

## FRANÇOIS BILTGEN

- › **MINISTER OF JUSTICE**
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- › **MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**
- › **MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA**
- › **MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS**

François Biltgen was born on 28 September 1958 in Esch-sur-Alzette.

### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

François Biltgen studied law at the University of Paris. He was awarded a master's degree in law, a DEA (higher post-graduate diploma) in community law and a diploma in political sciences from the Institut d'études politiques in Paris.

At the age of 36, François Biltgen resumed his studies and successfully passed his final bar exam.

### MINISTERIAL POSTS

From 1999 to 2004, François Biltgen was Minister of Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Relations with Parliament, Minister Delegate for Communications.

He succeeded in particular in getting new laws passed on collective labour relations and on the freedom of expression in the media.

Following the elections of 13 June 2004, François Biltgen resumed his responsibilities as Minister of Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs on 31 July 2004. He was also appointed Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research.

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, François Biltgen was appointed Minister of Justice, Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Minister for Communications and Media as well as Minister for Religious Affairs on 23 July 2009.

François Biltgen represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in its Justice and Home Affairs configuration, in the Telecommunications section of its Transport, Telecommunications and Energy configuration, in the Research section of its Competitiveness configuration as well as in the Audiovisual section of its Education, Youth and Culture configuration.

### OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

In 1983, François Biltgen succeeded Jean-Claude Juncker as secretary of the CSV parliamentary group.

In 1987, François Biltgen was elected to the municipal council of Esch-sur-Alzette. In 1997, he assumed the role of alderman responsible for finances and social affairs.

From 1994 to 1999, François Biltgen was a member of Parliament. He was the rapporteur of a number of government bills, in particular in the field of labour and institutional law.

During this period, François Biltgen also authored scientific and general-public papers on a number of law-related issues.

On 18 January 2003, he was elected chairman of the CSV, a post he held until 2009.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

After successfully passing his final bar exam, François Biltgen started a career as a lawyer in Esch-sur-Alzette.



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