

JEANNOT KRECKÉ

► MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE

Jeannot Krecké was born on 26 April 1950 in Luxembourg City.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

After having obtained his final school-leaving diploma in Luxembourg City, Jeannot Krecké started his university studies at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) in 1969, from where he obtained a degree in physical and sports education.

He decided in 1983 to change professional direction. His interests led him to retrain in economics, accounting and taxation. He followed various courses, in particular in the United States.

MINISTERIAL POSTS

Following the legislative elections of 13 June 2004, Jeannot Krecké was appointed Minister of the Economy and Foreign Trade, Minister of Sport 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, Jeannot Krecké retained the portfolio of Minister of the Economy and Foreign Trade on 23 July 2009.

As of July 2004, Jeannot Krecké represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in the Economic and Financial Affairs configuration, in the Internal Market and Industry sections of its Competitiveness configuration, as well as in the Energy section of its Transport, Telecommunications and Energy configuration. He was also a member of the Eurogroup from July 2004 to June 2009.

OTHER POLITICAL POSTS

Jeannot Krecké became a municipal councillor of Kopstal in 1981, before joining the municipal council of the City of Luxembourg from 1989 onwards.

He was appointed treasurer general of the LSAP in 1985 and was a member of the party's central committee. He was elected member of Parliament in 1989 and became involved in economic and financial issues, which led him inter alia to chair the Committee for Economic Affairs and the Committee for Controlling Budget Implementation. In 1995, he became the rapporteur for the state budget for the 1996 financial year.

From 1997 to 2004, he assumed the role of chairman of the LSAP parliamentary group.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

From 1973 onwards, Jeannot Krecké taught at secondary school level, while also holding an assistant post at the ULB until 1976.

From 1979 to 1980, he was an attaché at the Ministry of Sport.

Following his professional retraining, he taught courses in economics, accounting and taxation. His interest in taxation matters led him in 1992 to co-author a manual on personal taxation in Luxembourg, which has since been published annually. His expertise meant he was subsequently sought after as an external consultant with Mazars (1994-1999), Arthur Andersen (1999-2003) and Ernst & Young (2003-2004). He drew up a report on tax fraud in Luxembourg upon request of the Prime Minister in 1997.

Compelled by family reasons, Jeannot Krecké is involved in the fight against Alzheimer's and in 1987 co-founded the Alzheimer Association Luxembourg, which he chaired until 1997, prior to leading the Alzheimer Foundation in Luxembourg. His efforts mobilised energies on a European level and resulted in the creation of the Alzheimer Europe association, which he chaired from 1996 to 2001. The association's European coordination office was established in the Grand Duchy at his instigation.



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OTHER

Following his selection as an international football player on 19 occasions, Jeannot Krecké became a keen sailor. He was part of the winning crew of the transatlantic Constitution Race in 1987 and subsequently took part in polar sailing expeditions that led him to Greenland and Spitzberg.