

Jean-François Copé

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Jean-François Copé is currently the Mayor of the city of Meaux and a business and corporate lawyer at Stehlin & Associés law firm. He is married and has 4 kids. He is a graduate of Science Po and ENA. A dedicated professor, he taught Economics at Science Po and Public Finances at Paris VIII University.

He started a career in politics at a very young age. From 1993 through 1995 he was the head of cabinet for a significant French minister. Seine-et-Marne's MP from 1995 to 1997 then from 2002 to 2017, he also was successively designated Secretary of State for relations with Parliament (2002-2004), deputy Minister of the Interior (2004) and Minister for the Budget and State Reform (2004-2007) under the mentorship of President Chirac.

During his three years as Minister for Budget, he was the only one to reduce public spending, taxes, public deficit and public debt at the same time. A strong action that was highly recognized by the French economic community.

Between the years of 2007 and 2010, he was the leader of the majority (UMP) of the French Assembly then President of the conservative party UMP from 2011 to 2014. Around the same time, committed to a strong and prosperous Europe, he headed the French delegation within the European People's Party (EPP).

A great defender of economic liberalism, he has always advocated for policies focusing on supporting business growth and lowering taxes and public spending.

He was elected Mayor of Meaux in 1995, a city of nearly 60 000 residents in the metropolitan area of Paris, and then reelected in 2001, 2008, 2014 and 2020. During these mandates, he had two priorities: urban renewal and security.

A prolific writer, he has published a number of political and economic essays as well as several books. Among them, a historical book "The Marne Battle" recounting the first great battle of 14-18. He has also created the biggest European World War 1 museum in the city of Meaux.

Jean-François Copé has a particular interest in Artificial Intelligence. He has co-authored the book "Would AI also kill democracy ?" with Laurent Alexandre published in 2019.