

Valérie Pécresse, President of the Île-de-France Regional Council since December 2015

Born on July 14, 1967, Valérie Pécresse began her career as an auditor at “Conseil d’Etat”, government commissioner specializing on legal matters on internet, disabled people rights and hospital liability. In 1995, she supported Jacques Chirac and joined his Cabinet at the Presidency of the Republic as a technical advisor in charge of studies, forecasts and information technologies.

Elected to the National Assembly for the first time in 2002 as Member of Parliament for Yvelines (one of the 8 departments of Ile-de-France region), Valerie Pécresse specialized on Family matters, Research and Education.

After Nicolas Sarkozy’s victory for the French Presidency in 2007, Valérie Pécresse is nominated Minister of Higher Education and Research, in order to carry out one of the most important reform of Nicolas Sakozy’s five years term as President : a more autonomous model for Universities and a reform of the research sector. On June 30, 2011, Valérie Pécresse is appointed Minister of the Budget, Public Accounts and State Reform, spokesperson for the Government of François Fillon. As Minister of Budget, she worked on the historic reduction of budget deficit and public expenditures. She also set up a special VAT scheme against delocalisation, which contributes to reduce the cost of work, key for employment competitiveness. She is re-elected as MP for Yvelines in 2007 and 2012.

Elected for the first time to the Ile-de-France Regional Council in 2004, she became President of region Ile-de-France in December 2015, as well as President of Ile-de-France Mobilités.