
ANNALENA BAERBOCK: GERMANY'S FIRST FEMALE FOREIGN MINISTER FLOURISHES IN A CRISIS

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Annalena Baerbock, the former co-leader of the environmentalist Greens and now the first woman to serve as Germany's top diplomat, marks three months in office on International Women's Day (March 8).

She has emerged as one of the country's most popular politicians, winning overwhelming praise also from conservative quarters for her clarity and steadiness in a time of great upheaval across Europe and major changes in German foreign policy.

On Thursday, the monthly Deutschlandtrend opinion poll found that Baerbock was easily Germany's second-most-esteemed politician, after Chancellor Olaf Scholz, of the center-left Social Democrats (SPD). Some 50% of respondents said they were either pleased or very pleased with her work — a massive increase of 14 percentage points from the same time the previous month.

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