

## Biography of Jacques Maire



Jacques Maire is a diplomat who began his career working on European issues in Paris (at the Quai d'Orsay and in the Prime Minister's Office) and in Brussels. He has enjoyed a wide range of governmental responsibilities: Chief of Staff to the Minister of Regional Planning and the Environment (1997–1998), Representative for European and International Affairs at the Ministry of Employment and Solidarity (1999–2002), Director of Companies and the International Economy at the Foreign Ministry (2012–2014). He has been an Ambassador and Special Representative for the reconstruction and development of countries in crisis (2017), with particular responsibility for the Sahel Region and the Middle East.

Working in the private sector, Jacques Maire held various positions within the AXA Group between 2002 and 2012. Most notably, he was the AXA Group's Director of International Development, then Managing Director of AXA Group Hungary and AXA Bank Hungary (2002–2012). He was also Director of the social and environmental rating agency Vigeo-Eiris (2015), as well as Project Director for the implementation of COP 21 for the French Smart Grids sector (2016).

As a politician, Jacques Maire held a number of posts between 1995 and 2008 in Brittany, first as a local councillor in Plabennec, then in Brest, where he went on to become Vice-Chairman of the Communauté Urbaine de Brest and then a regional councillor. In 2017, he was elected as a member of the French parliament for the Hauts de Seine constituency, becoming Vice-Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Commission and, until June 2022, Chairman of the Liberal Alliance in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Jacques Maire was born in 1962 in Enghien-les-Bains and holds a Master's Degree in Applied Economics from Paris Dauphine University, a postgraduate diploma (DESS) in International Finance, is a graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques (Institute of Political Studies), and is a former student of the École Nationale d'Administration (National School of Administration), where he graduated as part of the "Jean Monnet" year group (1990).

He is also Vice-Chairman of the "Confrontations Europe" think tank.