

Troubled Belgium takes over EU presidency

Belgium takes over the EU's rotating presidency for the remainder of 2010, with the economic crisis and the setting up of a new diplomatic arm for the EU – the European External Action Service – its top priorities



Yves Leterme:

Belgium's caretaker prime minister has submitted his resignation three times in last three years. His government collapsed in April but he has stayed on at request of **King Albert II**



Herman Van Rompuy: First **President of EU Council**, Van Rompuy – prime minister of Belgium from 2008-09 – could prove valuable for Belgian presidency should country find itself in serious crisis



Bart de Wever: His **New Flemish Alliance (NV-A)** won majority of votes in June 13 general election, on pledge to break Dutch-speaking **Flanders** away from **Wallonia** to become independent European Union member