



André Viola, President of the General Council of the Aude



Born on March 24th, 1971 in Carcassonne (France), André VIOLA achieved his secondary studies in Carcassonne before pursuing law studies at the University of Toulouse.

André Viola holds a PHD in French public law, specialised in constitutional law with a thesis on “The notion of Republic in the jurisprudence of the French Constitutional Council”. He is still a senior lecturer in this University nowadays.

André Viola is involved in politics since 1991. He started his political activities with the Young Socialists movement to address inequalities and change the institutions of the 5th French Republic.

In 1998, he became the youngest Regional Counsellor of the Languedoc-Roussillon region before joining the General Council of the Aude Department as an elected representative of the Canton of Fanjeaux in march 2001.

Mayor of the city of Bram between 2003 and march 2011, he also became Vice-President of the Aude General Council in charge of education, youth, culture and sport.

André Viola became President of the General Council of the Aude Department on March 31st, 2011 and resigned from his Mayor mandate of the city of Bram. André Viola is President of the Aude Departmental Council (who used to be called General Council) since 2011. He was re-elected for a second mandate in 2015.

Fully committed to provide an equal access to services for all inhabitants, he oversees the questions related to the territorial equality within the French Socialist Party. He is also leading the left wing Departments within the Association of the Departments of France.

André Viola is deeply involved in the field of international cooperation and decentralised cooperation. He is:

- President of the European Confederation of the intermediate local authorities,
- Vice-President and General Secretary of the French Assembly of Departments (ADF)
- President of the French delegation within the Committee of the Regions (CoR),
- Member of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats,
- Member of the Commission for the Environment, Climate change and Energy (CoR),
- Member of the Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs(CoR),

- Member of the Directory Board for French Association of the Council of Communes and Regions of Europe (AFCCRE),
- Vice-President of the “Latin Arch” (organisation of cooperation between local authorities from France, Spain and Italy bordering the Mediterranean coast),
- Vice-President of the National Commission of Decentralised Cooperation and the National Council for the Development and International Solidarity,
- Member of the World Council of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG).
