



Philippe Busquin

After accomplishing his studies in Physics at the Free University of Brussels in 1962, Philippe Busquin obtained additional degrees in philosophy and in environmental sciences. Between 1962 and 1977, he was researcher and assistant in Physics at the Faculty of Medicine at the Free University of Brussels and taught at the Graduate School in Nivelles, Belgium.

During his political career, he has been, since 1980, minister in different departments at different levels in Belgium, including in education, internal affairs, budget, energy and social affairs. Between 1992 and 1999, he was president of the francophone Socialist Party and Vice-President of the Socialist International.

From 1999-2004, he has been EU Commissioner for Research. Then from 2004 to 2009, he has been Member of the European Parliament in Brussels.

In 2006, he has been elected Mayor of Seneffe for the second time.