

Mircea Geoana

Senator and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania



Mircea Geoana is a Senator and a prominent political figure in Romania. He served as the President of the Romanian Senate between December 2008 and November 2011 and Chairman of the Social Democratic Party from 2005 to 2010. He is the founding member and President of the Aspen Institute Romania and member of the board of Aspen Institute US, Aspen Italia and Aspen Germany. Mircea Geoana is also Chairman and founding member of the National Development Committee public policy think-tank and Chairman and founding member of the „Romania Noastra” (Our Romania) civic platform.

Mircea Geoana ran for the Presidency of Romania in 2009. In an unprecedented narrow and contested election, he received 49.6% of the casted ballot.

Previous to his political career, Mircea Geoana had a successful diplomatic activity. Appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States of America at age 37, in February 1996, he was the youngest ambassador in the Romanian diplomatic corps. From 2000 to 2004, Mircea Geoana served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania. He also served as OSCE Chairman-in-Office in 2001 and during 2005 he was the personal representative of OSCE Chairman in office for Georgia.

Mircea Geoana is a founding member of the Harvard Club Romania – Republic of Moldova and of the Association of Former Students of E.N.A. (Ecole Nationale d’Administration). He also serves as Honorary Chairman of the George C. Marshall Association – Romania.

An alumnus of the Polytechnic Institute and respectively, the LawSchool at the University of Bucharest, Mircea Geoana graduated in 1992 the “Ecole Nationale d’Administration” in Paris, France. He graduated in 1999 the World Bank Group Executive Development Program at the HarvardBusinessSchool. He holds a PhD in world economy at the Economic Studies Academy of Bucharest.

Mircea Geoana is an expert on European and Trans-Atlantic integration. Author of various articles on the subject, he also was a NATO fellow on democratic institutions in 1994. He lectured on foreign policy, transitional economies, and globalization at major universities and think-tanks and is a contributor to prominent Romanian and international publications. Mircea Geoana is author of several books: “Romanian foreign policy in the beginning of the XXIth century –The road to Europe and transatlantic world”, „America, Europe and Romania’s modernization: bases for a Romanian societal model”, „The Romanian social model: the way towards a new Romania”, „Trust”.

Mircea Geoana was decorated Commander of the National Order “The Star of Romania” in December 2000, awarded the “Legion d’Honneur” in 2002 (France) and “Stella della Soliedarita” in 2013 (Italy).

Born on July 14, 1958, Mircea Geoana is married to Mihaela, an architect by training and President of the Romanian Red Cross. They have two children, Ana Maria and Alexandru.

Mircea Geoana is fluent in English, French, Spanish and Italian.