

DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND, ICELAND AND
NORWAY AND TO THE EEA JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

**BIOGRAPHIES OF SWISS MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE
27th EU - SWITZERLAND INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING**

Swiss Delegation to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) / European Parliament (EP)



Brigitta M. Gadiant
Chair of the Swiss Delegation
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Swiss People's Party

Member of the National Council since 1995
Member of the Control Committee
Member of the Drafting Committee
Member of the Delegation to the Inter-parliamentary Union, IPU
Member of the Delegation to maintain relations with the Austrian Parliament
Member of the Delegation to maintain relations with the Landtag of Liechtenstein
Jurist
Native language: German
Born in 1960, Chur



Didier Burkhalter
Vice-Chairman of the Swiss Delegation
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Radical Democratic Party

Member of the Council of States since 2007
Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee
Member of the Committee for Science, Education and Culture
Member of the Defence Committee
Alternate member of the Delegation to the AP French Speaking Communities
Alternate member of the Delegation to maintain relations with the French Parliament
Member of the National Council 2003 - 2007
Economist
Native language: French
Born in 1960, Neuchâtel



Eugen David
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Christian Democratic Party

Member of the States Council since 1999
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation
Member of the Committee for Social and Public Health
Member of the Delegation to the Inter-parliamentary Union, IPU
Member of the National Council 1987 - 1999
Lawyer
Native language: German
Born in 1945, St. Gall



Hans Kaufmann
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Swiss People Party

Member of the National Council since 1999
Member of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation
Member of the Legal Affairs Committee
Economic Advisor
Native language: German
Born in 1948, Ettiswil



Hans Widmer
Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Social Democratic Party

Member of the National Council since 1996
Member of the Defense Committee
Vice-Chairman of the Delegation PA-OSCE
Philosopher
Native language: German
Born in 1941, Hochdorf (LU)



Marlies Bänziger
Alternate Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Green Party

Member of the National Council since 2007
Member of the Finance Committee

Native language: German
Born in 1960, Winterthur



Hannes Germann
Alternate member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Swiss People's Party

Member of the Council of States since 2002
Member of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation
Member of the Finance Committee
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Political Institutions Committee
Member of the Drafting Committee
Member of the Delegation to maintain relations with the German Bundestag
Economist
Native language: German
Born in 1956, Schaffhausen



Kathy Riklin
Alternate Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Christian Democratic Party

Member of the National Council since 1999
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Committee for Science, Education and Culture
Vice-Chair of the Delegation to maintain relations with the German Bundestag
Member of the Delegation to maintain relations with the Italian Parliament
Geologist
Native language: German
Born in 1952, Zurich



Simonetta Sommaruga
Alternate Member of the CMP
Observer in the MPS

Social Democratic Party

Member of the Council of States since 2003
Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee
Member of the Committee for the Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy
Chair of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation
Member of the National Council 1999 – 2003
Native language: German
Born in 1960, Zug