

## Valéry Giscard d'Estaing

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### • PERSONAL DATA

Valéry GISCARD d'ESTAING was born on 2 February 1926 in Coblenz. On 17 December 1952, Valéry GISCARD d'ESTAING married Anne-Aymone de BRANTES. They have four children (Valerie-Anne, Henri, Louis and Jacinte). After serving in the French Resistance, he enlisted at the age of 18 and participated in the French and German campaigns, for which he was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He completed his studies at the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

### • POLITICAL CAREER

#### • ELECTIVE OFFICES

- 1956 Elected Member of Parliament from the Puy-de-Dôme department. Re-elected four times to the National Assembly, serving until 1974
- 1967-1974 Elected Mayor of Chamalières (Puy-de-Dôme)
- 1956-1974 Elected to the General Council of the Puy-de-Dôme, again in March 1982

#### • GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

- 1959-1962 Secretary of State for Finance in the Finance Ministries of Antoine PINAY and Wilfrid BAUGARTNER
- 1962-1966 Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs in the DEBRE and POMPIDOU Governments under President Charles de GAULLE
- 1969-1974 Minister of Economy and Finance in the CHABAN-DELMAS and MESSMER Governments under President Georges POMPIDOU

## **1974-1981 President of the French Republic**

### • ELECTORAL MANDATES

- 1984-1989 He is elected Member of Parliament (UDF) for the Puy-de-Dôme, re-elected in March 1986 and June 1988. He vacates his seat in November 1989 owing to the law on the plurality of mandates
- since 1986* He is elected Regional Councillor of Auvergne on 16 March 1986; he is elected President of the Regional Council of Auvergne on 21 March 1986. Re-elected in March 1992
- 1987-1989 On 7 April 1987, he is elected President of the Commission of Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly. Re-elected on 28 June 1988 and 4 April 1989
- 1989-1993 On 18 June 1989, after having lead the campaign for the European Elections at the head of a joint UDF/RPR list, he is elected member of the European Parliament, where he is a member of the European People's Party (EPP). He vacates his seat in June 1993 owing to the law on the plurality of mandates
- 1993-1997 On 21 March 1993, he is re-elected Member of Parliament (UDF) for the Puy-de-Dôme
- 1993-1997 On 8 April 1993, he is elected President of the Commission of Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly
- since 1997* On 1<sup>st</sup> June 1997, he is re-elected Member of Parliament for the Puy-de-Dôme

### • POLITICAL ACTIVITES

- 1965 He founded the CLUBS PERSPECTIVES ET REALITES, clubs for discussion and proposal of political ideas
- 1966 He founded the National of Independent Republicans, which in 1977 became the Republican Party (PARTI REPUBLICAIN)
- 1982 He creates the COUNCIL FOR THE FUTURE OF France
- 1984 He is designated to head the CLUBS PERSPECTIVES ET REALITES which he founded, and which became in 1995, the Parti Populaire pour la Démocratie Française (PPDF), one of the six parties which make up

UDF

- 1989-96* President of the UDF (Union pour la Démocratie Française), a confederation of six parties from the centre and the centre-right represented in the Parliament
- 1989-97* President of the international EUROPEAN MOVEMENT
- 1992* On 19 November 1992, he is elected President of the APCR (Association des Présidents de Conseils Régionaux)
- since 1997* On 23 October 1997, he is elected International President of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions and is re-elected for a three-year mandate in Lisbon the following year

• **OTHER**

• COMMITTEE FOR THE MONETARY UNION OF EUROPE (CMUE)

- In 1986, he creates, with former Chancellor Helmut SCHMIDT, the Committee for the Monetary Union of Europe, of which they are co-chairmen. This Committee includes 17 members from the EC countries (politicians, bankers, business leaders). In July 1988, they published the « Programme for Action », the outcome of its works from 1986 to June 1988, the proposals of which were the basis of the activities of the Delors Committee from July 1988 to April 1989. The CMUE is currently studying new means to promote and accelerate the realisation of the European Monetary Union.

- Since 1995, he has been a member of the Real Academia de Ciencias Economicas y Financieras (Spain).

• BOOKS

- 1976* FRENCH DEMOCRACY (Démocratie Française)
- 1984* TWO FRENCH OUT OF THREE (Deux Français sur Trois)
- 1988* POWER AND LIFE (Le Pouvoir et la Vie « La Rencontre »)
- 1991* POWER AND LIFE - 2nd vol. (Le Pouvoir et la Vie « L'Affrontement »)
- 1994* LE PASSAGE
- 1995* IN 5 YEARS, THE YEAR 2000 (Dans 5 ans, l'An 2000)