Doris Leuthard

UN High-level Panel on Digital Cooperation

Panel years: 2018-2019

Born: 1963

Age at nomination: 55

Nationality: Swiss

Research Summary

Question	Status	Confidence
Q1 — HLP Job Title at Nomination	**Found & Verified**	High
Q2 — Education Trajectory	**Found (unconfirmed)**	Medium
Q3 — Geographical Mobility	**Found & Verified**	High
Q4 — Organizational Mobility	**Found & Verified**	High
Q5 — Sectors of Expertise	**Found (unconfirmed)**	High
Q6 — Professional Networks & Awards	**Found (unconfirmed)**	High
Q7 — Career Domain Classification	**Found**	High

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Q1 — HLP Job Title at Nomination

Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
Swiss Federal Council

Year of nomination: 2010–2018 · Age at nomination: 55

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1 — Temporal anchoring: The text explicitly mentions Doris Leuthard's roles with specific date ranges, including her position as Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications from 2010 to 2018, which overlaps with the nomination year 2018. Step 2 — Role identification: The text clearly identifies her as 'Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications'. Step 3 — Organization identification: The organization is the Swiss Federal Council, as she is described as a 'Member of the Swiss Federal Council' and heads a federal department. Step 4 — Temporal match assessment: The role as Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications explicitly covers the year 2018. Step 5 — Confidence assessment: High confidence due to explicit date range matching 2018.

Confidence: high · Primary source: en.wikipedia.org · Verified by 2 independent source(s)

> *"Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, In office, 1 November 2010 – 31 December 2018"*

Q2 — Education Trajectory

Geographic reach: Global North · Prestige: Elite institutions · Disciplines: law

Degrees & Credentials

Degree	Field	Institution	Country	Year
other	**law**	**University of Zurich**	Switzerland	—

Bold entries indicate elite institutions.

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1: The source text mentions that Doris Leuthard studied law at the University of Zurich but does not explicitly state the degree type (e.g., LLB, JD). It also mentions language and study courses in Paris and Calgary, which do not qualify as university-level degrees. Step 2: The University of Zurich is located in Switzerland. Step 3: Switzerland is classified as Global North. Step 4: The University of Zurich is considered an elite institution. Step 5: The discipline identified is law. Confidence is medium due to the lack of explicit degree type.

Confidence: medium · Primary source: kofiannanfoundation.org · Verified by 0 independent source(s)

"Ms Leuthard studied law at the University of Zurich and completed language and study courses in Paris and Calgary."

Q3 — Geographical Mobility

Countries of residence / employment:

Switzerland

Location Detail

City	Country	Period	Role / Context
Aarau	Switzerland	1997-2006	National Councillor of the canton of Aargau; 1999–2006, Grand Councillor of the canton of Aargau; 1997–2000
Wohlen	Switzerland	1991-2006	Partner at Fricker Attorneys-at-Law, Wohlen; 1991–2006
Bern	Switzerland	2006-2018	Federal Councillor; 2006–2018
Zurich	Switzerland	2021-present	Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of Coop Group Cooperative; since 2021, ETH Zurich Foundation, Zurich; member of the Foundation Board
Basel	Switzerland	2021-present	Transgourmet Holding AG, Basel; Vice-Chair
Lucerne	Switzerland	2021-present	Green Business Award, Lucerne; Jury Chair, Lucerne Dialogue, Lucerne; Chair of the Advisory Board
Geneva	Switzerland	2021-present	Swiss Digital Foundation, Geneva; Chair of the Foundation Board

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1: Identified locations mentioned in connection with Doris Leuthard's work and career. Step 2: Filtered locations based on likely duration of 6+ months. Step 3: Assigned approximate year ranges based on provided dates. Step 4: Assessed confidence levels. Step 5: Compiled de-duplicated country list.

Confidence: high · Primary source: bellfoodgroup.com · Verified by 2 independent source(s)

