

"GOING GREEN! - A SLIPPERY ROAD FOR AUTOMOTIVE JOBS, SKILLS AND FUNDING?"

PRESIDENT AUTOMOTIVE INTERGROUP (AT/EPP)

CHAIR



Christopher DREXLER

Christopher Drexler was elected as President of the Committee of the Regions interregional group "Future of the Automotive Industry (CoRAI)" for the new periode in 2020. As an active member of the CoR he focuses his work in Brussels on the Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC). Christopher Drexler is a Minister in the government of the Land Steiermark responsible for Culture, Europe, Sport and Human Resources.

Job and political details:

2000 - 2014	Member of the Styrian Parliament
2003 - 2014	Chairman of the People's Party in the Styrian Parliament
since 24/06/2006	President of the Styrian Employees' Organisation
2014 - 2015	Minister for Health, Nursing and Science
2015 - 2017	Minister for Health, Nursing, Science and Human Resources
2017 - 2019	Minister for Health, Nursing, Culture and Human Resources
since 19/12/2019	Minister for Culture, Europe, Sports and Human Resources

Member of the Cabinet of Nicolas Schmit, the EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights



Christoph NERLICH

Education

- 04/2003 – 12/2006: PhD studies in accounting, Freie Universität Berlin
- 04/1998 – 09/2002: Business Administration, Freie Universität Berlin

Professional experience

- Since 12/2019: Member of Cabinet of Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, European Commission
- 07/2018-11/2019: Member of Cabinet of Marianne Thyssen, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, European Commission
- 04/2016 – 06/2018: Head of Unit, Directorate General Internal Audit Service (IAS), European Commission
- 10/2012 – 03/2016: Assistant to the Director-General, Directorate General Internal Audit Service (IAS), European Commission
- 02/2011 – 09/2012: Administrator in the Secretariat of the Budgetary Control Committee, European Parliament
- 01/2006 – 01/2011: Auditor at the European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg
- 10/2002 – 12/2005: Senior Auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Berlin

Vice-President of the Regional Government Castilla y León (ES/Renew Europe)



Francisco IGEA ARISQUETA

Nowadays, after the regional elections of 26 May 2019, in the autonomous region of Castilla y León, he is Vice-president in office and spokesman for the Regional Government. He has also undertaken the Ministry for Transparency, Regional Planning and External Action.

He was elected a Member of the National Parliament for the constituency of Valladolid in the general elections both in 2015 and in 2016 with the Citizens party. In 2017, Francisco Igea became part of the Citizens party Executive, assuming the responsibility for the Health Area, and became in his party's spokesperson in the Health Commission of the Parliament.

Author of numerous publications in national and international journals. He has also given presentations in gastroenterology congresses. He has been an important and active member of the Spanish Society of Digestive Endoscopy National Board and in 2016 he was awarded the Gold Medal by this organization.

Minister for Regional Development, Free State of Saxony (DE/EPP)



Thomas SCHMIDT

Thomas Schmidt is a Minister in the government of the Free State of Saxony responsible for Regional Development since 2019. As an active member of the CoR he focuses his work in Brussels on the Commission for Economic Policy (ECON) and Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE).

Job and political details:

Since 2004	Member of the Saxony State Parliament
2009-2014	Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environment and Agriculture
2011-2014	Deputy Chairman, CDU Parliamentary Group in the Saxon State Parliament
2014-2019	Minister for Environment and Agriculture, Free State of Saxony
since 2019	Minister for Regional Development
since 2020	Member of the European Committee of the Regions
Honorary Posts	Vice-Chairman of CDU Saxony, Member of the Board of Trustees of the „Fraunhofer Institute for Electronic Nanosystems“ (ENAS) Chemnitz
	Vice-Chairman of the Agrarsoziale Gesellschaft e.V. (Agro-Social Society)

Regional Secretary for the European Affairs of Valencia (ES)



Joan CALABUIG RULL

Joan Calabuig is alternate member of the Committee of the Regions since 2015. Currently he is vice chair of the interregional group dedicated to the Future of the Automotive Industry (CoRAI) and coordinator of NAT. He participates as well in the intergroups Health, Brexit and Contact group UK. He is also member of ARLEM.

Calabuig was also member of the European Parliament between 2004 and 2008. Member of the Committee on Budgets (from January 2007). Member of the Committee on Industry, Energy and Research (2004-2008), Member of the Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China. Co-Chair of the European Parliament Textile Forum.

He has been spokesman for the Socialist Municipal Group since 2011 and First Deputy Mayor of València since 2015. Since 2016, he has been Regional Secretary for the European Union and External Relations.

