**Biography :**

Jean-Luc Mélenchon was born in Tanger (Marocco) in 1951. He graduated in philosophy and modern literature.

Member of the European Parliament since 2009, he was candidate for the French presidential election in 2012 in which he obtained 11.1% of the votes.

Elected youngest Senator in France in 1986, he became Minister of Vocational Education from 2000 to 2002 in Lionel Jospin’s government. Leader of left currents of the Parti Socialiste (PS), he struggled against alignment to European social democracy. Before the victory of the "social-liberal" line, he left the PS in November 2008, created the Left Party and founded the Left Front.

He is the co-author of the manifesto for eco-socialism. In 2014 he launched the Movement for the 6th Republic (M6R), which gathered more than 100,000 supporters and which aims to abolish the presidential monarchy and prepare a new constitution.

Since February 2016 Jean-Luc Mélenchon lounched the movement *France* Insoumise which has nearly 150,000 supporters and he is candidate for the 2017 French presidential election. He defines himself as the candidate "*of the exit of free trade agreements*", For over ten years, he fight against the transatlantic treaty and it has been for decades one of the predominant voice in Europe for the fight against all free trade agreements and advocates instead the concept of « *joint protectionism* ».

Author of 15 books, his latest book "The Age of the people" exposes his theory of the Citizen’s Revolution.

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