

# Matteo Renzi



■ **Born:** January 11, 1975, Florence

■ **Early life and career:** Graduates in law from University of Florence. Joins ***Italian People's Party (PPI)*** in 1996, becoming its Provincial Secretary in 1999. Elected President of province of Florence in 2004

■ **2009:** Becomes Mayor of Florence as member of centre-left ***Democratic Party (PD)***. Dubbed “rottamatore” – demolition man – by Italian media for his call to scrap existing political establishment

■ **Dec 2012:** Loses PD leadership race to ***Pier Luigi Bersani***. Elected party leader in Dec 2013 following Bersani's resignation

■ **Feb 2014:** Poised to become Italy's youngest postwar leader after winning party vote to replace ***Enrico Letta*** at head of ruling coalition