



Given the crisis faced by the European system to protect rights and freedoms, the Commissioner needs to be a **guardian of democracy** and a figure working tirelessly to ensure the law is applied throughout Europe, in compliance with European principles.

As Commissioner for Human Rights, I will be firm and impartial in my stances. I will be committed to promoting a positive vision of the principles of the Council of Europe. **I will not work against States, but alongside them**, through dialogue and receptiveness, to encourage them to best implement the European Convention on Human Rights and fulfil the other international commitments that they have freely made, as well as to advise them on appropriate reforms. My knowledge of the Council of Europe's procedures and institutions will be an asset in this office.

I will act in full independence and adopt an equal approach to all Member States. **I will thus ensure that human rights are not instrumentalized, but instead defended constantly, impartially and loyally.** My opinions and reports will be based solely on independent and objective analysis of the facts. I will be present in the field in contact with realities, with a constant care for dialogue and results.

I will maintain constant, trust-based contact with NGOs and associations, and I will also speak with citizens. At a time when sceptical discourse with regard to human rights is on the rise, I am conscious of the essential role the Commissioner has in raising public awareness of our common principles. I will be on the front line to restore the confidence of our citizens in their institutions and to promote human rights, particularly among young people.

Lastly, I will work closely with all Council of Europe bodies and with European and international organizations. Only through the combined efforts of all those concerned can human rights be protected effectively in Europe. "

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POSITIONS

2012 ■ **2017** Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)
Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights (AS/Jur) ■ Member of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the European Court of Human Rights (AS/Cdh) ■ Member of the Committee on Culture, Science, Education and Media (AS/Cult) and Chair of the Sub-Committee on Culture, Diversity and Heritage ■ Rapporteur on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights ■ Rapporteur on educational and cultural networks of communities living abroad ■ Rapporteur for opinion on combating international terrorism while protecting Council of Europe standards and values ■ Rapporteur for opinion on integration of refugees in times of critical pressure.

2012 ■ **2017** Deputy, French National Assembly – 7th constituency of French nationals abroad (Germany, Central Europe and the Balkans)
Member of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Committee ■ Chair of the parliament's "France-Germany" friendship group

2000 ■ **2010** Councillor, Assembly of French Nationals Abroad
Member of the Rights and Freedoms Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1990 ■ **2012** Executive manager in the industrial private sector (USA, Luxembourg, Belgium, Germany)

VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMMITMENTS

Member of Amnesty International, Belgium ■ Member of the Maison des Enfants d'Izieu (memorial for exterminated Jewish Children) association, France

TRAINING

Bachelor's degree in Law, University of Nantes; graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po); LL M European Law, College of Europe (Bruges)

LANGUAGES

French ■ English ■ German ■ Portuguese ■ Spanish

The candidacy of Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' to the office of Commissioner for Human Rights is driven by a three-fold motivation:

- strong commitment to human rights;
- firm determination to promote the function;
- in-depth knowledge of the Council of Europe and its functioning.

CONSTANT COMMITMENT TO SERVING EUROPEAN PRINCIPLES

Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' is a passionate defender of human rights and has been committed throughout his life to European values and principles, as an activist, as a Deputy in the French National Assembly, as a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and as an executive manager in the private sector.

EXPERIENCE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' is familiar of the Council of Europe's institutions and procedures. Acting as rapporteur on the implementation of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and protecting human rights while combating international terrorism, and as a member of the Committee on the Election of Judges to the ECHR, he has acquired in-depth knowledge of human rights issues.

His background allows him to grasp apprehend the diversity of approaches and perceptions of the various human rights stakeholders, including Member States, members of parliament, NGOs, rights defenders and civil society in general.

KNOWLEDGE OF EUROPE

Pierre-Yves Le Borgn' has been working across Europe for many years. His mastery of five European languages enables him to understand the great diversity of our continent's cultures.