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Françoise Grossetête graduated from the Faculty of Law in Lyon (public law and political science) in 1969 and from the Institute of Higher Studies in Social Law and Labor in Lyon in 1969. She taught Law in Lyon for several years.

She was a municipal councilor in Saint-Étienne from 1983 to 2008, and then a regional councilor for Rhône-Alpes from 1986 to 1998. She specialized in Environmental matters and chaired various organizations, including the Regional Natural Park of Pilat from 1989 to 2008.

From 1994 to 2019, she was elected as a Member of the European Parliament, holding the position of Vice-President of the European People's Party group multiple times. Her influence is particularly recognized in the field of health, industry, and defense policies. As a member of the industry and environment, health, and food safety committees, she was a rapporteur for numerous Regulations and Directives related to pharmaceutical regulation (orphan drugs, pediatrics, human and veterinary medicines, cross-border healthcare directive, IML, etc.).

After 36 years in politics, Françoise Grossetête is now a special advisor to the Robert Schuman Foundation, a member of the EuroDéfense-France board, and the President of FG Consult.

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