



Dr Edelgard Bulmahn

Vice President of the German Bundestag



Born on 4 March 1951 in Petershagen in North Rhine-Westphalia; married.

Attended academic secondary school in Petershagen and obtained *Abitur* (higher-education entrance qualification) in 1972; spent a period abroad in a kibbutz in Israel from 1972 to 1973; studied political science and English language and literature in Hanover; passed first and second state examinations to qualify as a teacher in 1978 and 1980 respectively; worked as a school teacher at Lutherschule academic secondary school in Hanover until 1987.

Published numerous papers on education, research policy, economic policy, foreign policy and economic and ecological sustainability.

Awarded the Christian Peter Beuth Prize in 2008, the Sophie La Roche Prize of the German Association of Women Academics in 2010, and an honorary doctorate from the German Jordanian University in 2016.

Joined the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) in 1969; member of the federal party executive from 1993 to 2011; chaired the Science Forum of the SPD from 1995 to 2011; chairwoman of the Lower Saxony Land branch of the SPD from 1998 to 2003.

Member of the German Bundestag since 1987; deputy chairwoman of the Bundestag's Study Commission on Technology Assessment from 1987 to 1990; deputy chairwoman of the Committee on Research and Technology from 1990 to 1994; chairwoman of the Committee on Education, Science, Research, Technology and Technology Assessment from 1994 to 1996; spokeswoman of the SPD parliamentary group for education and research from 1996 to 1998; Federal Minister for Education and Research from 1998 to October 2005; chairwoman of the Committee on Economics and Technology from 2005 to 2009; from 2009 to 2013 Ms. Bulmahn was the SPD spokeswoman on the Subcommittee for Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Cross-linked Action. Since 2009, she serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Management and Integrated Action. Spokeswoman of the SPD parliamentary group in the Study Commission on Growth, Wellbeing and Quality of Life from 2011 to 2013; Vice-President of the German Bundestag since 2013.

Deputy chairwoman of the Atlantik-Brücke (Atlantic Bridge) association; member of the board of trustees of the Deutsche Telekom Foundation; member of the board of trustees of the German Institute for Economic Research; member of the board of trustees of the Berghof Foundation; senator of Stiftung Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony Foundation).