



EUROPEAN
COURT
OF AUDITORS



François-Roger Cazala

Born in Châteauroux, France, in 1957

Education and training

Paris Institute of Political Studies (“Sciences Po”)

University of Paris I – Bachelor’s degree in Law

École nationale d'administration/ENA (class of 1981)

Certified Government Audit Professional (Institute of Internal Auditors/IIA)

Career at France’s *Cour des comptes*: auditor (1981-1985), senior auditor (1985-1999), chief auditor since 1999

Professional experience

1981 – 1985

Cour des comptes

1986 – 1988

Technical adviser to the Minister responsible for the Civil Service and Economic Planning (H. de Charrette); responsibilities: procedural matters, senior civil service, ENA

1988 – 1989

Cour des comptes

1989 – 1992

Seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Economic Directorate, assistant director responsible for international environmental affairs)

1992 – 1995

French Embassy in Germany, second counsellor (German domestic policy)

1995

Head of the private office of the Minister for the Environment (Corinne Lepage)

1996 – 1998

Cour des comptes (audit sectors: the Prime Minister’s Office, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Justice, and the Foreign Ministry)

1998 – 2008

Seconded as principal administrator to the OECD on the SIGMA programme, a joint initiative of the OECD and the European Union, mainly financed by the latter to support the reform of public administration in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, and in EU neighbourhood policy countries.

Specifically responsible for matters relating to public finances, external audit (setting up of audit chambers and equivalent bodies) and internal audit

September 2008

Cour des comptes, chief auditor in the Court's third chamber (audit sectors: education, research, universities, culture and communication)

April 2011

Cour des comptes, chief auditor in the Court's seventh chamber and head of the transport section

January 2018

Cour des comptes, chief auditor in the Court's first chamber and head of the economic development section and the public finances sector

Other activities

1981 – 1987

Lecturer at the Paris Institute of Political Studies ("Sciences Po")

1981 – 1987

Member of or rapporteur for various interministerial committees and working groups on matters relating to public administration

1996 – 1998

General rapporteur of the financial commission of *Agence France-Presse*

1996 – 1998

Secretary-General of the association of current and former senior officials of the *Cour des comptes*

2008 – 2012

Member of the bureau of the association of current and former senior officials of the *Cour des comptes*

2009 – 2012

Member of audit teams of international organisations: EUMETSAT (Darmstadt), UNODC (Vienna), director of external audit of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)

2012 – 2013

Joint chairman of the working group on the establishment of professional standards in financial jurisdictions

Since 2014

Representative of the *Cour des comptes* on the *Haut conseil du commissariat aux comptes* (France's Supreme Council of Auditors)

Since 2016

Member, then Vice-Chairman of the Board of Auditors of the European Stability Mechanism