

MARIE-JOSÉE JACOBS

- ▶ **MINISTER FOR FAMILY AFFAIRS AND INTEGRATION**
- ▶ **MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS**

Marie-Josée Jacobs was born on 22 January 1950 in Marnach.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

Following her secondary school studies at the École privée Sainte-Anne in Ettelbruck, she pursued nursing studies, obtaining her nursing diploma in 1969 and a diploma in nursing anaesthesiology in 1973.

MINISTERIAL POSTS

On 9 December 1992, Marie-Josée Jacobs was appointed Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development, Minister Delegate for Cultural Affairs, a post that enabled her fully to participate in the organisation of the 1995 European City of Culture.

In 1994, Marie-Josée Jacobs was awarded the same ministerial portfolios within the government led by Prime Minister Jacques Santer.

Following the appointment of Jacques Santer to the post of president of the European Commission, Marie-Josée Jacobs was appointed Minister for Family Affairs, Minister for the Advancement of Women, Minister for the Handicapped and Disabled on 26 January 1995.

From 1999 to 2004, Marie-Josée Jacobs was Minister for Family Affairs, Social Solidarity and Youth, Minister for the Advancement of Women.

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Marie-Josée Jacobs was appointed Minister for Family Affairs and Integration, Minister for Equal Opportunities 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, Marie-Josée Jacobs retained the portfolio of Minister for Family

Affairs and Integration and was appointed Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs on 23 July 2009.

Marie-Josée Jacobs represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in the Youth section of its Education, Youth and Culture configuration as well as in the Development Cooperation section of its Foreign Affairs configuration.

OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

As a member of the CSV committee of the region of the North and the Christian Social Women (CSF), Marie-Josée Jacobs assumed the role of vice chairwoman of the CSV on a national level from 1995 to 2006.

In 1984, she was elected for the first time as a member of Parliament for the constituency of the North.

From 1987 to 1992, she was a municipal councillor of the City of Luxembourg.

At trade union level, she was a member of the LCGB trade union. She was president of the Section of Private Employees between 1980 and 1992 and vice president of the LCGB between 1981 and 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1973 to 1992, Marie-Josée Jacobs worked as a nurse anaesthetist.



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