Q4 — Organizational Mobility

Domain distribution: 6 civil_society · 5 corporate · 8 political

Career Positions

Title	Organisation	Period	Domain	Type
Federal Councillor	**Swiss Federal Council**	2006–2018	political	Primary
Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs	**Swiss Federal Council**	2006–2010	political	Primary
Head of the Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications	**Swiss Federal Council**	2010–2018	political	Primary
Vice-President of the Swiss Confederation	**Swiss Confederation**	2009, 2016	political	Primary
President of the Swiss Confederation	**Swiss Confederation**	2010, 2017	political	Primary
Leader of the Swiss Christian Democratic People■s Party (CVP)	**Swiss Christian Democratic People■s Party (CVP)**	2004–2006	political	Primary
National Councillor	**Canton of Aargau**	1999–2006	political	Primary
Grand Councillor	**Canton of Aargau**	1997–2000	political	Primary
Partner	**Fricker Attorneys-at-Law**	1991–2006	corporate	Primary
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors	Coop Group Cooperative	2021-present	corporate	Secondary
Board Member	Coop Pronto AG	—	corporate	Secondary
Board Member	Stadler Rail AG	—	corporate	Secondary
Vice-Chair	Transgourmet Holding AG	—	corporate	Secondary
Member of the Foundation Board	ETH Zurich Foundation	—	civil_society	Secondary
Jury Chair	Green Business Award	—	civil_society	Secondary
Chair of the Advisory Board	Lucerne Dialogue	—	civil_society	Secondary
Chair of the Foundation Board	Swiss Digital Foundation	—	civil_society	Secondary
Member of the Foundation Board	Venture	—	civil_society	Secondary
Co-Chair	Association National Exhibition Svizra27	—	civil_society	Secondary

Bold entries are primary (full-time) positions.

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1: Identified roles explicitly mentioned for Doris Leuthard, including governmental, corporate, and civil society positions. Step 2: Matched each role to its respective organization. Step 3: Extracted approximate periods for each role based on explicit dates. Step 4: Classified domains as political, corporate, or civil_society based on role nature. Step 5: Assessed prominence as primary or secondary based on role description.

Confidence: high · Primary source: bellfoodgroup.com · Verified by 2 independent source(s)

Q5 — Sectors of Expertise

Primary Sector

ENVIRONMENT

All Identified Sectors

Sector	Evidence	Prominence
environment	Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications	Primary
energy	Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications	Primary
transport	Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications	Primary
communications	Head of the Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications	Primary
finance	Head of the Department of Economic Affairs	Secondary
government	Member of the Swiss Federal Council, President of the Swiss Confederation	Primary

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1: Identified sectors based on Doris Leuthard's roles and responsibilities. Step 2: Linked evidence to each sector. Step 3: Assessed prominence based on duration and depth of engagement. Step 4: Mapped sectors to standard taxonomy labels.

Confidence: high · Primary source: en.wikipedia.org · Verified by 0 independent source(s)

"she became head of the Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications"

Q6 — Professional Networks & Awards

Affiliations & Memberships

Organisation	Type	Period
Coop Group Cooperative	board	2021-present
Coop Pronto AG	board	—
Stadler Rail AG	board	—
Transgourmet Holding AG	board	—
ETH Zurich Foundation	board	—
Green Business Award	advisory	—
Lucerne Dialogue	advisory	—
Swiss Digital Foundation	board	—
Venture	board	—
Association National Exhibition Svizra27	advisory	—

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1: Identified affiliations outside primary employment. Step 2: No awards mentioned. Step 3: Classified each affiliation. Step 4: Assigned periods where available.

Confidence: high · Primary source: bellfoodgroup.com · Verified by 0 independent source(s)

Q7 — Career Domain Classification

POLITICAL

Classification confidence: high

Evidence by Domain

CIVIL SOCIETY: Secondary roles in advisory positions for foundations and awards, such as Jury Chair for Green Business Award and Chair of the Advisory Board for Lucerne Dialogue.

CORPORATE: Secondary roles as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for Coop Group Cooperative and other corporate board positions.

POLITICAL: Primary roles as Federal Councillor, Head of Federal Departments, President of the Swiss Confederation, and Leader of the Swiss Christian Democratic People's Party (CVP).

Analytical Reasoning

Step 1 — Jobs review: Doris Leuthard's primary roles are heavily concentrated in the political domain, including positions as Federal Councillor, Head of various Federal Departments, and President of the Swiss Confederation. Secondary roles include corporate board positions and civil society advisory roles. Step 2 — Duration weighting: The political roles span over a decade (2006-2018), while corporate and civil society roles are more recent and secondary. Step 3 — Sectors cross-check: Her primary sectors (environment, energy, transport, communications, and government) align strongly with her political roles, particularly her leadership in the Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications. Step 4 — Networks cross-check: Her professional networks include corporate board seats and civil society advisory roles, but these are secondary to her extensive political career. Step 5 — Dominant domain identification: The political domain clearly dominates her career. Step 6 — Hybrid test: While she has secondary exposure to corporate and civil society domains, these do not account for a comparable share of her career, nor do they represent a genuine hybrid with the political domain.

This classification is synthesised from Q1–Q6 outputs using an LLM reasoning step. It reflects the overall career pattern, not any single role.