

A portrait of Fredrik Reinfeldt, the former Prime Minister of Sweden. He is a middle-aged man with a receding hairline, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. In the background, the Swedish flag is visible, slightly out of focus.

FREDRIK REINFELDT

Prime Minister of Sweden (2006 - 2014)

Fredrik Reinfeldt has been active in Swedish and international politics for over 25 years. He reinvented the Moderate Party (centre-right) creating the New Moderates and entered into an alliance with three other centre and centre-right parties. The four-party alliance won two successive elections and Reinfeldt, as Prime Minister, presided over two coalition governments (2006-2014) – the longest non-socialist government period in modern Sweden.

During his time as Prime Minister, Reinfeldt reformed the Swedish economy and labour market, making Sweden one of the most competitive countries in Europe. More than 300,000 new jobs were created despite the financial crisis. The Swedish economy had higher growth rates and sounder public finances than other European countries during his time in office. Sweden was also the only country in the EU that lowered its national debt during the financial crisis.

Today Reinfeldt holds international lectures on governance, leadership and political reforms. Having been a member of the European Council for 8 years and its President for six months, he has an extensive international network.

In 2016 Mr Reinfeldt was elected as chair to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). The EITI is a coalition of stakeholders from government, civil society, oil, gas and mining companies and investors, working together to promote open and accountable management of natural resources. Over the past decade, they have developed the EITI Standard, which is now implemented by 49 countries around the world.