

## JEAN ASSELBORN

- ▶ DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
- ▶ MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Jean Asselborn was born on 27 April 1949 in Steinfort.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After leaving school at the age of 18, Jean Asselborn resumed his studies in 1976 by attending evening classes. He obtained his final school-leaving diploma from the Athénée de Luxembourg the same year.

In October 1981, Jean Asselborn was awarded a master's degree in private judicial law from the University Nancy II.

### MINISTERIAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Jean Asselborn joined the government as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 July 2004.

Upon the return of the coalition government formed by the Christian Social Party (CSV) and the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) as a result of the legislative elections of 7 June 2009, Jean Asselborn retained the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs on 23 July 2009.

As of July 2004, Jean Asselborn represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in its General Affairs and External Relations configuration, split up since 2009 in two configurations: General Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

In 1982, Jean Asselborn was appointed mayor of the municipality of Steinfort, a post he held until 2004.

He was a member of Parliament from 1984 to 2004.

In 1989, he was appointed chairman of the LSAP parliamentary group. Jean Asselborn

furthermore chaired the socialist party from 1997 to 2004.

From 1999 to 2004, Jean Asselborn assumed the role of vice president of Parliament. In addition to his national mandate, he was a member of the Committee of the Regions from 1999 to 2004 and served as vice president of the Party of European Socialists from 2000 to 2004.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Jean Asselborn launched his professional career in a Uniroyal laboratory in 1967. It was during this time that he became actively involved in the trade union movement and was elected youth representative of the Federation of Luxembourg Workers (Lëtzebuerger Aarbechterverband), the precursor to the current OGB-L trade union.

In 1968, Jean Asselborn joined the municipal administration of the City of Luxembourg, but he returned to Steinfort in 1969 to take on another civil servant post in the municipal administration.

Upon obtaining his final school-leaving diploma from the Athénée de Luxembourg, Jean Asselborn became the administrator of the Intercommunal Hospital of Steinfort in 1976, a post he held until 2004.



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