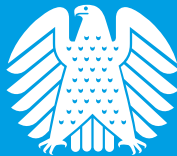


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Member of the Bundestag**

Delegations from

**Denmark**

**Estonia**

**Finland**

**Germany**

**Latvia**

**Lithuania**

**Norway**

**Poland**

**Sweden**



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# Foreword

Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, MP  
Chairwoman of the German Bundestag's Defence Committee

Europe and the world are facing major security policy challenges: on 24 February 2022, the security architecture of our continent was shaken to its core by Russia's brutal and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine. National and alliance defence has since been very much in the foreground for all allies and friends. Our armed forces are having to prepare in very real terms to be cold-start capable – i.e., ready for action at short notice. To deal with the fundamentally altered threat level effectively, all NATO members and partners need to pull together.

I extend a warm welcome to Finland as a new NATO member. I am very confident that Sweden will also reinforce NATO soon.

It makes me very happy that we are coming together in Berlin in the format of the Annual Security and Defence Forum of the Defence Committees of Nordic and Baltic Sea Countries to exchange views, jointly discuss our options for action and develop strategies. I wish all those participating in this event a successful conference and look forward to many fruitful conversations with you.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann





# List of participants

## **Denmark – The Defence Committee of the Folketing**

Mr Rasmus Jarlov, Chair

Mr Peter Have, MP

Mr Jesper Thinghuus, Secretariat

## **Estonia – The National Defence Committee of the Riigikogu**

Mr Kalev Stoicescu, Chair

Mr Leo Kunnas, Deputy Chair

Mr Aivar Engel, Secretariat

## **Finland – The Defence Committee of the Eduskunta Riksdagen**

Ms Hanna Huttunen, Deputy Chair

Mr Heikki Savola, Secretariat

## **Germany – The Defence Committee of the German Bundestag**

Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann, Chair

Mr Henning Otte, Deputy Chair

Ms Bettina Petzold, Secretariat

Dr Jasmin Merati-Kashani, Secretariat

Ms Minh Ha Vuong, Secretariat

Mr Paul Breitbarth, Secretariat

## **Latvia – The Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima**

Mr Raimonds Bergmanis, Chair

## **Lithuania – The Committee on National Security and Defence of the Seimas**

Dr Laurynas Kasčiūnas, Chair

Mr Andrius Mazuronis, MP

Mr Evaldas Sinkevičius, Secretariat

## **Norway – The Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Storting**

Ms Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide, Chair

Dr Sunniva Tofte, Secretariat

## **Poland – The National Defence Committee of the Sejm**

Mr Michał Jach, Chair

Mr Czesław Mroczek, Deputy Chair

Mr Jacek Zientarski, Secretariat

## **Sweden – The Committee on Defence of the Riksdag**

Ms Lena Johansson, MP

Mr Lars Wistedt, MP

Ms Stina Fagerlund, Secretariat



CVs of the hosting nation – Germany

The Defence Committee of the German Bundestag



## **Dr Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann**

Member of the Bundestag

(FDP – Free Democratic Party)

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Born on 10 March 1958 in Düsseldorf

Married; three children, three grandchildren

### **■ Chairwoman of the Defence Committee of the German Bundestag**

- Member of the executive committee of the FDP parliamentary group in the Bundestag
- Member of the FDP federal executive

### **Education**

- 1986 Obtained doctorate (Dr phil.) with thesis on the subject of “Bilder aus Amerika: Eine zeitungswissenschaftliche Studie über die USA-Berichterstattung im Zweiten Deutschen Fernsehen (ZDF)” (Pictures from America: A journalistic study of reporting on the United States on German Television Channel II (ZDF))
- 1978 – 1983 Studied journalism, political science and German language and literature at LMU Munich, graduating with a Magister Artium degree
- 1978 Obtained Abitur (higher-education entrance qualification) at Mataré academic secondary school in Meerbusch near Düsseldorf

### **Professional career**

- 1988 – 2008 Representative of the Nuremberg young readers’ publisher TESSLOFF

### **Political career**

- Since 2021 Chairwoman of the German Bundestag’s Defence Committee
- Since 2021 Member of the executive committee of the FDP parliamentary group in the Bundestag
- Since 2019 Member of the FDP federal executive
- Since 2017 Member of the German Bundestag
  - Member of the Defence Committee
  - Substitute member of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Community
  - Member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
  - 2017 – 2021: Spokeswoman on defence policy and local government policy for the FDP parliamentary group in the Bundestag

