

CLAUDE-FRANCE ARNOULD CURRICULUM VITAE

Claude-France Arnould has been Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency since 17 January 2011.

Previously, C.F. Arnould worked on defence matters in other EU positions. She headed the Crisis Management and Planning Directorate at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union between 2009 and 2010, and was Director for Defence Issues at the General Secretariat of the Council from 2001 to 2009.

Earlier in her career (1998-2001), C.F. Arnould worked as Director of International and Strategic Affairs at the French National Defence General Secretariat /Prime Minister.

Claude-France Arnould started her career as a diplomat, at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, first in the North America Directorate (1981-1983), then in the Economic and Financial Affairs Directorate (1983-1986). After serving at the Private Office of the Minister for European Affairs, in 1987 she became Secretary-General of the French National School for Public Administration (ENA), until 1989. She was then appointed Deputy Director of European Community Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1994 to 1998 she was First Counselor at the French Embassy in Germany.

Ms. Arnould has been "Ministre plénipotentiaire" (French Ministry of Foreign Affairs) since June 2001. She is a graduate of the *Ecole normale supérieure*, the *Ecole Nationale d'Administration* (ENA) and the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* (IEP) de Paris. She also holds an *agrégation* in Classics and a degree in art and archaeology.

Claude-France Arnould has been awarded the *Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite* and *Officier de la Légion d'honneur* (France), the *Bundesverdienstkreuz Erster Klasse* (Germany), and the *Gran Cruz del Mérito Militar* (Spain),.

