# Ursula von der Leyen



Ursula von der Leyen was Federal Minister for Germany for more than 14 years and was responsible for Family Affairs, then for Labor and Social Affairs and later for Defense.

In 2019, she was elected President of the European Commission. As the Head of the European Executive body, she has defined for her term six main priorities for Europe: the European Green Deal; a Europe fit for the digital age; an economy that works for the people; a stronger Europe in the world; promoting the European way of life; and a new push for European democracy.

## Political career

• Since December 2013

Federal Minister of Defence

2009 - 2013

Federal Minister of Labor and Social Affairs

• Since October 2009

Member of the German Bundestag

• 2005 - 2009

Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Since December 2004

Member of the Presidium of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) of Germany

March 2003 to November 2005

Minister for Social Affairs, Women, Family Affairs and Health in Lower Saxony

2003 - 2005

Member of the CDU in the State Assembly of Lower Saxony

• 2001 - 2004

Various local political positions in the region of Hanover

1999

Member of the Physicians' Working Group of the CDU of Lower Saxony

Since 1990

Member of the CDU

# Professional and academic career

#### 1998 - 2002

Member of the academic staff, Department of Epidemiology, Social Medicine and Health System Research, Hanover Medical School (Medizinische Hochschule Hannover, MHH)

#### 1995

Market analysis, Stanford Health Services Hospital Administration

#### 1993

Auditing guest: Graduate School of Business, Stanford University

#### 1992 - 1996

Lived in Stanford, California, USA

## 1988 - 1992

Assistant physician, Women's Clinic, Hanover Medical School

# Education

#### 2001

Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)

## 1991

Doctorate

#### 1987

State examination and license to practice

#### 1980 - 1987

Studied medicine at Hanover Medical School

#### 1978

London School of Economics

## 1977 - 1980

Studied economics in Göttingen and Münster

### 1971 - 1976

Attended grammar school with a special focus on mathematics and science, Lehrte

#### 1964 - 1971

European School of Brussels

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