

CURRICULUM VITAE



Christoph Leitl

Personal Details

Born 29 March 1949 in Linz, Austria
Married, two children, two grandchildren

Education

1967 Matura, High School, Linz Fadingerstrasse
1971 Degree in Economics, Johannes Kepler University Linz
1973 PhD, Economic and Social Sciences, Johannes Kepler University Linz
1974 Hernstein Management Academy
1975 Internships at Zürcher Ziegeleien and Wienerberger Baustoffindustrie (brickworks)

Professional Background

1977 - 1990 Managing Director, family company Bauhütte Leitl-Werke (brickworks)
Vice President, Austrian Association of Brick Manufacturers
1986 Established Baustoff Interhandel GmbH
Supervisory Board Member Bauhütte Leitl-Werke GmbH, MTB Beteiligungen AG

Political Career

1966 Founding Chairman, European Youth (Europajugend), Linz
1976 Chairman, European Federal Movement, Upper Austrian Region
Vice Chairman, European Federal Movement of Austria
1982 - 1990 Chairman, 'Young Industry Austria'
1985 - 1990 Elected Representative, Upper Austrian Regional Parliament
1990 - 2000 Member of the Government of the Federal State of Upper Austria with portfolio for economy, tourism, technology, energy, vocational training, regional planning and Europe.
1995 - 2000 Deputy Governor and Treasurer of the Federal State of Upper Austria
1995 - 2000 Member, Committee of the Regions (CoR), SME Division
2000 - Member, Executive Committee, Austrian People's Party (ÖVP)

Austrian SME Union (ÖVP Wirtschaftsbund)

1999 - 2016 Chairman, Wirtschaftsbund – Upper Austrian Branch, since 2016 Honorary Chairman
1999 - 2017 President, Wirtschaftsbund – Central Office
2005 - 2009 President of the European SME Union
2009 - Honorary President of the European SME Union
2017 - Honorary President, Wirtschaftsbund – Central Office

Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

1980 - 1990 Member, Executive Committee, Austrian Association for Building Materials and the Ceramics Industry
2000 - 2018 President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
2004 - Chairman, Social Insurance Institution for Trade & Industry
2001 - 2005 President, Eurochambres (Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry)
2006 - 2017 Honorary President of Eurochambres
2006 - President, Global Chamber Platform
2018 - President of Eurochambres
2018 - Honorary President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Honorary Posts

- President, Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO)
- President, OIER (Organisation for International Economic Relations) with consultative status with the UN Economic & Social Council and the Council of Europe
- Member of the Foundation Board, Julius Raab Foundation
- Member, National Olympic Committee
- Vice President, Austrian Sports Aid Foundation (Österreichische Sporthilfe)
- Member of the Board, Austrian Academy of Sciences
- Co-President, AlpEuregio.BusinessClub
- Member of the Honorary Board, Energy Globe Foundation
- Curator, Foundation PRO ORIENTE
- President, International Forum for Culture and Economy, Linz (IKW)

Academic Posts

- Visiting Professor at the Vienna University of Economics & Business Administration (International Trade Department)
- Doctor honoris causa, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara
- Princeton University
- MIT, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- University of Capetown
- University of Lagos
- T.C. Istanbul Commerce University
- Marmara University
- Peking University
- Fudan Universität Shanghai
- Qiongzhou University

Awards

- European Citizen´s Prize of the European Parliament
- Gold Medal of European Merit
- Honorary Member, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)
- Energy Globe Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Honorary Senator, Johannes Kepler University, Linz
- Honorary Senator, Vienna University of Economics & Business Administration
- Declaration of Honour of the City of New York
- Upper Austrian Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold
- Recipient of the Honorary Ring of the provincial capital of Linz
- Maltese Cross
- Officer of the French Legion of Honour
- Grand Cross of the Order of the Star of the Kingdom of Jordan
- Commander with Grand Cross of the Royal Order of the Polar Star, Sweden
- Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy
- "Star of Romania" National Order in rank of Commander
- Commander´s Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
- Rosthorn Medal of Merits for Austrian-Chinese Relations
- Honorary Ring of the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

Interests

Gardening, fishing, photography, hiking, skiing, philately