

Willy Brandt and the unification of Europe – biographical details

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- 1913** Born on 18 December in Lübeck
- 1930** Changed to the German Social Democratic Party (SPD)
- 1931** Member of the German Socialist Workers' Party (SAP)
- 1933–1940** Exile in Norway. Resistance against the Nazi Regime
- 1938** German citizenship revoked by the National Socialists
- 1940** Exile in Sweden
- 1945** Return to Oslo
- 1945–1946** Correspondent for Scandinavian newspapers in Germany
- 1948** German citizenship restored. Appointed representative of the SPD Executive Committee in Berlin and with the Allied Control Authorities
- 1949** Establishment of the Council of Europe
- 1949–1957** Member of the German Parliament for Berlin
- 1950–1969** Member of the Berlin Parliament
- 1951** Signing of the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)
- 1952** Signing of the Treaty establishing the European Defence Community (EDC)
- 1954** The European Defence Community is rejected in the French Parliament
- 1957–1966** Mayor of West Berlin
- 1957** Signing of the Treaties establishing the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EAEC or Euratom)
- 1958–1992** Member of the SPD Executive Committee
- 1959** German Social Democratic Party manifesto in Bad Godesberg
- 1960** Signing of the Treaty establishing the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
- 1960** First nomination for the post of Chancellor
- 1964** Second nomination for the post of Chancellor
- 1964–1987** Chairman of the SPD
- 1965** Signing of the Treaty establishing a Single Council and a Single Commission of the European Communities
- 1966** Foreign Minister and Vice-Chancellor (Coalition CDU/CSU and SPD)
- 1969–1992** Member of the German Parliament
- 1969** Third nomination for and election to the post of Chancellor (Coalition SPD and FDP)
- 1969** Summit of the Heads of State or Government of the EC in The Hague
- 1970** Publication of the Werner Plan on a step-by-step procedure to achieve Economic and Monetary Union
- 1970** Publication of the Davignon Report on European Political Cooperation
- 1970** Signing of the Treaties of Moscow and Warsaw
- 1971** Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize
- 1972** Introduction of the currency 'snake'
- 1972** Re-elected Chancellor
- 1972** Summit of the Heads of State or Government of the EC in Paris
- 1972** Signing of the Basic Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) and the German Democratic Republic (GDR)
- 1973** First enlargement of the European Communities from six to nine Member States with the accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom
- 1973** Signing of the Treaty of Prague
- 1973** In Copenhagen, the Foreign Ministers of the European Community adopt a second report on European Political Cooperation
- 1974** Resignation as Chancellor
- 1974** Summit of the Heads of State or Government of the EC in Paris
- 1976–1992** President of the Socialist International
- 1977–1983** Chairman of the North-South Commission
- 1979** First elections to the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage
- 1979–1983** Member of the European Parliament
- 1981** Second enlargement of the European Communities from nine to ten Member States with the accession of Greece

1986 Third enlargement of the European Communities from 10 to 12 Member States with the accession of Portugal and Spain
1986 Signing of the Single European Act (SEA)
1987–1992 Resignation as Chairman of the SPD, elected Honorary Chairman of the SPD
1990 Reunification of Germany
1992 Signing of the Treaty on European Union
1992 Died on 8 October in Unkel, near Bonn