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One month after his re-election on May 16th 2022, Emmanuel Macron appointed Elisabeth Borne as his new Prime Minister. Thirty years after Edith Cresson, Elisabeth Borne is the second woman in France's history to hold this position.

Some changes were made to her initial government following the results of the legislative elections, with defeated ministers being replaced, as announced by Emmanuel Macron ahead of the elections. This new government was composed of 32 Ministers and 10 Secretaries of State, respecting parity.

In July 2023, a reshuffle occured with 30 government members maintaining their role, 3 being appointed to another, 8 departures (in addition to Caroline Cayeux's resignation in November 2022) and 8 new arrivals. Parity remains upheld. This new government is composed of a higher proportion of members coming from a political background rather than from social-society compared to the previous itteration.

In this document, AmCham France provides you with a brief presentation of the new government's main actors and representatives as of September 2023.

### I - FULL PICTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE RESHUFFLE



# II - THE PRIME MINISTER





#### **PRIME MINISTER**

#### **Elisabeth BORNE**

A graduate of the *Ponts et Chaussées* engineering school, Elisabeth Borne has held several high-profile positions in the public sector before Emmanuel Macron's presidency, such as Prefect of the *Poitou-Charentes region*, chief of staff to Ségolène Royal at the Ministry of Ecology or President of the RATP, the Parisian transit authority.

Coming from the Socialist Party, she joined Emmanuel Macron at the beginning of his 2017 presidential campaign.

During Emmanuel Macron's previous term, she served as Minister in 3 successive ministries: Transport, Environment, and Labour.

# III - MINISTERS





#### **Bruno LE MAIRE**

A long serving politician, Bruno Le Maire is a "veteran" of French government. Consistently elected to parliament since 2007, he has also held several leading positions: first in Nicolas Sarkozy's presidential term as Minister of European Affairs and Minister of Agriculture, then under Emmanuel Macron as Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industrial / Digital sovereignty.

Bruno Le Maire was reappointed to this position in July 2023, making him one of the longest serving Ministers in this position.



#### **Gérald DARMANIN**

Though only 40 years old, Gérald Darmanin is far from being a new face in French politics.

He was Mayor, Member of Parliament and Regional Councilor. He became Minister for the first time under Emmanuel Macron, heading the Public Accounts portfolio, before taking up the Ministry of the Interior in previous Prime Minister Jean Castex's government, a position to which he was reappointed in Elizabeth Borne's government, with an increase in his responsibilities over French overseas territories.



#### **Catherine COLONNA**

Catherine Colonna stands out by her long diplomatic career. She held many leading positions in this field, such as Minister for European Affairs during Jacques Chirac's five-year term, Permanent Representative of France to UNESCO and the OECD and Ambassador of France to Italy and to the United Kingdom.

She became Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs in the first Élisabeth Borne government and was maintened since.



#### **Eric DUPONT-MORETTI**

A prominent and newsworthy criminal lawyer for over thirty years, Eric Dupont-Moretti was one of the "surprise figures" of former Prime Minister Jean Castex's government.

As Minister of Justice, he has managed to negociate a historic increase in the justice department's budget. Nevertheless, he has a complicated relationship with many representatives of judicial institutions and his renewal in this role was not regarded positively by many.



#### Sébastien LECORNU

A former national Secretary of France's center-right party, Sébastien Lecornu joined Emmanuel Macron in 2017.

He has a long political career despite his young age: Mayor, Senator, Regional President, Secretary of State and Minister. Moreover, he is also a lieutenant in the *Gendarmerie Nationale*'s operational reserve.

Before being appointed Minister of Army in May 2022, Sébastien Lecornu was Secretary of State to the Minister of the Ecological and Solidary Transition between 2017 and 2018, Minister of Local and Regional Authorities between 2018 and 2020, and Minister of Overseas Territories between 2020 and 2022.



#### **Olivier DUSSOPT**

A politician since 2007, Olivier Dussopt has held many key positions: Mayor, Regional Councillor, MP, Secretary of State, Minister and President of a center-left political party called *Territoire de progrès*.

