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ICELAND and NORWAY and TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA
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Conference of Delegation Chairmen
Committee on Fisheries

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Committee on Regional Development
Special committee on the policy challenges and budgetary resources for a sustainable European Union after 2013

Curriculum vitae

B.Comm. (1970). Fish exporter (1970-1982).

Chairman, Donegal Local Authority (1985-1986). Member of Dáil Éireann (1981-1987; 2002-2009); Chairman of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (2008-2009).

Minister of State at the Department of the Marine and the Department of the Gaeltacht (1987-1994). Minister of State at the Department of the Environment (2002-2004); Minister of State with special responsibility for the Marine (2004-2006); Minister of State at the Department of Transport (2006-2007); Minister of State with special responsibility for Health Promotion and Food Safety (2007-2008).

In the European Parliament: Treasurer, UEN Group (1999-2002).

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Committee on Regional Development

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Budgetary Control

Delegation for relations with Japan

Curriculum vitae

Faculty of Electrical Engineering, VUT (Brno University of Technology) - computer studies (1985); postgraduate study - computer networks - Mechanical Engineering Faculty, VUT (1996); teaching of technical subjects - Faculty of Civil Engineering, VUT (1999).

Planner and programmer in the traffic management sector; maternity leave (1985-1990). IT specialist with Tišnov municipal authority (1990-1995). Teacher - teaching of computer technology at secondary and vocational schools (1995-2000). Head of office of the Minister of Finance (2002-2006).

Member of ČSSD (Czech Social Democratic Party) (since 1998) - in various roles: chair of the local association, district audit committee, member of the regional executive committee, work in the statutes committee and in the municipal policy team. ČSSD regional secretary for the Southern Moravia Region (2000-2002). Member of the ČSSD Central Executive Committee (since 2003); Member of the ČSSD bureau (2005-2009). Vice-Chair of the ČSSD Regional Executive Committee (since 2006).

Member of the financial affairs committee of Tišnov Town Council (1998-2002). Member of Tišnov Town Council (since 2002); Chair of the financial affairs committee of Tišnov Town Council (2002-2006). Deputy Mayor of Tišnov (2006-2008). Chair of the committee for continuity of social services planning (since 2009).

Member of Southern Moravia Regional Assembly (since 2008);

Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (2008-June 2009).

Member of the Brontosaurus Movement (since 1990).



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Member

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Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Budgetary Control

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Special committee on the policy challenges and budgetary resources for a sustainable European Union after 2013
Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee

Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

Curriculum vitae

Master's in sociology, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. Doctoral student, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences (1999-2003). Awarded scholarships by the Polish Ministry of Education and Sport, the DAAD Foundation and the Stefan Batory Foundation.

Administrator in the Secretariat of the European Parliament's Committee on Budgets and scientific assistant at the University of Central Europe in Warsaw. EU budget adviser to the European People's Party - European Democrats Group in the European Parliament.

Under-Secretary of State in the Office of the Committee for European Integration (January 2008-June 2009).



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Member

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Budgets
Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula

Curriculum vitae

Farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic (1967-1972). Studied economics in Linz (1972-1978). Doctorate, Linz University Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy (1978-1984). Managing director of the Rübiger Schmied company.

Member, Upper Austria Regional Assembly (1991-1996). Chairman, EU Integration Committee.

Member of the Nationalrat (1996).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1996). Member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee, Substitute member of the Committee on Budgets. EPP small business spokesperson on the WTO Steering Committee. Member of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Norway, to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and to the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee (Arctic Council and EFTA). Substitute member of the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula (Gulf Cooperation Council).

President, SME Circle (1999-2000).

Co-President (2000-2001) and President (2001-2003) of the European Business Federation (SME-Union).

President of SME Global (since 2003). Board member, Upper Austria Business Promotion Institute (1991-1996).

Vice-President, Upper Austria Chamber of Commerce (1996-2000).

