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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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Curriculum vitae

Graduate, Institute of Economics, University of Osnabrück, Germany (1998-2001); MBA in 'International Economy and Global Management' and 'Finance', University of Osnabrück, Germany (2001-2004).

Controller (financial inspection), Continental AG CAS (Continental Automotive Systems), Frankfurt am Main, Germany (2004-2006); Manager (financial control), Continental Automotive Systems S.R.L., Sibiu (2006-2007); Administrative director, VEKA Romania S.R.L. (March-October 2007); Financial manager, S.C. Petrom S.A. (2007-2008).

Public administrator, Suceava county (2008-2009).

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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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Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly

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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

Government assistant lawyer at the Baden-Württemberg Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sport, Office of the Minister (2003-2004).

Baden-Württemberg State Ministry, Department of European Affairs, European Convention Section (2002-2003).

EnBW AG, EDF Cooperation Unit.

German University of Administrative Sciences (DHV) Speyer.

Work in a legal practice as a trainee lawyer specialising in procurement and competition law (2002).

Trainee lawyer, Rottweil Regional Court (2001-2003).

Studied at the University of Freiburg, the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris (I.E.P), and the University of Wales (L.L.M.); doctorate in law from the University of Freiburg.

Member, District Executive, CDU Südbaden; member, Local Executive, CDU Rottweil; local Chairman, Junge Union (1992-1994); member, District Executive, Junge Union (1994-1996); member, Regional Executive, Baden-Württemberg Junge Union (1996-1998); vice-Chairman, District Executive, Südbaden Junge Union (1998-2003).

Chairman, Franco-German Forum e.V., Freiburg. Member of the Board, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg.

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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).