

CHRISTIAN LINDNER



Federal Minister of Finance (2021-2024)
Federal Chairman of the FDP (2013-2025)

Christian Lindner is a former Federal Minister of Finance, was Federal Chairman of the Free Democrats for over a decade and a member of the German Bundestag for almost 25 years. He is one of Germany's most distinguished political speakers and provides in-depth insights into economic and political developments in Germany, Europe and the world in his lectures.

Lindner studied political science and constitutional law, worked as an entrepreneur before entering politics and is a major in the reserves. He was the architect of his party's comeback and can look back on a decade of successful elections. During this time, he gained extensive experience in organisational leadership and change as well as the dos and don'ts of communication.

As German Federal Minister of Finance (2021-2024), he initiated the consolidation of the federal budget after the coronavirus pandemic, strengthened Germany as a financial centre and shaped the economic turnaround. In the European Union, Lindner played a key role in shaping the current fiscal rules and the roadmap to the Capital Markets Union and, as Chairman of the G7 Finance Ministers in 2022, played a central role in determining the crisis response following Russia's aggression in Ukraine. Christian Lindner is one of the most prominent advocates of free-market policies, strong capital markets, private provision with shares and stability-orientated public finances. He was the first to promote the opportunities of digital transformation and argue in favour of a new start-up culture.

Today, he invests in start-ups as an angel investor through his Hamburg-based investment company, serves as a senior advisor to the consulting firm Teneo and is Deputy Chairman of the Board of Autoland AG. In addition, Christian Lindner is a member of the board of trustees of the Foundation for Family Businesses and Politics.

As a speaker, he combines political leadership experience with economic policy expertise and entrepreneurial flair. His current assessments are based on his time as finance minister of the world's third largest economy and his close network in politics, business and science. He is a dynamic, entertaining and inspiring speaker who delights his audience with his free speech - not least with humorous punchlines and pithy anecdotes. He is not only convincing rhetorically, but also with his charisma and pointed contributions to debates.

Topics (Selection):

- Europe between Trump and Xi •
- The advantages of the capital markets •
- Economic turnaround instead of a state economy
- Innovation and transformation as drivers of growth
- Leadership in times of crisis•
- Social policy in the face of increasing polarisation