Dijsselbloem appointed Eurogroup president

The Eurogroup today appointed Jeroen Dijsselbloem as its president for a term of two and a half years.

Mr Dijsselbloem is Finance Minister of The Netherlands, and will retain his post whilst chairing the Eurogroup.

He succeeds Jean-Claude Juncker, who has chaired the Eurogroup since 1 January 2005 and was its first-ever permanent president. Prior to Mr Juncker, the Eurogroup was chaired on a rotating basis. Nowadays the president is elected by a majority of its members, in line with the Protocol on the Eurogroup, which was introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon (protocol no. 14).

Annex: CV of Jeroen Dijsselbloem.

Curriculum Vitae

Personal details

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, born in Eindhoven on 29 March 1966, lives in Wageningen with his partner and two children.

Education

1985: Secondary school, Eindhoven

1985-1991: Degree in agricultural economics, Wageningen University (majors: business

economics, agricultural policy and social and economic history)

1991: Business economics research towards a master's degree, University College Cork,

Ireland

Career

In 1992 Jeroen Dijsselbloem worked as an assistant to the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) Members of the European Parliament in Brussels. He joined the staff of the parliamentary PvdA in The Hague in 1993, where he worked for three years as a policy officer in the area of spatial planning (including the environment, agriculture and nature).

Jeroen Dijsselbloem sat on the Wageningen municipal council from 1994 to 1997.

In 1996, he became an advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries in The Hague, a position he held for two years. He was then appointed deputy head of that ministry's advisory section, where he remained until 2000.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem was a member of the House of Representatives from 28 March 2000 to 22 May 2002 and from 19 November 2002 until taking up his post as minister. He was the party's spokesperson on education and youth and covered a broad range of other policy issues. From 25 April 2007 to 22 December 2008 he chaired the parliamentary investigation committee on educational reform.

On 5 November 2012 Jeroen Dijsselbloem was appointed Minister of Finance in the Rutte-Asscher government.

Jeroen Dijsselbloem has been a member of the PvdA since 1985. He became the deputy leader of the PvdA parliamentary party in 2008.