President of EUCUSA (2000-2002). Industry Committee Vice-Chair, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (2000-2010), Member of the Industry Committee, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (since 2010).

Chair of the STOA (Science and Technology Options Assessment) Committee.

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Member

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Delegation for relations with the United States

Substitute

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Curriculum vitae

MA (Hons.) Geography and International Relations, St Andrews University (1996); M.Litt. (International Security Studies), St Andrews University (1998). Political advisor to Anne Begg MP (1997-1999).

Member of Unite trade union. Member of the Co-op Party.

In the Labour Party: Youth representative on the Scottish Executive Committee (1993-1995); Youth representative on the National Executive Committee (1995-1997); Parliamentary Candidate, Angus constituency (1997). Labour candidate, Dunfermline and West Fife by-election (2006).

In the European Parliamentary Labour Party: health spokesperson (1999-2004); fisheries spokesperson (1999-2004); fisheries and regional development spokesperson (2004-2009); Deputy Leader (2004-2006).

Editor of the Parliament Magazine (2002-).



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Member

Committee on Constitutional Affairs

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Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Substitute

Committee on Foreign Affairs

Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Delegation for relations with Israel

Curriculum vitae

Degree from the University of Tartu, vocational master's degree in history (1991). S.A.I.S. Bologna, Johns Hopkins University, diploma in European Studies.

Adviser to the Prime Minister, special representative of the Government of the Republic of Estonia in Narva (1993). Chancellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-2002). Director, Estonian War Museum (since 2005).

Member, Congress of Estonia and Committee of Estonia (1990).

Member of Tartu City Council (1989).

SUBSTITUTE MEMBER



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Chair

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Conference of Committee Chairs

Delegation for relations with Afghanistan

Substitute

Delegation for relations with Japan

Curriculum vitae

Education: Bedford School (1960-1964); MA (Mechanical Sciences), Trinity College, Cambridge (1964-1967); Diploma in Management Studies, University of Aston, Birmingham (1967-1970). Engineering apprentice, BMC, Longbridge (1967-1969). Held posts in design, development and product planning from 1969 to 1980. In Austin Rover (1980-1989) held director-level posts in planning, sales and marketing. Founder partner, Harbour Wade Brown, motor industry consultancy (1989-1999). Founder and director, International Car Distribution Programme Ltd (1993-). Project director, Three Day Car Programme (1998-1999).

Member of the SME Union Board (2003-2009).

In the European Parliament: Vice-Chairman of the STOA Panel (2002-2009); member, Conservative Delegation Bureau (1999-2002); Chairman and Deputy Chairman, European Parliament Ceramics Industry Forum (2003-); European Parliament delegate to the World Summit on the Information Society and the Global Internet Governance Forum (2003-). Coordinator for the EPP-ED Group on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee (2004-2009).

Co-Chairman, European Forum for the Automobile and Society (1999-2009). Governor, European Internet Foundation (2003-2004). Member of the European Ideas Network (2003-).

Honorary DSc from Aston University for services to science, technology and the European Union (2008).

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Vice-Chair

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Delegation for relations with the United States

Substitute

Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

Curriculum vitae

Doctorate from the University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations, Faculty of Journalism and Political Studies (2004). Scholarship at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris (2002). Master's in European Studies, College of Europe, Natolin (1997). Master's in international relations, University of Warsaw, Institute of International Relations, Faculty of Journalism and Political Studies (1996). English certificate, University of Warsaw, Institute of English Studies (1996). University of Oxford, Michaelmas term (1995).

Simultaneous interpreter for SMG/KRC market research institute (1996-2002). Lecturer at the National School of Public Administration and Collegium Civitas (since 1997). Analyst at the European Centre in Natolin (since 1998). Lecturer and subsequently assistant professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw (since 1999). Adviser to the Secretary of the Committee on European Integration (2000-2001).

Adviser to the Vice-President of the European Parliament (EP). Adviser to the Chairman of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs. Adviser to the Civic Platform delegation in the EP (2004-2009).