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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

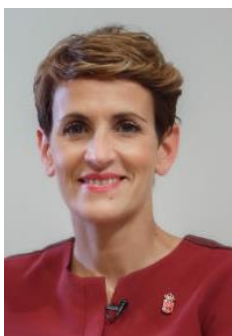
Education

- 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

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.

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
Honory 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)

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.

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.

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



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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