He began his political career in the Socialist Youth and was president of IUSY between 1985 and 1989. In addition, from 1983 to 1987 he was a member of the Valencian Parliament (Les Corts Valencianes). After leaving his post at IUSY, he became Director General of the Valencian Youth Institute until 1995

Secretary General of CLEPA



Sigrid DE VRIES

Sigrid de Vries, a Dutch national, has held various positions in public affairs, industry and media over the past 25 years. Sigrid started her career as a financial journalist for the Amsterdam Stock Exchange and Het Financieele Dagblad (FD), the Dutch financial daily, and served as the paper's EU correspondent in Brussels and foreign correspondent in Berlin. In 2006, she joined ACEA, the European automobile manufacturers association as director of communications. She managed external and institutional relations for Iveco and CNH Industrial before taking the lead at CECE, the European association of construction equipment manufacturers. She became Secretary General of CLEPA, the European association of automotive suppliers in 2017.

Member of the Council of Trnava Self-Governing Region (SK/EPP)



József BERÉNYI

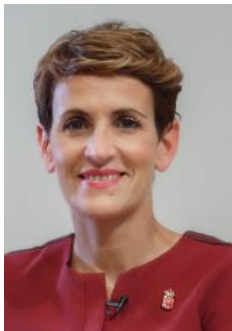
Political career:

- 1990 - 1992 Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the Hungarian Civil Party
- 1998 - Member of the Hungarian Coalition Party Presidency
- 2002 - Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
- 2006 - 2010 elected as a member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the SMK

He is the Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of the SMK Club, the Verifier of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for Public Administration and Regional Development and a member of the Permanent Delegation of the National Council of the Slovak Republic to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

- 2009 - Member of the Council of Trnava Self-Governing Region
- 2010 - Member of the local council of Dolné Saliby
- 2014 - Vice-chairman of Trnava Self-Governing Region
- 2018 - Member of European Committee of the Regions, Member of CIVEX and NAT commissions

President of the Regional Government of Navarra (ES/PES)

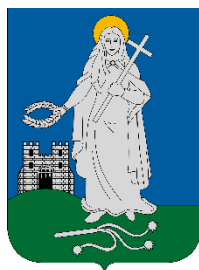


María Victoria CHIVITE NAVASCUÉS

She joined the Socialist Youth in 1998. She first held office as councillor for the Town of Cintruénigo in 2003. From 2007 to 2011, she was a member of the Parliament of Navarra and the spokesperson for the Health Committee. In 2011, she took office as senator, where she was the spokesperson for Health first and then, from September 2014 on, for the Socialist Party in the Senate. In 2014, she was awarded the prize for 'Senadora Revelación' (Newcomer to Senate).

In August 2019, she was sworn in as President of Navarra. In 2015, Ms Chivite returned to the Parliament of Navarra as leader of the PSN-PSOE group for the 2015-2019 term. She became leader of the Socialist Party in opposition. She was the recipient of the Parliamentary Press Award, in recognition of her good relationship with the media. She also got the Sanitaria Award for Best Politician from Sanitaria Publishing Group in 2000.

Deputy Mayor of Zalaegerszeg (HU)



Tibor VADVÁRI

Since 2014 Mr Vadvari has been the deputy mayor of Zalaegerszeg, the city that gives home to the ZalaZone Automotive Testing Field of Hungary.

In the past years, in cooperation with the government, the city leadership actively contributed to the development of ZalaZone which became centre of automotive field testing, research, innovation and training. Mr Vadvari has a strong academic background on mathematics, physics and informatics. He is currently assistant professor at Pannon University Faculty of Business, Zalaegerszeg. Therefore, he owns high personal commitment in the field of skilling and upskilling which is a great challenge for ZalaZone to succeed in the future.

Head of Rumanian CoR Delegation (RO)



Adrian TeBAN

Mayor of the town of Cugir, county of Alba (Transylvania, Development region „Centru”), Romania since 2004.

Mr. Teban is currently the President of the Romanian Delegation at the Committee of the Regions (CoR). As an active member of CoR he was a rapporteur on three highly relevant files: the public procurement package (2018), communication of cohesion policy (2019), and mobility - Towards zero emission mobility in road transport (2022). Mr. Teban is also a member of the Carpathian intergroup dealing with mountain policies in Central and Eastern European Member States.

He has also joined CoRAI – the Automotive Intergroup within the same European institution.

Mr. Teban graduated production systems engineering at the Tech University in Timișoara, Romania. He also holds a master’s degree in public administration.

Before his election as a mayor, he was the town hall’s adviser on European projects.

He is a senior member of the National Liberal Party and, at EU level, belongs to the EPP group.

VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Automotive Skills Alliance



Jakub STOLFA

Jakub Stolfa is the program manager and academic staff member at **VSB – Technical University** of Ostrava, where he has also received his Ph.D. He is responsible for the skills agenda in the Automotive ecosystem. He coordinates the **DRIVES project**, a Blueprint for the Automotive sector, and is a WP leader in the **ALBATTIS project**. His recent activities focus on a sustainable and pragmatic approach towards the skills agenda in Automotive Ecosystem, establishing the **Automotive Skills Alliance**, as Pact for Skills partnership in Automotive Ecosystem. He has experience in project/program management, development of training and educational programs, technical background in Informatics and Mechatronics in the Automotive ecosystem.