



# Alain Berset

Former President of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA (Health, social security, culture, anti-discrimination/anti-racism)

Swiss politician with longstanding experience at the highest executive and legislative levels with marked consensus-building, decision-making and managerial skills. Distinct interest in multilateralism, international law, rule of law and human rights

## Personal details

9 April 1972, Fribourg, Switzerland

Married, 3 children (20, 18, 16)

PhD in economics and M. Sc. in political science

## Political career

2023	President of the Swiss Confederation
2018	President of the Swiss Confederation
2012–2023	Member of the Government (Federal Council) and Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs FDHA (Health, social security, culture, anti-discrimination/anti-racism)
2009	President of the Senate (Council of States)
2007–2011	Member of the parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE
2005–2011	Member of the parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie
2005–2011	Vice president of the parliamentary Social Democratic group
2003–2011	Member of the Senate (Council of States)
2000–2004	Constitutional Council of the Canton of Fribourg
2001–2003	Member of the local parliament in Belfaux FR

## Professional activity

2006–2011	Independent strategy and communications advisor
2001–2004	Strategic advisor at the Department of Economic Affairs of canton Neuchâtel
2000–2001	Guest researcher at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Hamburg
1996–2000	Assistant lecturer at the Research institute for Regional Economic Development at the University of Neuchâtel

## Education

2005	PhD in Economics at the University of Neuchâtel
1996	Ms. Sc. in Political Science at the University of Neuchâtel

## Further activities

2005–2011	President of the Swiss Association for the promotion of AOC/IGP, Bern President of the Swiss Tenants' Association–Western Switzerland Section, Lausanne
2004–2011	President of 'Les Buissonnets', foundation for children and adults with disabilities, Fribourg