



Marianne Thyssen

EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility

Marianne Thyssen is the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility. Her portfolio includes Employment, Social Affairs, Inclusion and Statistics, and she is responsible for the statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat).

In 1991 Thyssen was elected as Member of the European Parliament (MEP) for Flanders with the CD&V, the Flemish Christian Democrats in Belgium, and has since spent over 24 years in politics. From 1995-2008 she served as Councillor, and then First Alderman, for the Oud-Heverlee municipality. In 2008 Thyssen was elected leader of CD&V party. She also served as leader of the European People's Party's (EPP) Belgian delegation and from 2004-2009 was elected first vice-president of the EPP.

She holds a degree in law from the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. Prior to entering politics she worked as a legal adviser for a Belgian organisation for SMEs and the self-employed, the women's network Markant, as well as to the state secretary for public health and disability policy.

In 2014 Thyssen was appointed to the Juncker administration as Commissioner in charge of Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility.