

**Prime Minister  
Edith Cresson**

Born on January 27, 1934, Edith Cresson is a graduate in the hautes études commerciales and has a doctorate in demography.

Mrs. Cresson joined the Left in 1965 through her participation in François Mitterrand's Republican Institutions Convention, and joined the national secretariat of the Socialist Party in 1975. She was elected mayor of Thuré in 1977, and member of the European Parliament in 1979.

Mrs. Cresson was minister of agriculture from 1981 to 1983. Elected mayor of Châtellerauld in 1983, she was also made responsible for the ministry of international trade and tourism. The following year she became minister of industrial redeployment and international trade, a position she held until 1986. Mrs. Cresson was minister of European affairs from May 1988 to November 1990. From November 1990 to May 1991, she worked in the private sector.

Mrs. Cresson has co-chaired the France-Canada Joint Economic Commission and in that capacity has made the acquaintance of several provincial premiers.



Mrs. Cresson has published an essay entitled "Avec le soleil", on the subject of her commitment to the Left.

She is married and has two daughters.