



**French Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs
(2010-2011)**

Michèle Alliot-Marie, popularly known as MAM, has held many and varied positions and has showed exceptional qualities in serving France. She was the first woman in the history of the Republic to take the direction of French diplomacy and the Quai d'Orsay, and the first politician to successively chain four large sovereign departments. Michèle was also the first woman to lead a major political party, which allowed her to forge ties with the whole of the European political partners and international links.

From March 1986 to May 1988, she was Secretary of State to the Minister of National Education, responsible for education, within the Government Chirac, and from March 1993 to May 1995, she served as Minister of youth and Sports, in the Balladur Government. As a Lecturer, she taught also at the University Paris I Sorbonne but was detached for elective service. She has a Graduate Diploma in private law, political science and history of law.

In succession Michèle was Minister of defence (2002-2007), Minister of the Interior, of the overseas and territorial communities (2007-2009), Minister of Justice and freedoms (2009-2010), then Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs (2010-2011) during the presidencies of Jacques Chirac and Nicolas Sarkozy. In 2002, she was the first woman to enter the Hotel de Brienne as Minister of defence, a position she occupied in the Governments Raffarin on the team of Dominique de Villepin, until May 2007. She resigned in 2011 after nine years in government due to her position during the Tunisian revolution. In the 2012 French legislative elections, she lost her seat as Deputy (MP) for the 6th Constituency of Pyrénées-Atlantiques.

In 2014 she became a member of the European Parliament and she remains Deputy Mayor of Saint-Jean-de-Luz as well as Vice President of the National Council of The Republicans.

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