

Elisabeth GUIGOU, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, French National Assembly

Born August 6, 1946 in Marrakech, Morrocco

Elisabeth GUIGOU studied American literature and Economics before entering and graduating from the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration (E.N.A.) in Paris. Following a stay at the Finance Ministry and then at the French Embassy in the UK, she served as an Adviser to the French president, François Mitterrand. Between 1990 and 2002, she served in the governments of Prime Ministers Michel Rocard, Edith Cresson, Pierre Beregovoy and Lionel Jospin as Minister for European Affairs (1990-1993), Minister of Justice (1997-2000) and Minister of Employment and Solidarity (2000-2002). She was elected to the European Parliament in 1994.

She has begun her fourth term in the French National Assembly, where she was elected on June 2012 following earlier elections in 1997, 2002 and 2007. Mrs. Guigou served as Vice-President of the National Assembly (2007-2012). She now serves as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

She is President of the Europartenaires Association, which she founded in 1994.

Publications

- Pour les Européens (For the Europeans) 1994 Flammarion Editor
- Etre femme en politique (Being a woman in politics) 1997 Plon Editor
- Une femme au coeur de l'État (A woman at the heart of the Government) 2000 Fayard Editor
- Je vous parle d'Europe (I'm talking about Europe) 2004 Le Seuil Editor
- Rallumer les étoiles (Light up the stars again) 2006 Calmann-Levy
- Pour une Europe juste (For a just Europe) 2011 Le Cherche Midi
- L'Europe. Les défis à venir de la première puissance économique mondiale 2014 Le Cherche Midi