The former member of the Socialist Party was appointed Secretary of State for Public Action and Accounts in the government of Edouard Philippe in November 2017. In 2020, he became Associate Minister for Public Accounts under the government of Jean Castex. He is now Minister of Labour, Full Employment and Integration in Elisabeth Borne's government.

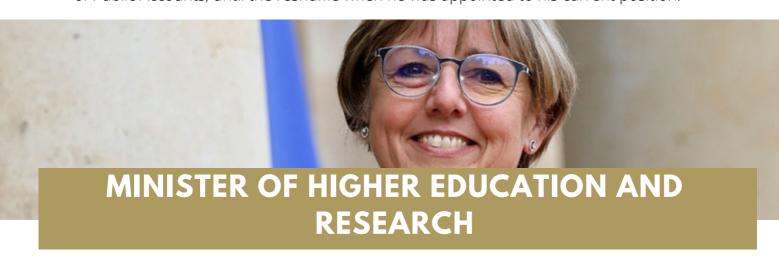


#### **Gabriel ATTAL**

At only 34 years old, Gabriel Attal is the youngest Minister of Education and Youth in the Fifth Republic.

During his studies at Sciences Po Paris, Gabriel Attal was a socialist activist. In 2012, he joined the cabinet of the Minister of Health Marisol Touraine as advisor. At the same time, he was elected as an opposition Municipal Councilor in Vanves, in the Hauts-de-Seine department.

In 2016, he joined En marche!, Emmanuel Macron's party. He was elected MP of Hauts-de-Seine in June 2017 and later joined the government as Secretary of State to the Minister of Education. In 2020, he became the government Spokesman, a mandate that he held until the end of Jean Castex's government. In 2022, he became Minister in charge of Public Accounts, until the reshuffle when he was appointed to his current position.



#### Sylvie RETAILLEAU

A physicist and graduate of the presitgious *Ecole normale supérieure*, Sylvie Retailleau worked as a researcher in microelectronics at the University of Paris-XI, from 1992 to 2001 and was appointed President of the University in 2016.

She later took over the leadership of the new Paris-Saclay University, which includes Paris-XI.

Her nomination in Elizabeth Borne's government constitutes Sylvie Retailleau's first political mandate, a mandate which she maintained through last July's reshuffle.

# MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

#### **Marc FESNEAU**

Marc Fesneau began his career in the agricultural sector. He worked for a consulting firm for the Ministry of Agriculture, then for the departmental chamber of agriculture of Loir-et-Cher.

An experienced politician, Marc Fesnau has held the positions of Mayor, Regional Councillor, MP, Secretary of State, Associate Minister and President of a political party.



#### **Christophe BECHU**

Already a member of Elisabeth Borne's first government as Minister Delegate in charge of local authorities, Christophe Bechu has good knowledge of the workings of local government.

Christophe Bechu has been in politics since 1995 and held several different political positions: Mayor, Regional Councillor, Member of Parliament and Member of European Parliament. His nomination in Elizabeth Borne's government in 2022 was the first time he obtained a mandate in a government.

He is secretary general of Edouard Philippe's center-right party '*Horizons*' since October 9, 2021, an appointment that strengthens the President's alliance with his former Prime Minister.



#### **Agnès PANNIER-RUNACHER**

This senior civil servant, financial inspector and business director, graduate of ENA and HEC, was among the first supporters of Emmanuel Macron when he launched his political movement.

She has worked for many public institutions, notably the French public hospital network. She joined the private sector from 2011 to 2018, before being appointed Secretary of State to the Minister of Economy and Finance.

In July 2020, she became Minister Delegate for the Industry. She is Minister of the Energy Transition since Mai 2022.



#### **Rima ABDUL-MALAK**

Though she hold a Masters degree in political science, Rima Abdul-Malak has mainly devoted her professional career to cultural issues. Before entering politics, she was the director of *Clowns sans Frontières* and head of the music department at *Cultures France* (renamed *the French institute*).

Rima Abdul-Malak was cultural advisor at the City of Paris under former Paris mayor Bertrand Delanoë, and his successor Anne Hidalgo. She then became a cultural *attachée* to the French Embassy in the United States before returning to France in 2019 as a culture and communication advisor to Emmanuel Macron until May 2022 when she was appointed minister of culture.



