

# Claude Turmes

Minister for Energy  
Minister for Spatial Planning



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Claude Turmes was born on 26 November 1960 in Diekirch.

## Education and qualifications

After completing his secondary education, Claude Turmes graduated in physical and sport education from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve in 1983. Parallely to his job, Claude Turmes studied environmental technologies at the Luxembourgish University Foundation in Arlon and finished his studies without the final thesis. Claude Turmes also attended numerous continuing education trainings in yoga.

## Governmental posts

On 20 June 2018, Claude Turmes was appointed Secretary of State for Sustainable Development and Infrastructures within the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (déi gréng), replacing Camille Gira who had passed away on 16 May 2018.

After the legislative elections of 14 October 2018, Claude Turmes was appointed Minister for Energy and Minister for Spatial Planning on 5 December 2018 in the coalition government formed by the DP, the LSAP and déi gréng.

## Other political posts

Claude Turmes was a Member of the European Parliament from June 1999 to June 2018. He was the vice president of the parliamentary group of the Green Party in the European Parliament and was a member of the Committee on Environment, Health and Consumer Protection as well as a member of the Committee on Industry, Energy, Telecom and Research.

He was the rapporteur of a large number of European directives, in particular on renewable energies, energy efficiency, the electricity market and climate plans, as well as on the European lobby register. From 2004 to 2018, he was the chairman of EUFORES (European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources), the Interparliamentary association for the promotion of renewable energies in Europe.

## Professional activities

Claude Turmes taught in various secondary schools of Luxembourg from 1983 to 1999.

## Associative activities

Prior to his election to the European Parliament, Claude Turmes was an activist and, later, he volunteered to lead various environmental associations. He has been active at both the European (Friends of the Earth Europe, the European Environmental Bureau) and national level. He was a member of the committee and vice president in charge of energy/climate and European affairs and Europe of the Mouvement Écologique Luxembourg from the late 1980's to 1999. He is the cofounder of Klimabündnis Lëtzebuerg.

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