

## **Petro Poroshenko**

Petro Poroshenko serves as the chairman of the political party European Solidarity, a position he has held since the 2019 presidential elections. He served as the fifth president of Ukraine from 2014 until 2019. As president, he ensured the signature and entry into force of the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, the introduction of a visa-free regime between the EU and Ukraine, the modernization of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, as well the promotion of international unity and solidarity with Ukraine against Russian aggression. Prior to his election in 2014, he was one of the key leaders of the Revolution of Dignity and a strong promoter of European and Euro-Atlantic integration with Ukraine.

In 2012, Poroshenko served as the minister of Economic Development and Trade, and in 2009, he served as the minister of Foreign Affairs. Earlier positions include chairman of the Committee on Finance and Banking of the Parliament of Ukraine (2006), secretary of the National Security and Defense Council (2005), deputy head of the National Bank Council (2000–2005), member of the Ukrainian Parliament (1998–2000), and CEO of the corporation Ukrprominvest (1993–1998). Poroshenko is an honored economist of Ukraine, laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine in the sphere of science and technology, laureate of P. Orlyk international prize, and holder of the Grand Cross Order of Civil Merit of the Kingdom of Spain. He graduated from Taras Shevchenko National University with a diploma in international economic relations.