

SIGMAR GABRIEL



Former Minister for Foreign Affairs Germany
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Sigmar Gabriel is one of the most popular politicians in Germany. He is one of the best political speakers and also internationally highly regarded and very well networked.

Sigmar Gabriel was Germany's Federal Minister of the Environment from 2005 to 2009, and from 2013 to 2017 he was Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy. From 2017 to 2018 Sigmar Gabriel was Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Born in Goslar in 1959, Sigmar Gabriel studied politics, sociology and German at the University of Göttingen. In 1987 he passed the second state examination as a grammar school teacher and worked as a teacher in adult vocational training until 1990.

Sigmar Gabriel has been a member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany since 1977 and from 2009 to 2017 he was its chairman. After several different positions within his party in Lower Saxony, Gabriel was Prime Minister of the State of Lower Saxony from 1999 to 2003, before he held different ministerial posts in federal politics.

Sigmar Gabriel is Chairman of Atlantik-Brücke e.V. and a member of the Trilateral Commission. He also sits on the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group and the Advisory Board of Deloitte. He is a political advisor and expert on European affairs for the US consultancy firm Eurasia Group and sits on the supervisory boards of Deutsche Bank, Siemens Energy, Rheinmetall and heristo. He contributes as a guest writer and commentator to a number of newspapers and magazines and is also a regular Pioneer Expert on the World Briefing podcast. Sigmar Gabriel lectures at the University of Bonn and undertook a research visit to Harvard University in autumn 2018.

Sigmar Gabriel is highly respected for his economic and foreign policy expertise. He is a brilliant and convincing speaker who outlines his point of view frankly and straight and therewith captivates his audience.

Topics (Selection):

- Europe's Role in a Challenging World