de Gaulle	Italy	Giovanni Leone
1969	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner	Netherlands	Petrus de Jong
1970	Belgium	Gaston Eyskens	West Germany	Willy Brandt
1971	France	Georges Pompidou	Italy	Emilio Colombo
1972	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner	Netherlands	Barend Biesheuvel

EC 9 (1973-80)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
1973	Belgium	Gaston Eyskens/ Edmund Leburton	Denmark	Anker Jorgensen
1974	West Germany	Willy Brandt/ Helmut Schmidt	France	Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
1975	Ireland	Liam Cosgrave	Italy	Aldo Moro
1976	Luxembourg	Gaston Thorn	Netherlands	Joop Den Uyl
1977	United Kingdom	James Callaghan	Belgium	Leo Tindemans
1978	Denmark	Anker Jorgensen	West Germany	Helmut Schmidt
1979	France	Valéry Giscard d'Estaing	Ireland	Jack Lynch
1980	Italy	Francesco Cossiga	Luxembourg	Pierre Werner

EC 10 (1981-85)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
1981	Netherlands	Andreas van Agt	United Kingdom	Margaret Thatcher
1982	Belgium	Wilfried Martens	Denmark	Poul Schlüter
1983	West Germany	Helmut Kohl	Greece	Andreas Papandreu
1984	France	François Mitterrand	Ireland	Garrett Fitzgerald
1985	Italy	Bettino Craxi	Luxembourg	Jacques Santer

EC/EU 12 (1986-94)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
1986	Netherlands	Ruud Lubbers	United Kingdom	Margaret Thatcher
1987	Belgium	Wilfried Martens	Denmark	Poul Schlüter
1988	West Germany	Helmut Kohl	Greece	Andreas Papandreu
1989	Spain	Felipe González	France	François Mitterrand
1990	Ireland	Charles Haughey	Italy	Giulio Andreotti
1991	Luxembourg	Jacques Santer	Netherlands	Ruud Lubbers
1992	Portugal	Aníbal Cavaco Silva	United Kingdom	John Major
1993	Denmark	Poul Nyrup Rasmussen	Belgium	Jean-Luc Dehaene
1994	Greece	Andreas Papandreu	Germany	Helmut Kohl

EU 15 (1995-2003)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
1995	France	Jacques Chirac	Spain	Felipe González
1996	Italy	Lamberto Dini/ Romano Prodi	Ireland	John Bruton
1997	Netherlands	Wim Kok	Luxembourg	Jean-Claude Juncker
1998	United Kingdom	Tony Blair	Austria	Viktor Klima
1999	Germany	Gerhard Schröder	Finland	Paavo Lipponen
2000	Portugal	António Guterres	France	Jacques Chirac
2001	Sweden	Göran Persson	Belgium	Guy Verhofstadt
2002	Spain	José-María Aznar	Denmark	Anders Fogh Rasmussen
2003	Greece	Costas Simitis	Italy	Silvio Berlusconi

EU 25 (2004-06)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
2004	Ireland	Bertie Ahern	Netherlands	Jan Peter Balkenende
2005	Luxembourg	Jean-Claude Juncker	United Kingdom	Tony Blair
2006	Austria	Wolfgang Schüssel	Finland	Matti Vanhanen

EU 27 (since 2007)

<i>Year</i>	<i>First six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>	<i>Second six months</i>	<i>Head of state or government</i>
2007	Germany	Angela Merkel	Portugal	José Sócrates
2008	Slovenia	Janez Janša	France	Nicolas Sarkozy
2009	Czech Republic	Mirek Topolánek	Sweden	Fredrick Reinfeldt
2010	Spain	José Luis Zapatero	Belgium	Yves Leterme
2011	Hungary	Viktor Orbán	Poland	Donald Tusk
2012	Denmark	Helle Thorning-Schmidt	Cyprus	Dimitris Christofias

Source: Martin Westlake and David Galloway, *The Council of the European Union*, 2006 (charts merged and updated for 2007-12).