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Hans-Gert Pöttering

FMA President and Former President of the European Parliament



Hans-Gert Pöttering was born on 15 September 1945 in Bersenbrück, Germany.

He is a German politician (CDU) and is the current President of the European Parliament Former Members Association. He was the only Member of the European Parliament who has served continuously from the first direct election in 1979 until the 1st of July 2014 – with 35 years of uninterrupted membership. He held a number of leading positions in the EP and European People's Party throughout his political career. From 2007 until 2009, he was President of the European Parliament.

Georg Pfeifer¹

Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office (EPLO) in Germany



Since January 2020, Georg Pfeiffer is the Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Berlin. He moved to Berlin from Vienna where he was the Head of EPLO in Austria.

Pfeifer has a master's degree in political science and German philology at the University of Innsbruck, Vienna, Liège and Brussels as well as a postgraduate degree at the College of Europe in Bruges.

¹ <https://www.presseportal.de/pm/106967/4479895>

Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble²

President of the German Bundestag



Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble was born on 18 September 1942 in Freiburg, Germany.

He studied Law and Economics in Freiburg and Hamburg (1961-66). In 1970 he obtained the qualification of Assessor of Law (*Rechtsassessor*) and in 1972 his Doctorate in Law. In the same year, he was elected Member of Parliament for the Christian Democratic Union (*Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands, CDU*), a position he holds to this day. From 1981 to 1984, Wolfgang Schäuble was Parliamentary Secretary of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, from 1984 to 1989 Federal Minister for Special Tasks and Head of the

Federal Chancellery, and from 1989 to 1991 he was Federal Minister of the Interior. In this role, he led the negotiations on behalf of the federal government with the government of the

GDR on the Unification Treaty between the two Germanys. From 1991 to 2000 Schäuble led the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag, from 1998 to 2000 he was also chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany. He has been a member of the presidium of the CDU in Germany since 2000. As deputy chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, Schäuble was responsible for foreign, security and European policy between 2002 and 2005. In the Grand Coalition between 2005 and 2009 he was once again Federal Minister of the Interior, and subsequently Federal Minister of Finance until the end of the 18th electoral term of the German Bundestag in 2017.

² <https://www.bundestag.de/en/parliament/presidium/schaeuble-531012>

Jörg van Essen³

Vice-President of the Association of Former Members of the German Bundestag and the European Parliament



Jörg van Essen was born on 29 September 1947 in Burscheid, Germany.

He studied law at the University of Cologne from 1968 to 1973. After he finished university, he became a prosecutor in Münster, Hagen and Dortmund from 1976 to 1985. Since 1980 van Essen has been a member of the Free Democratic Party and from 1990-2013 van Essen was a member of the Bundestag.

Axel Dittmann⁴

Director for EU Institutional Affairs, Brexit and EU Coordination at Federal Foreign Office



Axel Dittmann was born in Bonn on 23 March 1966. He is a German diplomat who has been Brexit Coordinator at the Federal Foreign Office since 2018. From 2015 to 2018 he was ambassador in Belgrade. Between 2007 and 2011 he was Deputy Head of Unit in the European Department of the Federal Foreign Office and subsequently from 2011 to 2015 Head of Unit for EU policy issues in the European Department of the Federal Foreign Office. In July 2015, Dittmann became Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Belgrade (Serbia) as successor to Heinz Wilhelm, who retired.

³http://webarchiv.bundestag.de/archive/2013/1212/bundestag/abgeordnete17/biografien/E/essen_joerg.html

⁴ <http://www.belgradeforum.org/speaker/h-e-axel-dittmann/>

Gunther Krichbaum⁵

Chair and Member of the Committee on European Affairs



Gunther Krichbaum was born 4 May 1964 in Korntal, Germany.

He is a German lawyer and politician of the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU). He holds the chair of the Committee on European Union Affairs of the German Bundestag since 2007. Krichbaum has been a member of the German Bundestag since the 2002 elections. From 2005, he served as a deputy spokesperson for the European Parliament of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, under the leadership of the group's chairman Volker Kauder. During that time, he was also his parliamentary group's rapporteur on Romania. Since June

2007, he has been chairing the Committee on European Affairs. In addition to his committee assignments, he has been a member of the German delegation to the Franco-German Parliamentary Assembly since 2019.

⁵ https://www.bundestag.de/abgeordnete/biografien/K/krichbaum_gunther-521310



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Civil Society organisations

- [Europäische Bewegung Deutschlands](#) (European Movement Germany)
- [Schwarzkopf-Stiftung Junges Europa](#) (Schwarzkopf Foundation)
- [Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement](#) (BBE, National Network for Civil Society)
- [Europa-Union Deutschland](#) (Europe Union Germany)
- [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik](#) (German Council on Foreign Relations)
- [Institut für Europäische Politik](#) (IEP, Institute for European Politics)
- [Bundesjugendring](#) (Federal German Youth Council)
- [Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund](#) (DGB, German Trade Union Confederation)
- [Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie](#) (BDI, Association of the German Industry)
- [Deutscher Naturschutzring](#) (DNR, German League for Nature and Environment)
- [Deutsche Sozialversicherung](#) (DSV, German Social Insurances)
- [Europäische Akademie Berlin](#) (EAB, European Academy Berlin)



Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert⁶

President of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation



Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert was born 16 November 1948 in Bochum, Germany

Norbert Lammert has been actively involved in German politics for almost four decades. Holding important positions, he played a key role in Germany’s political life. He was a member of the German Bundestag from 1980 to 2017 and served as its President for twelve years. In Helmut Kohl's governments he held the positions of Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Education and Science, the Federal

Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Federal Ministry of Transport; he served as Federal Government Coordinator of German Aerospace Policy.

Norbert Lammert began his political career as a member of the city council of his hometown Bochum, where he was born in 1948. For more than twenty years, he was party chairman of the CDU for the Ruhr district, a region he has always been closely associated with through his membership in supervisory and advisory bodies of economic establishments and cultural institutions. In 2003, Norbert Lammert received an assignment as lecturer in political science at the Ruhr University of Bochum, which awarded him an honorary professorship in 2008. His numerous publications deal with social, economic and cultural policy issues. Since January 2018, he has been Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

⁶ <https://www.kas.de/en/prof.-dr.-norbert-lammert>