

Dr Guido Westerwelle
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Guido Westerwelle has been Federal Foreign Minister and Deputy Chancellor since 28 October 2009.

Background and professional career

Born on 27 December 1961 in Bad Honnef near Bonn.

Abitur (higher education entrance qualification) in 1980, studied law in Bonn. First and second state law examinations and doctoral degree in law.

Since 1991 in legal practice in Bonn.

Board member of Atlantik-Brücke and the German Aids Foundation. Honorary doctorate from Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea.

Joined the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 1980. Chair of the Young Liberals 1983 to 1988. FDP chair for Bonn district 1993 to 2000. FDP General Secretary 1994 to 2001. Member of the German Bundestag since February 1996. FDP national chair since May 2001.

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