#### **Aurélien Rousseau**

A graduate of ENA and member of the Conseil d'Etat, Aurélien Rousseau began his political career at Paris City Hall, where he served as deputy director of Mayor Bertrand Delanoë's cabinet. He also worked for Prime Ministers Manuel Valls and Bernard Cazeneuve, as deputy cabinet director and social advisor. He then headed the Ile-de-France Regional Health Agency during the Covid crisis.

Since May 2022, he had served as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, until his nomination to her current government.



#### MINISTER OF SOLIDARITIES AND FAMILIES

#### **Aurore BERGE**

A former member of the UMP and the Republicans, she joined Emmanuel Macron in 2017.

She was elected deputy for Yvelines in June 2017, and became spokeswoman for the *La République En Marche* (LREM) group in the National Assembly. In 2019, she was appointed spokeswoman for the LREM movement. For the 2021 regional elections, she led the LREM list in the Yvelines and became regional councillor. Re-elected deputy for the Yvelines in the 2022 legislative elections, Aurore Bergé was subsequently appointed president of the *Renaissance* (ex-LRM) group in the National Assembly.

She joined Elizabeth Borne's government last July as Minister of solidarities and families.



#### Stanislas GUERINI

Stanislas Guerini began his career in the private sector as a consultant for BIPE, a consulting firm in strategic analysis. He then founded and ran Watt & Home, a renewable energy company.

He entered politics for the first time in 2017, joining Emmanuel Macron's movement and becoming a Member of the Parliament. In 2018, he was appointed General Delegate of the party, and in May 2022 was made General Secretary and Treasurer of the presidential majority group *Ensemble!* ahead of the elections to the National Assembly.



#### **Amélie OUDEA-CASTERA**

A former top-level tennis player, Amélie Oudéa-Castéra is a graduate of l'ENA and the *Ecole supérieure des sciences économiques et commerciales* (ESSEC).

She was a consultant at the *Cour des Comptes* and a director at AXA. In 2018, she joined the supervisory board of Eurazeo and co-founded the association *Rénovons le sport français*.

In March 2021, she was appointed CEO of the French Tennis Federation.

Her appointment to Elisabeth Borne's government represented her first political mandate. She maintained it through the reshuffle.

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# IV - MINISTER DELEGATES





#### **Olivier VERAN**

A neurologist by training, Olivier Véran became interested in politics in 2012. He obtained an executive master's degree in health management and policy at the Institute of Political Studies in Paris.

That same year, he was elected as a substitute for the Socialist Member of Parliament Geneviève Fioraso, whom he replaced in the Assembly when she was appointed Minister.

He joined Emmanuel Macron in 2017 and was elected Member of Parliament. After the resignation of Agnès Buzyn, in February 2020, he became Minister of Solidarity and Health, in the midst of a health crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

His nomination as government spokesperson in July 2022 is assumed to be due to his popularity and pedagogy.



## MINISTER DELEGATE IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT

#### **Franck RIESTER**

After graduating from the *Institut supérieur de gestion*, Franck Riester obtained a specialized master's degree in urban management from the *École supérieure des sciences économiques et commerciales* (ESSEC).

He began his professional career in the private sector before entering politics. A Mayor and Member of Parliament for 10 years, he joined the government in 2018 as Minister of Culture, replacing Françoise Nyssen.

In 2020, he became Minister Delegate for Foreign Trade and Attractiveness, a position to which he was reappointed under Elisabeth Borne's first government. Given the composition of the parliament since the 2022 legislative elections, the government needed a strong political figure in charge of the relations with the lower house, a task <sup>16</sup> given to Franck Riester.



#### Bérangère COUILLARD

After a career in the private sector, Bérangère Couillard joined Emmanuel Macron in 2017. That same year, she was elected deputy for Girona, a position to which she was re-elected in the 2022 legislative elections. Among her notable work as a deputy is her role as co-author and rapporteur of the bill to protect victims of domestic violence. She was also gender equality referent within the *La République en Marche* party.

As member of the High Council for Equality between Women and Men and the High Council for Energy, she was previously appointed Secretary of State in charge of Ecology in July 2022, a function she held until her nomination to her current role the following year.



