

Peter Weiß

Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union (CDU/CSU)

Head of section, managing director

Born on 12 March 1956 in Freiburg im Breisgau; Roman Catholic; three children.

Obtained *Abitur* (higher-education entrance qualification) in 1976; studied Catholic theology in Freiburg and Tübingen from 1976 to 1982.

Completed traineeship and worked as an editor in Munich from 1982 to 1985; worked at the federal headquarters of Caritas Germany in Freiburg from 1985, as press officer from 1985 to 1988, as personal assistant to the Secretary General from 1988 to 1990, as commissioner for cooperation with branches in the new German *Länder* from 1990 to 1991, as head of section in the General Secretariat from 1991; director of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Freiburg from 1993 to 1998, currently on leave of absence to serve as a Member of the Bundestag.

Member of the executive committees of the South Baden district branch of the Young Union (youth section of the CDU/CSU) and the Baden-Württemberg *Land* branch of the Young Union from 1976 to 1982; deputy chairman of the Freiburg county branch of the CDU from 1989 to 1991, chairman from 1991 to 1997; chairman of the CDU parliamentary group on Freiburg city council from 1994 to 1998; chairman of the South Baden district branch of the Christian Democratic Workforce (CDA) since 2000; member of the executive committee of the South Baden district branch of the CDU.

Member of the German Bundestag since 1998.

Chairman of the group representing employees' interests within the CDU/CSU parliamentary group; head of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group's discussion group on Latin America; chairman of the German-Brazilian Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Membership of Bundestag bodies: Member of the Committee on Labour and Social Affairs; substitute member of the Budget Committee.

Membership of organisations, societies and foundations: Member of the planning committee of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; member of the Central Committee of German Catholics (ZdK), spokesman for its Committee 6 on sustainable development and global responsibility; member of the Catholic Central Office for Development Policy and the German Commission for Justice and Peace; member of the executive committee of Breisgauer Turgau gymnastics club, Freiburg; chairman of the executive committee of Aktion Psychisch Kranke, an association campaigning for reforms in the care of patients with mental illnesses, Bonn; deputy chairman of the Caritas Council for the Archdiocese of Freiburg; member of the specialist advisory board of the Exposure and Dialogue Programme (EDP), Bonn; member of the board of trustees of the Peter Hesse Foundation, "Solidarity in Partnership"; member of the parliamentary advisory council of the German Foundation for World Population (DSW); member of the advisory council of PAX Bank; member of the executive committee of XertifiX, an association that combats child and slave labour; member of the board of trustees of the PSD L(i)ebenswert Foundation; advisory member of the Commission for International Church Affairs of the German Bishops' Conference; member of the CDU's federal specialist committee on labour and social affairs; member of the CDU's federal specialist committee on

foreign, security, development and human rights policy; chairman of the South Baden district branches of the Christian Democratic Workforce (CDA) and the CDU social affairs committee; member of the executive committee of the South Baden district branch of the CDU.

Membership of Bundestag bodies and parliamentary posts

Member

- Committee on Labour and Social Affairs

Substitute member

- Budget Committee