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Personal details

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Education:

Primary and secondary school in Albertville (Savoie)

Diploma from the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (Paris Business College)

Career:

1973-1978 Private Office of the Ministers for the Environment, Youth and Sport, and for Trade and Craft Industries

1973- Departmental councillor for Savoie, canton of Bourg-Saint-Maurice

1978-1993 Member of the National Assembly (RPR.) for Savoie, 2nd constituency (Albertville)

1982- Chairman of the Departmental Council of Savoie

1987-1992 Co-President, Organising Committee for the XVIth Olympic Games, Albertville and Savoie

1993-1995 Minister of the Environment

1995-1997 Minister of State for European Affairs

1997- Senator for Savoie

1997- Chairman of the French Association of the Council of European

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1998- President of the Senate Delegation for the European Union

Other details

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