#### **Roland LESCURE**

A graduate of the *Ecole Polytechnique* and the *London School of Economics*, Lescure has held several positions of responsibility in the business world at Natixis Asset Management and Groupama AM, before managing one of the largest pension funds in North America as Vice President of the *Caisse des dépôts et placements du Québec*.

In 2017, he joined Emmanuel Macron and became MP for the French citizens of North America. During this mandate he was chairman of the Committee on Economic Affairs at the National Assembly.



#### Jean-Noël BARROT

Before entering politics, Jean-Noël Barrot was an assistant professor in the finance department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He began his political career under the MoDem label, being elected departmental councilor of the canton of Yssingeaux, in the Haute-Loire department.

In 2017, he ran for the legislative elections in Yvelines, still under the MoDem label, a party that is closely allied with Emmanuel Macron's party.



#### Olivia GREGOIRE

A graduate of Sciences Po Paris and ESSEC, Olivia Grégoire worked in communications, notably for DDB France, Havas and for the Etalab mission before founding her own firm, Olicare. She was also a technical advisor to two center-right Ministers (Xavier Bertrand and Philippe Bas) between 2005 and 2007.

In 2017, she was elected MP in Paris. From July 2020, she was Secretary of State in charge of the Social Economy in the government of Jean Castex.

In Elisabeth Borne's first government, she was the government spokesperson, a role she didn't keep long.



## MINISTER DELEGATE IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

#### **Thomas CAZENAVE**

A graduate of Sciences Po Paris and ENA, Thomas Cazenave was deputy director of Emmanuel Macron's cabinet at the Ministry of the Economy under President François Hollande. He was deputy secretary general of the French presidency between December 2016 and June 2017, then interministerial delegate for public transformation until November 2019. He became an opposition councillor in the 2020 municipal elections in Bordeaux. In 2022, he was nominated by *Renaissance* for the first constituency of Gironde, where he was elected deputy. At the French National Assembly, he is a member of the Finance Committee.

He succeeded Gabriel Attal as Minister Delegate in charge of Public Accounts in the July 2023 reshuffle.



#### **Dominique FAURE**

Dominique Faure studied engineering at INSA, and business at HEC, which led her to high positions in large companies (Motorola, SFR, Veolia). Elected in 2014 Mayor of Saint-Orens de Gameville, a commune in the southeastern suburbs of Toulouse, she was re-elected in 2020 in a landslide. In 2017, Dominique Faure ran for Parliament in the tenth constituency of the Haute-Garonne and was eliminated in the first round. However, in 2022, she was elected in the same district.

In July 2022, she was appointed Secretary of State for Rural Affairs. In November 2022, her ministerial portfolio was expanded to include local authorities. She is Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Interior and Overseas Territories and to the Minister of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion.



#### **Philippe VIGIER**

Philippe Vigier is a familiar face on the French political scene.

He was Mayor of Cloyes-sur-le-Loir from 2001 to 2017, and Deputy for the 4th constituency of Eure-et-Loir from June 2007 to August 2023. He is also a regional councillor for Centre-Val de Loire since July 2021. He was group president at the French National Assembly, first for the Union des Démocrates et Indépendants (UDI) group from 2014 to 2017, then for the Libertés et territoires group from 2018 to 2020.

In September 2020, he joined the *Mouvement Démocrate* (MODEM) group, affiliated to *Ensemble!* alongside, in particular, the *Renaissance* group.



#### **Olivier BECHT**

Olivier Becht entered the ENA in 2002, the same year as Emmanuel Macron. At the end of his studies he was assigned to the Administrative Court of Nancy as an advisor, then as First Advisor.

In 2008, he became mayor of Rixheim in the Haut-Rhin, under the center-right lable.

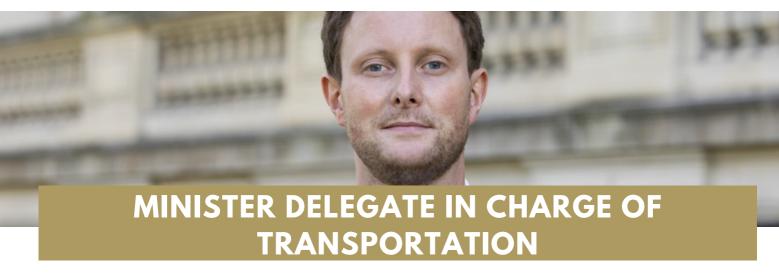
Close to Franck Riester, Olivier Brecht was re-elected to parliament in the 5th district of Haut-Rhin in June and chairs the pro-Macron center-right 'Agir' group in the National Assembly.

