

# Curriculum Vitae Marianne Thyssen

Commissioner-Designate for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

## Personal details

- Born on the 24th of July 1956, Sint-Gillis-Waas
- Domicile: 3051 Oud-Heverlee
- Married

## Education

- 1974: Latin-Sciences at the Onze Lieve Vrouw Presentatie in Sint-Niklaas
- 1979: Master of Laws at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

## Professional career

### KUL

- 1979 - 1980: Research assistant at the faculty of Law at KU Leuven.

### UNIZO / Markant

- 1980 - 1988: Legal Adviser at Unizo (SME representative organization) and Markant (Women's Network).
- 1988 - 1991: Director of the Unizo research department.
- 1991: Acting Secretary-General of Unizo.

### Ministerial Cabinet

- 1986- 1988: legal associate of the Secretary of State for Public Health Wivina Demeester.

### Political career

- 1989: First participation in the European elections as first substitute candidate.
- 1991- present: Member of the European Parliament. Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. Substitute in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.
- 1996 - 2001: Vice-President CD&V (Flemish Christian-Democrats).
- 1999 - present: Head of the Belgian delegation of the EPP Group in the European Parliament
- 2004 - 2009: First Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.
- 2008 - 2010: Party President CD&V
- Local Politics: 1995 -2008: municipal councillor in Oud-Heverlee; first alderman of 2001 to 2008.

## **Membership of Committees in European Parliament**

- 1992 - 1994: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
- 1992 - 2004: Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (substitute)
- 1992 - 1994: Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and the Working Environment (substitute)
- 1994 - 1995: Temporary committee on employment
- 1994 - 1999: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy
- 1999 - 2002: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- 2002 - 2004: Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market
- 2004 - 2009: Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
- 2004 - 2007: Committee on International Trade (substitute)
- 2007 - 2008: Temporary Committee on Climate Change
- 2007 - 2014: Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (substitute)
- 2009 - 2014: Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs; Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (substitute).

## **Miscellaneous**

- Member of the board of directors of Markant
- Member of the board of directors of the Flemish-European liaison office (VLEVA).
- Member of the General Meeting of the Association KU Leuven and member of the Board of Trustees of the KU Leuven
- Former member of the Social and Economic Council of Flanders (SERV)
- Former member of the Consultation Committee for Women (VOV)
- Former member of the Flemish Media Council
- Former member of the Belgian Central Economic Council (CRB)
- Former Member of the Federal Consultative Body for Consumer Protection
- Former member of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound)