

Biography

Oliver Roethig, UNI Europa Regional Secretary

Since May 2011, Oliver Roethig heads UNI Europa, the European service workers union with 7 million members, as its Regional Secretary.

He is member of the Executive Committee of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and of the Management Committee of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) since 2011. He also sits on the Executive Board of UNI Global Union, which represents 20 million workers worldwide and of which UNI Europa is the European regional organisation.

Oliver Roethig was member of the European Commission's high-level working group on business services (2013-2014). He was Vice-President of Finance Watch, the European NGO representing non-industry interests and championing fair financial markets 2012 to 2014 (and before a board member starting in 2011).

From 2003 to April 2011, Oliver Roethig was Head of UNI Finance, the global union for the banking and insurance industry, driving UNI Europa's work on the financial crisis, EU financial regulation and supervision, and involved in extensive work with the European institutions, building social dialogue and European works councils. As part of his global remit, he coordinated activities of finance unions within the context of the G20.

From 1998 to 2002, he was policy officer for the European regional organisation of the global union FIET (now UNI Europa), with particular responsibility for European Companies (SEs), for world youth and professional and managerial staff issues; he was executive officer of Eurocadres, the European trade union organisation of professional and managers, from 1998-2001.

Born in Essen/Germany, Oliver Roethig studied political science, industrial relations, history and law at the universities of Bonn and Aberdeen and graduated from the London School of Economics. During his university studies he worked for the British, German and European trade union confederations (TUC, DGB and ETUC) and the German Federal Ministry of Labour.