- 2017 – 2021: Member of the Defence Committee and the Committee on Building, Housing, Urban Development and Local Government
- Substitute member of the Committee on Internal Affairs and Community
- Since 2014 Chairwoman of the Düsseldorf county branch of the FDP
- 2014 – 2019 Deputy chairwoman of the FDP group in the Rhineland regional assembly
- 2013 – 2019 Deputy federal chairwoman of the FDP
- 2014 – 2017 Chairwoman of the FDP group on Düsseldorf city council
- 2005 – 2009
- 2008 – 2014 Deputy mayor of the city of Düsseldorf
- 2009 – 2014 Deputy chairwoman of the FDP group on Düsseldorf city council
- 2009 – 2014 Deputy chairwoman of the Rhineland regional assembly
- 2004 – 2023 Member of the city council of Düsseldorf, the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia
- 1999 – 2004 Member of the borough council in Borough 7 of the city of Düsseldorf

### **Honorary activities**

- Vice President of the German Atlantic Association
- Presidium member of the Association of the German Army
- Presidium member of the German Association of Defence Technology
- Member of the advisory board to the Federal Academy for Security Policy
- Member of Düsseldorf-Carlstadt Rotary Club
- Member of the Friends of the Memorial to the Victims of National Socialism in Düsseldorf
- Patroness of the ambulant children’s and youth hospice service Düsseldorf
- Chairwoman of the board of trustees of FOM University of Applied Sciences, Düsseldorf
- Member of the football club Fortuna Düsseldorf 1895
- Individual member of ALDE – Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
- Member of the board of trustees of the community foundation for Gerresheim “Gerricus”
- Deputy chairwoman of the Friends of Düsseldorf Wildlife Park



## Henning Otte

Member of the German Bundestag  
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Born in Celle (Lower Saxony) on 27 October 1968;  
protestant; married, four children

- Vice Chairman of the Defence Committee
- Spokesman on Rural Areas of the CDU/CSU-Parliamentary Group

### Political Career

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Since 10/2005 | Member of the German Bundestag, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group                |
|               | ■ Member of the Defence Committee (Vice Chairman of the Defence Committee) |
|               | ■ Substitute Member of the Foreign Committee                               |
|               | ■ Substitute Member of the Committee on Food and Agriculture               |
| Since 2016    | Member of the executive committee of the CDU-Germany                       |
| Since 2014    | Member of the executive committee of the CDU Niedersachsen                 |
| Since 2007    | Deputy chairman of the district-branch CDU-Nordostniedersachsen            |
| 2006-2011     | Member of the political assembly of the European People's Party (EPP)      |
| Since 1996    | Member of the Celle County Council   |

### Profession and Education

- Trained as reserve officer in the tank battalion 333 in Celle
- Apprenticeship as bank clerk at Sparkasse Celle (savings bank)
- Degree in law at the University of Hamburg
- Authorized officer in a medium-sized steel construction company

### Associations

- Member of the working group on small and medium-sized enterprises of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group
- Member of the Aviation and Space Group in the Bundestag
- Member of the Atlantik-Brücke, a Transatlantic Relations Association, Berlin Member of the Parliamentary Group for Baltic States, the Parliamentary Group for eastern Africa and the Parliamentary Group for Canada (vice chairman)
- Member of the Parliamentary Group for Baltic States, the Parliamentary Group for eastern Africa and the Parliamentary Group for Canada (vice chairman)





CVs of the guest nation – Denmark

The Defence Committee of the Folketing



**FOLKETINGET**

## **Rasmus Jarlov**

Member of the Folketing,  
The Conservative Party (KF)

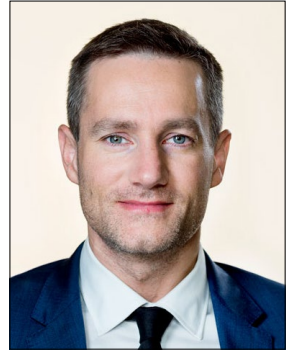
Former Minister

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Homepage: <https://jarlov.dk/>



Rasmus Jarlov, born 29. april 1977 in Aarhus,  
son of Carsten Jarlov and Lisbeth Jarlov.

