

## **Corinne Cahen, Member of Parliament**

Corinne Cahen was born on May 16, 1973 in Luxembourg. She is the mother of two daughters and shares her life with her partner and his three children.

After attending primary school in Bonnevoie, she continued her studies at the Athénée de Luxembourg before enrolling in Applied Foreign Languages (LEA), specializing in Translation, at the Université des Sciences humaines in Strasbourg, where she obtained her bachelor's degree in 1994. She then pursued a master's degree in Applied Foreign Languages, focusing on Business and Commerce, at the University of Nice Sophia-Antipolis, where she developed a keen interest in new technologies and the opportunities the Internet could offer students.

In 1996, she earned a Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (DESS / Master 2) in bilingual journalism (French - English) at the University of Paris III - Sorbonne Nouvelle.

Throughout her studies, she interned at various media outlets in Luxembourg and France. As early as 1992, she began working as a freelance journalist, first for RTL Hei Elei, and later for Eldorado and RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg.

She started her professional career at Agence France Presse (AFP), with positions in Washington D.C., Paris and The Hague, before joining RTL Radio Lëtzebuerg as a journalist, presenter and reporter.

In 2000, Corinne Cahen joined the family business, Chaussures Léon, while continuing her freelance work for RTL until 2006.

In 2001, she became a member of the Board of Directors of the Union commerciale de la Ville de Luxembourg and was elected its president in 2007, serving two consecutive terms until 2012. In 2009, she was elected to the Chamber of Commerce, became a founding member of the Fédération de la mode and joined the Board of Directors of the Confédération luxembourgeoise du commerce.

During the 2013 snap parliamentary elections, Corinne Cahen ran for the Democratic Party (DP) in the Central constituency. She was elected to Parliament but stepped down after just three weeks at the request of Xavier Bettel to join the government of Bettel-Schneider-Braz 1. She was re-elected in 2018 and continued to serve in the government of Bettel-Schneider-Braz 2.

As Minister for Family, Integration and the Greater Region, she initiated numerous important reforms and laws that modernized the country, including the improvement of parental leave, the adaptation of family allowances, leave for family reasons and paternity leave. She introduced a social inclusion income to activate individuals distant from the labor market while granting them a minimum income. She also passed a law recognizing German sign language and established new standards regarding accessibility for all and everywhere. Additionally, she was behind the law ensuring the

quality of services for the elderly and supported intercultural coexistence through a law encouraging municipalities to promote this way of living together.

In June 2023, Corinne Cahen was elected alderwoman of the City of Luxembourg, responsible for social affairs, special needs, living together, elderly people and housing. In October 2023, she was re-elected as a Member of Parliament, where, since November 2023, she has chaired the Committee on Mobility and Public Works and served on the Committees for Finance, Labor and Petitions.

Corinne Cahen was President of the Democratic Party (DP) from 2015 to 2022.

**Honors and distinctions:**

- Grand Officer of the Civil and Military Order of Merit of Adolphe of Nassau (Luxembourg)
- Commander of the Legion of Honor (France)
- Grand Cross of the Order of Léopold II (Belgium)
- Order of Orange-Nassau (the Netherlands)
- Grand Cross of the Order of Merit (Portugal)