

## Nicolas Schmit

### European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights

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Nicolas Schmit was born in 1953, in Differdange, Luxembourg and pursued higher education studies at the Institut d'études politiques of Aix-en-Provence, from which he graduated with a MA in 1977 and a DEA (post-graduate diploma of advanced studies) in international relations in 1978. He was also awarded a doctorate in economics from the Faculty of Law and Economics of Aix-Marseille in 1982.

From 1990 to 1991, Nicolas Schmit was Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Luxembourg to the EU, in charge of the Intergovernmental Conference leading to the Maastricht Treaty, from 1991 to 1998, was Director of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in charge of Economic and European affairs and Development Cooperation, Member of the EU Trade Committee and in 2000, he was also the personal representative of the Luxembourg Prime Minister at the Intergovernmental Conference leading to the Nice Treaty.

Nicolas Schmit was Alternate Member of the European Convention for a European Constitution, from 2001-2003 and he was a member of the Council of State, from 1991 to 2004.

From 1998 to 2004, he was Luxembourg's ambassador and permanent representative to the European Union.

In Luxembourg, Nicolas Schmit was Minister Delegate for Foreign Affairs and Immigration from 2004-2009, Minister of Labour, Employment and Immigration from 2009-2013 and Minister of Labour, Employment and the Social and Solidarity Economy from 2013-2018.

In 2019, became the European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights.

Developing an action plan to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights, in full respect of the principle of subsidiarity, and promoting dialogue with the social partners is one of his main responsibilities.