### **Member period**

- Member of the Folketing for The Conservative Party in Greater Copenhagen greater constituency from June 18th 2015.
- Member of the Folketing for The Conservative Party in Greater Copenhagen greater constituency, 1. September 2010 – 15. September 2011.
- Temporary Member of the Folketing for The Conservative Party in Greater Copenhagen greater constituency (substitute for Charlotte Dyremose), 12. January 2010 – 31. August 2010.
- Candidate for The Conservative Party in Gentofte nomination district from 2016.
- Candidate for The Conservative Party in Lyngby nomination district from 2014.
- Candidate for The Conservative Party in Rødovre nomination district, 2014 – 2016.
- Candidate for The Conservative Party in Inner city nomination district, 2010 – 2014.
- Candidate for The Conservative Party in Rødovre nomination district, 2007 – 2010.

### **Parliamentary career**

- Chairman of the Defence Committee from 2021.
- Minister for Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, 21. June 2018 – 27. June 2019.
- Chairman of the Defence Committee, 2015 – 2017.
- Chairman of the Education Committee, 2010.

## **Education**

- M.Sc. Applied Economics and Finance, Copenhagen Business School, 2001 – 2003.
- B.Sc., Copenhagen Business School, 1998 – 2001.
- Officer of the Reserve, the Royal Danish Air Force, 1996 – 1998.
- Upper Secondary School certificate (mathematics), Ordrup Gymnasium, 1996.

## **Employment**

- Founder and owner of Hamlet Tours from 2012.
- Corporate job rotation programme and middle manager in research council at, Novo Nordisk A/S, 2004 – 2010.
- Speaker and external lecturer in finance, Copenhagen Business School from 2003.

## **Affiliations**

Member of Copenhagen City Council, 2010 – 2015.

## **Committees/Spokesman**

Current committees

Chairman of

- The Defence Committee

Member of

- The Arctic Delegation
- The Faroe Islands Committee
- The Finance Committee
- The Fiscal Affairs Committee
- The Greenland Committee
- The Scrutiny Committee

Spokesman

- Spokesman on defence
- Spokesman on finance
- Spokesman on fiscal affairs
- Spokesman on Greenland
- spokesman on reform work
- spokesman on reform work
- Spokesman on the Faroe Islands

## **Peter Have**

Member of the Folketing,  
The Moderates (M)

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Homepage: <https://peterhave.dk/>



Peter Have, born September 25th 1963 in Copenhagen, lives in Låsby. Son of Per Søndergaard and pensioner Vera Søndergaard.

### **Member period**

- Member of the Folketing for The Moderates in East Jutland greater constituency from November 1st 2022.
- Candidate for The Moderates in all nomination districts in East Jutland Grater Constituency from 2022.

### **Parliamentary career**

- Spokesman on defence from 2022.
- Spokesman on rural districts and islands from 2022.
- Spokesman on transport from 2022.

### **Education**

- Sommelier, Scandinavian Wine Academy, 2017 – 2019.
- Skilled waiter, Aalborg polytechnic school, Aalborg polytechnic school, 1986 – 1989.

### **Employment**

- Selfemployed, Låsby Kro og Hotel ApS, 2014 – 2022.
- Selfemployed, Restaurant Queens Garden, Hotel Royal, Århus, 2011 – 2014.
- Selfemployed, Sommercaféen (café), Høll/Hvidbjerg, 2001 – 2011.
- Restaurant manager, Torvehallerne, Vejle, 1993 – 1998.

## **Committees/Spokesman**

Current committees

Member of

- The Defence Committee
- The Environment and Food Committee
- The Rural Districts and Islands Committee
- The Transport Committee

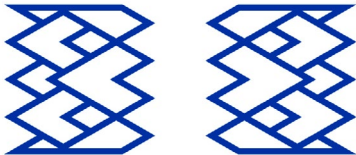
Spokesman

- Spokesman on defence
- Spokesman on rural districts and islands
- Spokesman on transport



CVs of the guest nation – Estonia

The National Defence Committee of the Riigikogu



## **Kalev Stoicescu**

Hiiu County, Lääne County and  
Saare County Electoral District

2 September 1965 Constanța, Romania  
Cohabiting, three children



### **Education**

- Gustav Adolf Gymnasium (former Tallinn Secondary School No. 1) 1983
- University of Tartu, mathematics (equivalent to Master's degree) 1990
- Tallinn University of Technology, Master of Business Administration 2002

### **Career**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1991–2000: Adviser in Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) issues, incl. Deputy Head of the Estonian Delegation during preparations for CSCE Summit in Helsinki 1991–1992, Ambassador to Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna 1992–1995, Director General for Policy Planning and member of Estonian-Russian border negotiations delegation, member of Estonian delegation at maritime border negotiations with Latvia 1995–1997, Ambassador to the USA and Canada 1997–2000;
- Ministry of Defence 2002–2014: Head of Civilian-Military Cooperation Department 2002–2005, Counsellor 2005–2007, Defence Adviser at Embassy of Estonia in Paris 2007–2010 and 2012–2014, Defence Adviser at Permanent Representation to NATO in Brussels 2011;
- Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security (regional security, Russia's foreign, security and defence policy) 2014–2023.