# MINISTER DELEGATE IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

#### **Carole GRANDJEAN**

Carole Grandjean holds a master's degree in human resources from the University of Lille 1. Elected as a Member of Parliament for the first constituency of Meurthe-et-Moselle in 2017 and re-elected in 2022, she was appointed Minister Delegate in charge of Vocational Education and Training in the second Élisabeth Borne government on July 4, 2022.

As a Member of Parliament, Carole Grandjean was a member of the Social Affairs Committee. Amongst other, she is in charge of the planned reform for vocational high schools.



#### **Clément BEAUNE**

A graduate of *Science Po Paris* and the *ENA*, Clément Beaune began a career as a senior civil servant at the Ministry of the Economy in 2009 before becoming an advisor to the Socialist Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault from 2012 to 2014.

He then joined the cabinet of Economy Minister Emmanuel Macron until 2016. After the Macron's election in 2017, he became special advisor to the President on Europe and G20 issues.

In July 2020, he was appointed Secretary of State for European Affairs in the government of Jean Castex, a position to which he was reappointed in Elisabeth Borne's first government but as a Minister Delegate.

In July 2022, Clément Beaune was appointed Minister delegate for transportation, a position he has maintained in the reshuffle.



#### **Patrice VERGRIETE**

Elected on a diverse left-wing list, Patrice Vergriete has been Mayor of Dunkerque since 2014. Since the same year, he is also President of the Pôle Métropolitain Côte d'Opale and President of the Dunkerque Urban Community.

He has also chaired several organizations, including the "France Ville Durable" association since 2020 and the Fédération nationale des agences d'urbanisme. In January 2023, he became Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Agence de financement des infrastructures de transport de France on the recommendation of the French President.



#### **Agnès FIRMIN LE BODO**

A pharmacist by profession, Agnès Firmin le Bodo has been the Member of Parliament for the 7th constituency of Seine-Maritime since 2017.

After LR, she joined the party 'Agir' before joining 'Horizons', the party of Edouard Philippe, of which she is the spokesperson.

She is also a departmental councillor of Seine-Maritime where she has been defending social action and aid for people with disabilities since 2015.

As an MP she was a member of the Social Affairs Commission and was involved in the bioethics bill promoting IVF for all. She chaired the special commission dedicated to this text.



#### Fadila KHATTABI

Fadila Khattabi began her political career with the *Parti Socialiste* (PS), under whose banner she was regional councillor for Burgundy from 2004 to 2015, then vice-president of the regional council between 2010 and 2015. Between 2014 and 2020, she also held the position of municipal councillor for Varois-et-Chaignot.

She left the PS in 2015 and joined *La République En Marche* (LREM) in 2017. That same year, she was elected deputy for the third constituency of Côte-d'Or. She became Chairwoman of the Social Affairs Committee in 2020. In 2022, she was re-elected to the posts of deputy and chairwoman of the same commission, which she held until July 2023.



#### MINISTER DELEGATE IN CHARGE OF CITIES

#### Sabrina AGRESTI-ROUBACHE

Sabrina Agresti-Roubache began her career as an audiovisual producer. She was also a member of the supervisory board of Marseille-Provence airport, the board of directors of the *Française des Jeux* corporate foundation, the FRAC (regional contemporary art fund) in Marseille and the World Trade Center Marseille Provence organization. Her first political mandate was as Regional Councillor for Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, where she was elected in July 2021. In June 2022, she was also elected deputy to the French National Assembly in the 1st constituency of Bouches-du-Rhône.

Following her appointment in the reshuffle, she is Secretary of State to the Minister of the Interior and Overseas Territories and to the Minister of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion.

# V - STATE SECRETARIES





#### **Charlotte CAUBEL**

A graduate of Sciences Po and the National School of Magistrates, Charlotte Caubel has held numerous positions in the judiciary ecosystem.

Justice advisor to Prime Minister Edouard Philippe between 2017 and 2020, she was then director of the judicial protection of youth at the Ministry of Justice.

Her appointment in May 2022 as a State Secretary represented her first political mandate. She maintained her position through the reshuffle.



#### STATE SECRETARY FOR THE SEA

#### **Hervé BERVILLE**

At just 32 years old, the young economist was appointed Secretary of State for the Sea in July 2022. He replaced Justine Benin, defeated in the legislative elections.

Born in Rwanda, Hervé Berville was orphaned and evacuated by the French army because of the 1994 genocide. He studied in Brittany, before going to the Institute of Political Studies in Lille and at the London School of Economics.

Following the 2017 presidential elections, he ran for the legislative elections in the Dinan constituency, in the Côtes d'Armor, which he won. He was reelected to his seat in 2022.



#### Sonia BACKÈS

Born in Nouméa, in New Caledonia, Sonia Backès joined the *Rassemblement pour la Calédonie dans la République (RPCR),* the main anti-independence right-wing party in New Caledonia, at the age of 18.

She has served in the assembly of the archipelago's southern province since 2009, before joining the New Caledonian government.

Since 2019, she has served as President of the assembly of the southern province, the most populous of the archipelago's three provinces.



#### **Laurence BOONE**

Laurence Boone holds a PhD in economics from the London Business School. She was an economic and financial advisor to François Hollande from 2014 to 2016.

She left her position in 2016 to become chief economist at Axa. She then held the same position at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development from 2018.

She has also been a professor at *Sciences Po, ENS Cachan* and the *National School of Statistics*.



# STATE SECRETARY FOR DEVELOPMENT, FRANCOPHONY AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

#### **Chrysoula ZACHAROPOULOU**

Chrysoula Zacharopoulou is a French and Greek citizen. She is a medical doctor, graduated from the University of Rome and holds a PhD on endometriosis. She arrived in France in 2007. Ten years later, she was named Knight of the National Order of Merit for her work on endometriosis.

In 2019, she was elected Member of the European Parliament, enrolled in the Renew Europe political group. As a doctor in gynecology and co-founder of the association Info-Endometriosis, she was appointed in March 2021 by the Minister of Solidarity and Health, Olivier Véran, to lead a mission to develop a national strategy against endometriosis.



## STATE SECRETARY FOR YOUTH AND UNIVERSAL NATIONAL SERVICE

#### **Prisca THEVENOT**

Before joining political life, Prisca Thevenot was an entrepreneur and consultant. She joined Emmanuel Macron in 2017 and ran in the legislative elections in the fourth constituency of Seine-Saint-Denis the same year, but was defeated by outgoing deputy Marie-Georges Buffet. In 2019, she becomes parliamentary assistant to *La République en Marche* (LREM) deputy Stéphane Testé, a position she holds until 2022. In 2020, she is also appointed spokesperson for the LREM party.

She became Regional Councillor for Île-de-France in the 2021 Regional Elections. In the legislative elections the following year, she was elected deputy for the eighth constituency of Hauts-de-Seine and joined the National Assembly's Social Affairs Committee.



#### Patricia MIRALLÈS

Patricia Mirallès is the daughter of pieds-noirs (French citizens from Algeria who returned to France after independence). From the end of 2021, she was the rapporteur of the bill asking for "forgiveness" and providing for reparations for the harkis (Algerians who fought alongside the French army and their families).

As an MP, she was also the co-author of a report advocating for the strengthening of France's military capabilities, published last February.

Since her re-election to Parliament, she has joined the Defense Commission.



#### STATE SECRETARY FOR BIODIVERSITY

#### Sarah EL HAÏRY

A city councilor in Nantes, Sarah El Haïry was re-elected deputy of Loire-Atlantique in 2022. In 2020 the spokeswoman of the *MoDem* party was appointed to the role of Secretary of State in charge of Youth and Universal National Service, tied to the Ministry of Education and to the Ministry of Army. A former center-right politician, she joined the centrist *Modem* in 2014.

Before joining the government in 2020, she sat on the Finance Committee in Parliament, and was a member of the commission of inquiry on the fight against fraud in social benefits. She remained a government member through the reshuffle and was appointed to her current post as state secretary for biodiversity.

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