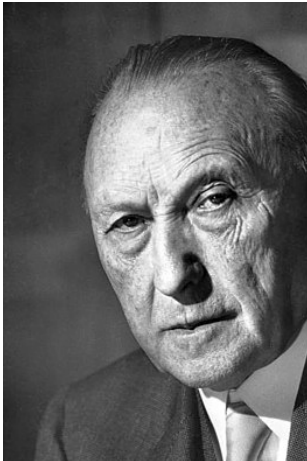


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Konrad Adenauer (1952)

Konrad Hermann Joseph Adenauer was born on the 5th of January 1876 in Cologne and died on the 19th of April 1967 in Rh ondorf. He was the 1st Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany (at that time: West Germany) from 1949 to 1963.

He had a remarkable instinct for politics. Due to his open mind, his broad vision of a democratic Europe and his efforts to reestablish economic wealth after World War II, he was a pioneer in the construction of Europe.

Adenauer forged close relations with many nations, especially with France, the United Kingdom and the United States. During his years as Chancellor, West Germany achieved democracy, stability, international respect and economic prosperity.

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An important step in the rapprochement between France and Germany was marked by the meeting of two remarkable politicians who both played a decisive role in their country but also for Europe: Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer.



The reconciliation with France was a long-term outcome of Adenauer's policy. In July 1962, Adenauer and De Gaulle took part in a symbolic reconciliation mass in the Cathedral of Reims. As he nearly reached the end of his Chancellor seat in January 1963, the " lys e Treaty" between the French Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany came to a conclusion. With this agreement, Adenauer and De Gaulle officially sealed the end of the so-called "hereditary enmity" between the two countries. Both governments agreed on close cooperation between the two countries

with regular government consultations. It was an important step towards the building of a Europe of peace and solidarity.

Konrad Adenauer was also the first leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) which became one of the most influent parties in West Germany...and still is.

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Konrad_Adenauer