**Party affiliation**

Estonia 200, Member of Board

**Membership in representative bodies**

15th Riigikogu

**Other activities**

published numerous reports, analyses and policy studies as research fellow, and articles on foreign and security policy

**Hobbies**

literature on history and geography, theatre, art

## Leo Kunnas

Tallinn city districts of Kesklinn,  
Lasnamäe and Piritä

14 November 1967 Kliima village,  
Põlva County, Estonia  
Married, three children



### Education

- Estonian Institute of Humanities and University of Helsinki, history and philosophy 1989–1991;
- National Defence University of Finland, Master of military sciences 2001

### Career

- conscript service in the Soviet Army;
- Estonian Defence League: Tallinn District, Platoon Commander, Company Commander and Chief of Staff 1990–1992;
- Estonian Defence Forces: Defence Forces Combat School, Instruction Division Commander and School Commander 1994–1997, Estonian National Defence College, Officers' School, Commander 1997–1999, Headquarters of the Estonian Defence Forces, Operations Department, Deputy Commander, Acting Commander and Commander 2001–2007;
- U.S. Army, 1st Armored Division, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Staff, Operations Department, service in Iraq 2005. Reservist as of 2007, freelance writer

### Party affiliation

unaffiliated, Estonian Conservative People's Party Parliamentary Group

### Membership in representative bodies

- 14th Riigikogu (National Defence Committee, Deputy Chairman 2021–2023),
- 15th Riigikogu

## Awards

- Order of the Cross of the Eagle, 4th Class 1997; Bronze Star Medal of the United States of America 2005; 14 orders and badges of honour in total
- Annual Award of the Estonian literary journal “Looming” 1991, 2nd prize in Estonian novel writing competition 2000, Betti Alver Literary Award 2002, Bernard Kangro Award for Literature 2009, Stalker Award for Science Fiction 2009, 2010 and 2011

## Ranks

- Ensign 1992, Second Lieutenant 1994, First Lieutenant 1995, Captain 1997, Major 1999, Lieutenant Colonel 2003

## Other activities

- defence industry company “Milrem”, Board 2013–2018

## Published books

“Viiv pikas sõjas. Märkmeid Iraagi sõjast” (“A Moment in the Long War. Notes on the Iraq War”) 2006, “Takerdunud rünnak. Eesti riigikaitse võtmeprobleemid ja lahendused” (“A Tangled Attack. The Key Problems and Solutions of the Estonian National Defence”) 2008, “Ukraina häirekell. Takerdunud rünnak II” (“The Ukrainian Alarm Bell. A Tangled Attack II”) 2014, “Hüüdja hääl. Takerdunud rünnak I– III” (“A Voice in the Wilderness. A Tangled Attack I–III”) 2023, and fiction: novels “Kustumatu valguse maailm” (“The World of Undying Light”) first edition 1991, “Sõdurjumala teener” (“Servant of the Soldier God”) first edition 2001 (in Finnish 2004), „Gort Ashryn” I–III 2008–2010, “Sõda 2023” (“War 2023”) 2016. Feature film “1944”, scriptwriter and military consultant 2015

## Hobbies

literature and history



CVs of the guest nation – Finland

The Defence Committee of the Eduskunta Riksdagen



EDUSKUNTA  
RIKSDAGEN

## **Hanna Huttunen**

Centre Party Parliamentary Group  
Member of Parliament 17.04.2019-

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E-mail: hanna.huttunen@parliament.fi  
Home page: hannahuttunen.fi

Date and place of birth: 1969 Outokumpu  
Present place of residence: Outokumpu



### **Profession / Title**

entrepreneur, forestry engineer

### **Electoral district**

Electoral District of Savo-Karelia  
17.04.2019-

### **Present memberships in committees**

- Chancellery Commission (member)  
19.04.2023-
- Constitutional Law Committee (deputy member)  
19.04.2023-
- Finance Committee (deputy member)  
19.04.2023-
- Defence Committee (vice chair)  
19.04.2023-
- Employment and Equality Committee (member)  
19.04.2023-

### **Position in the parliamentary group**

Centre Party Parliamentary Group (2nd vice chair)  
11.04.2023-

### **Earlier memberships and positions held at parliament**

- Legal Affairs Committee (member)  
02.05.2019-04.04.2023
- Commerce Committee (member)  
02.05.2019-17.06.2019
- Administration Committee (member)  
18.06.2019-04.04.2023
- Environment Committee (deputy member)  
18.06.2019-04.04.2023

- Agriculture and Forestry Committee (deputy member)  
03.04.2020-29.10.2021
- Defence Committee (member)  
11.01.2023-04.04.2023

## **Education**

- metsätalousinsinööri (AM K) 2005 (Pohjois-Karjalan ammattikorkeakoulu), Euromarkkinointitutkinto 1992 (The Institute of Marketing), YO-markkinointimerkonomi 1991 (Joensuun kauppapilaitos)

## **Career**

Joensuun Puukeidas Ltd, managing director, entrepreneur  
2005-2019





CVs of the guest nation – Latvia

The Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention  
Committee of the Saeima



# Raimonds Bergmanis

Year of birth: 1966

Married and has three children



## Education

- 1998- 2003 Latvian Academy of Sport Education, Master of Sport pedagogy
- 1984-1991 Riga Technical University, engineer chemist

## Work experience

11/2022 until now

- Member of the 14th Saeima, Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee, member of the Citizenship, Migration and Social Cohesion Committee, Head of the Latvian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Comprehensive National Defence Subcommittee of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee,
- Secretary of Sports Subcommittee of the Education, Culture and Science Committee

03/2021 until now

- President of the Latvian Shooting Federation

11/2018 – 11/2022

- Member of the 13th Saeima, Member of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee, member of the Citizenship, Migration and Social Cohesion Committee, Deputy Head of the Latvian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Chairman of Comprehensive National Defence Subcommittee of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee
- Secretary of the Environmental and Climate Subcommittee of the Economic, Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Policy Committee, Secretary of Sports Subcommittee of the Education, Culture and Science Committee

07/2015 – 01/2019

- Minister of Defence

11/2014 – 07/2015

- Member of the 12th Saeima, Deputy Chairman of the the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee, member of Citizenship, Migration and Social Cohesion Committee, member of the Latvian delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

01/2010-10/2014

- Recruitment Division specialist of the Recruitment and Youthguard Centre

12/2008- 12/2009

- Military education division senior desk officer of the Ministry of Defence

03/2008-12/2008

- Adviser to State secretary of the Ministry of Defence

02/2001 – 03/2008

- The senior training instructor of the National Armed Forces, Saeima and State president Security service

11/1999-01/2001

- Trainer of the Latvian Sports School

01/1995-11/1999

- Instructor of the Latvian Sports administration

10/1992-12/1994

- Sports department instructor of the Ministry of Education

### **Athletic career**

- Participated and reached the finals in the Worlds Strongest Man contest several times (2002, 2003 and 2004).
- Member of the Latvian Olympic Weightlifting team, has set 21 Latvian records and tree time was Olympian (1992, 1996 and 2000).

### **Language skills**

Latvian – native, English and Russian – fluent



CVs of the guest nation – Lithuania

The Committee on National Security and Defence of the  
Seimas



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS  
SEIMAS

## Dr Laurynas Kasčiūnas

Date of birth: 8 January 1982

Place of birth: Vilnius, Lithuania



### Education

- 2012 Doctoral dissertation Implications of EU Internal Integration for External Europeanisation: Case Studies of Ukraine and Russia
- 2006–2012 Doctor of Social Sciences, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University
- 2004–2006 Master's in Political Science, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University
- 2000–2004 Bachelor's in Political Science, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University
- 2000 Ažuolyno Secondary School in Vilnius (currently Ažuolyno-progimnazija (lower secondary school))

### Work experience

- 2012–2016 Director, Eastern Europe Studies Centre
- 2009–2012 Foreign Policy Advisor to Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
- 2007–2016 Lecturer, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

### Political career

- 2016–2020 Member, Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats
- 2016–2020 Member of the 12th Seimas
- 2019–2020 Deputy Chair, Committee on National Security and Defence
- 2018–2020 Member, Commission for the Cause of Freedom and the National Historical Memory
- 2017–2018 Member, Commission for the Cause of Freedom
- 2016–2017 Member, Commission for the Rights and Affairs of Participants of Resistance to Occupation Regimes and Victims of Occupation
- Since 2011 Member, Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats
- 2000–2002 Member, National Democratic Party of Lithuania

