



Carl Bildt

Former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Sweden

Carl Bildt is a very informative and charismatic keynote speaker. With keen observations that reflect his dedication to the process of political and economic integration in Europe, he shows the qualities necessary for any business to prosper in the “Greater Europe.”

Carl's biography

Carl Bildt's Background

Carl Bildt is Co-Chair of the European Council of Foreign Relations, an award-winning international think-tank that aims to conduct cutting-edge independent research on European foreign and security policy and to provide a safe meeting space for decision-makers, activists and influencers to share ideas. Previously, Carl Bildt served as Sweden's Prime Minister from 1991 to 1994 and as Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2006 to 2014.

Carl Bildt is the holder of various senior honours and decorations from France, Germany, the United Kingdom, Estonia and Latvia. He is associated with a number of international organizations and serves on the advisory boards of the Centre for European Reform (London), the Aspen Institute Italia (Rome) and RAND Europe. He has also sat on the Council of the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and headed a review of the European Space Agency. In addition, he served as a member of the Swedish Parliament from 1976 to 2001.

Carl Bildt received international acclaim as the key mediator in the Balkans conflict and served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Balkans between 1999 and 2001. During his tenure as Prime Minister, he negotiated Sweden's accession to the European Union, signing the agreement in 1994. He also undertook far-reaching liberalization and structural reforms to improve the competitiveness of Sweden and to modernize its old-style welfare system.

Noted internationally for his activities in resolving the Balkan conflict, as a visionary of Europe and an expert on world affairs, Carl Bildt came of age as a thinker at a time when [politicians](#) and intellectuals

sought refuge from war in the power of international organizations. He offers privileged insights to those who want to place their organisation advantageously for the future. Qualified, robust, and charismatic, he examines [leadership](#) in adverse situations and shows how to successfully negotiate at the highest level. An excellent and engaging speaker, highly respected amongst his peers, Carl Bildt is in demand as a keynote speaker around the globe. He's telegenic, charming, experienced, and ambitious. Savvy when it comes to the media, he has a cunning, deft touch for geopolitics.

Carl's talks

- **The Greater Europe after Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Now Kosovo**
- **The Future of Europe and its Position in the World**
- **Middle East and Terrorism**
- **The Future of the Balkan Region**
- **International Affairs and the Transatlantic Dialogue**
- **The New Economy: Beyond the Hype**
- **International Security: Policy, Purse and Patience in Nation Building**
- **The Governance of the Internet**

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