



Deputy Leader of the Free Democratic Party (2012-2021)
Expert on Digital Education

Katja Suding was Deputy Chair of the FDP parliamentary group in the Bundestag from 2017 to 2021. Prior to that, she served for six years as Chair of the FDP parliamentary group in the Hamburg City Parliament. After her stellar political career she retreated from politics in 2021.

Born in 1975 in Vechta, Katja Suding studied communication and political science as well as Romance studies in Münster. She then worked as a communications consultant in Hamburg. In 2006 she joined the FDP and worked on various committees. As the top candidate of the Hamburg FDP, she led the party back into the state parliament in 2011. Four years later, she once again makes it into the Hamburg parliament, the first successful election since leaving the Bundestag in 2013.

In 2015, Katja Suding was elected one of the three deputy federal chairpersons of her party, and the following year she was chosen as the top candidate on the Hamburg FDP state list for the 2017 federal election. In the Bundestag election, she succeeded in entering the 19th German Bundestag, which she has served until 2021. As Vice Chair of the parliamentary group, she was responsible for education & research, family, seniors, women & youth, and culture & media. She is also Deputy Chair of the German-Italian Parliamentary Group. As a politician, her heartfelt topic is digital education, for which she is always - and especially during the Corona pandemic - a strong advocate.

In 2021, a new chapter begins for her: Katja Suding says goodbye to politics, works as an author and consultant and holds several advisory board mandates. Even after her departure, she will remain a political person, Katja Suding says about herself. The topics she has championed during her time as a politician will continue to be the topics close to her heart.

Topics (Selection):

- (Digital) Education
- Personal transformation & new professional start
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