

# Martin Schulz

## Short Description

Martin Schulz, who is a Member of the 19th German Bundestag, has been President of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung e.V. since 14 December 2020.

He was previously the Party Chairman of the SPD, the chancellorship candidate and a long-time Member of the European Parliament, where he served as President for two terms from 2012 to 2017. Martin Schulz is also a Charlemagne Prize laureate, which was conferred to him in recognition of his outstanding contribution to strengthening the European Parliament and democratic legitimacy in the EU.

## Written CV

Martin Schulz was born on 20th December 1955 in Hehlrath, which is now called Eschweiler, near the German-Dutch-Belgian border. Growing up in the "border triangle" influenced his passion for learning foreign languages, cultural exchange and cross-border cooperation.

After training as a bookseller, he opened his own bookstore and specialized in political literature. His entry into the SPD at the age of 19 and his political engagement resulted in his election as mayor of his hometown of Würselen in 1987. He held this position for three terms.

In June 1994, Martin Schulz became a Member of the European Parliament, where he served as Chairman of the SPD Group, and later as Chairman of the Socialist Group as well as the Progressive Alliance of Social Democrats (S&D). In 2012, he was elected President of the European Parliament and was then re-elected in 2014 to become the first and – so far – only Parliamentary President to have served two terms. In 2015 Martin Schulz was awarded the Charlemagne Prize for his special achievements in strengthening the European Parliament and democratic legitimacy in the EU.

After working for the European Parliament for 23 years, Martin Schulz was elected Federal Party Chairman of the SPD in 2017 and became the party's official chancellor candidate for the 2017 German federal elections. Since 2017, he has been a Member of the 19th German Bundestag, a deputy member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a deputy member of the Committee on European Union Affairs.

In December 2020, he was elected President of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung e.V. by the General Assembly.

Martin Schulz is married and has two children.

## Curriculum Vitae

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| <b>20th December 1955</b> | Born in Hehlrath, near the German-Dutch-Belgium border  |
| <b>1974</b>               | Joined the SPD  |
| <b>1975-1982</b>          | Apprentice bookseller, worked in various bookshops and publishing houses  |
| <b>1982-1994</b>          | Opened and managed his own bookstore  |
| <b>1984-1998</b>          | Member of Würselen City Council , Germany   |
| <b>1987-1998</b>          | Mayor of his hometown of Würselen, Germany  |
| <b>1994-2017</b>          | Member of the European Parliament   |
| <b>1994-1996</b>          | Coordinator of the Socialist Group in the Subcommittee on Human Rights  |
| <b>1996-2000</b>          | Coordinator of the Socialist Group in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs  |
| <b>1996-2009</b>          | Chairman of the SPD in the region of Aachen, Germany  |
| <b>1999-2018</b>          | Member of the Bureau and the Federal Executive Board of the SPD   |
| <b>2000-2004</b>          | Chairman of the SPD Group, European Parliament  |
| <b>2002-2004</b>          | First Vice Chairman of the Socialist Group  |
| <b>2004-2012</b>          | Chairman of the Socialists and Democrats Group/S&D Group, European Parliament   |
| <b>Since 2009</b>         | European Affairs Commissioner of the SPD  |
| <b>2012-2017</b>          | President of the European Parliament, two terms   |
| <b>2017-2018</b>          | Party Chairman of the SPD   |
| <b>2017</b>               | Chancellor candidate  |
| <b>Since 2017</b>         | Member of the German Bundestag, Deputy Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Deputy Member of the Committee on European Union Affairs                  |
| <b>Since 2020</b>         | <b>President of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung e.V.,</b><br>Co-President of Honour of the World Centre for Peace, Freedom and Human Rights in Verdun/France |

## Honours

Portugal's Grand Cross of the Order of Freedom (2018)

Honorary Doctorate, University of Siena (2016)

Great Cross of Merit with Star and Sash of the Federal Republic of Germany (2016)

Charlemagne Prize of Aachen for European Unity (2015)

Decoration of Honour in Gold with Sash for Services to the Republic of Austria (2015)

Honorary Doctorate, Karlsruhe University of Education (2014)

Honorary Doctorate, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2013)

Honorary Doctorate, University of Bucharest (2012)

Honorary Doctorate, Istanbul Bilgi University (2012)

Honorary Doctorate, Kaliningrad State Technical University (2009)

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Federal Cross of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany (2006)

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| <b>2020</b>               | President of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung e.V.  |
| <b>Honours</b>            | Martin Schulz is a Charlemagne Prize of Aachen laureate and has been awarded the Federal Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. He has 6 honorary doctorates. |