



François-Xavier de Donnea

Candidate for the Chairmanship of the Political Committee of the OSCE PA

Born on 29 April 1941 in Edegem (Belgium)

Master in Applied Economics (U.C. Louvain)

Master of Business Administration (U. of California, Berkeley)

PhD in Economics (Erasmus U. Rotterdam)

Languages: French, Dutch, English, Spanish, German (passive knowledge)

Part-time university lecturer, then Professor and Professor extraordinary since 1971 (U.C. Louvain)

Member of the Belgian Parliament from 1981 until 1989

Member of the European Parliament from 1989 until 1991

Member of the Belgian Parliament from 1991 until 2000 and since 2003

Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Belgian House of Representatives (1983-1985)
and of the Committee on Finance and Budget (since 2003)

State Secretary for Cooperation (1983-1985)

Minister of Defence (1985-1988)

Mayor of Brussels (1995- 2000)

Minister-President of the Brussels – Capital Region (2000-2003)

Member of the "Mouvement Réformateur" (MR), French-speaking Liberals, party member of the ALDE
(Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe)

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PA OSCE

Head of the Belgian delegation to the PA OSCE (1999-2000)

Member of the Belgian delegation to the PA OSCE (since 2003)

Took part in the following sessions: Vienna and Bucharest in 2000; Vienna and Edinburgh in 2004,
Vienna and Washington in 2005; Vienna and Brussels in 2006

Main sponsor of the Resolution on "small and light weapons" adopted in Washington in July 2005

Main sponsor of the draft resolution on "illicit air transport of small and light weapons and their
ammunition" on the agenda of the Brussels session of the Assembly (3 – 7 July 2006)

Personal and Special envoy of the Chairman-in-office of the OSCE (March 2006 – September 2006)