



## RIK TORFS

Prof. dr. Rik Torfs is considered one of the best speakers in Belgium | He spoke in 40+ countries in 5 continents. A Public Intellectual, Top scientist, Philosopher. Known Media Figure, Author and columnist author and columnist with a lot of humor. He has 170.000+ followers on Twitter..

### Tijdslijn

**2017**

KU Leuven 'Europe's most innovative university' (Reuters)

**2013**

Rector van de KU Leuven

**2010**

Senator in het Belgische Federale Parlement

**2006**

Commentator Vlaams TV-programma De Slimste Mens ter Wereld

**2000**

Gastprofessor Universiteiten van Stellenbosch (Zuid-Afrika) en Straatsburg (Frankrijk)

**1979**

Licentiaat in de Rechten en het Notariaat (KU Leuven)

### Categorie

Business & Management, Politics, Culture, Music & Society

### Type

Expert | Thought leader, Business leader | Entrepreneur, Scientist, Author

### Inzetbaarheid

Keynote speaker

### Thematiek

Veerkracht, Geluk, Creativiteit, Zingeving & leiding geven

### Talen

EN, NL, F

### Afkomstig van

Belgie

### Biografie

Prof. dr. Rik Torfs is a phenomenon who prefers to talk about all kind of topics he has no knowledge of.

Rik Torfs is an excellent keynote speaker, who inspires and certainly entertains a diverse audience. He has more than 170,000 followers on social media.

In short Rik Torfs is a leading intellectual,

inspiring speaker, much sought-after commentator on radio and television, columnist, trendsetter, top scientist, socially engaged academic, rector of the largest university in the Low Countries.

After his law studies at the KU Leuven and the University of Strasbourg, Rik Torfs obtained his doctorate in Canon Law, where he was appointed professor in 1988. In that capacity he published extensively on human rights in the Church and the relations between church and state.

From this niche discipline, Rik Torfs has steadily broadened his horizons. His impact on the social debate is huge. His contradictory statements about society and politics, about our thinking and acting, about freedom and courage, about ethics and philosophy, about art and culture, make you think. Also witness his activity on Twitter. It is closely followed by politicians and the press, as well as by over 170,000 followers in Belgium and the Netherlands.

As a federal senator and later as rector of the KU Leuven, Rik Torfs has always been inspired in his administrative and policy positions by his strong values, his sense of humor and his attention to culture.