## **Miscellaneous**

Seeks active public engagement; is member of the Ronald Reagan Freedom Centre and Young Christian Democrats

Main objectives: to foster the national awareness and Christian values as well as strengthen the statehood of Lithuania

Hobbies: football, books, angling

Languages: English, Russian and German

## **Family**

Wife Monika, daughters Gerda and Liepa, sons Mantas and Rapolas

# Andrius Mazuronis

Date of birth: 13 July 1979

Place of birth: Šiauliai, Lithuania



## Education

- 1997–2003 Master's in Civil Engineering, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University
- 1986–1997 Aido Secondary School in Šiauliai

## Work experience

- 2018–2019 Head, small partnership MB Projektų koordinavimo centras
- 2017 Accredited Parliamentary Assistant to Member of the European Parliament
- 2007–2008 Construction Manager, private company UAB Kindis
- 2006–2007 Director General, private company UAB Kirtimų logistikos centras
- 2003–2007 Project Manager, private company UAB Middle Europe Investments Baltija
- 2001–2003 Project Manager, private company UAB Hronas

## Political career

- Member, Labour Party
- 2019–2020 Member of the 12th Seimas  
Member, Committee on Environment Protection  
Member, Committee on Budget and Finance (2019)  
Member, Commission for Youth and Sport Affairs  
Member, Commission for Ethics and Procedures Since June 2019  
Member, Labour Party
- 2015–2019 Member, Liberals Movement of the Republic of Lithuania
- 2012–2016 Member of the 11th Seimas  
Deputy Chair, Committee on European Affairs  
Member, Committee on National Security and Defence  
Head, Seimas Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (2012–2015)



- 2008–2012 Member of the 10th Seimas  
Member, Committee on Audit  
Member, Committee on European Affairs  
Member, Commission for Youth and Sport Affairs  
Deputy Member, Seimas Delegation to Western European Union  
Deputy Head, Seimas Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary  
Assembly
- 2006–2015 Member of the Party ‘Order and Justice’

### **Miscellaneous**

Languages: Lithuanian (mother tongue), English, German,  
Russian  
Hobbies: tennis, motorcycles

### **Family**

Married with three sons



CVs of the guest nation – Norway

The Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Storting





## Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide



Ms Eriksen Søreide is Chairwoman of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence in the Norwegian Parliament since October 2021, and was Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs between 2017 and 2021 and Minister of Defence from 2013 to 2017. She is now also head of the Norwegian Delegation for the Relations with the European Parliament, member of the Norwegian Delegation to the Interparliamentary Conference on EUs Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policies (CFSP/CSDP) and a substitute member of the Norwegian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Prior to her governmental appointments, she chaired the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence (2009-2013) and was chair of the Standing Committee on Education, Research and Church Affairs (2005-2009). Ms Eriksen Søreide is a Member of Parliament from the Conservative Party representing Oslo. She has been a Member of Parliament since 2001. Ms Eriksen Søreide is a graduate of law from the University of Tromsø.



CVs of the guest nation – Poland

The National Defence Committee of the Sejm



## Michał Jach

Law and Justice

Chairman of the National Defence Committee

Born: 23.09.1951, Łomża



### Education

- 1969 1st High School of Stefan Żeromski, Kielce
- 1973 Military University of Technology – Faculty of Electronics - Radiolocation
- 1994 University of Szczecin – Faculty of Economics – Economics and Transport’s Organization – M.A.
- 1997 Higher School of Management – business management – postgraduate studies
- 2000 University of Szczecin & Manchester Metropolitan University - MBA

### Parliamentary activity:

- 2005-2007 Member of Parliament
- since 2011 Member of Parliament
- 2005-2007 and since 2011 Member of the National Defence Committee
- 2013-2015 Chairman of Parliamentary Interest Group for Polish Army
- since 2015 Chairman of the National Defence Committee
- Member of Committee of Administration and Internal Affairs

### Professional activity:

- 1969-1994 officer of Polish Army, last rank: major
- 1994-2011 executive positions in commercial companies
- 2010-2011 councillor of West Pomeranian Regional Assembly

### Social activity:

- President of Stargard’s Association of Music CANTORE GOSPEL
- Member of Board: Ship Building Association

### Political association:

- since 2001 – member of Law and Justice Party
- Vice President of the Szczecin District

### Hobbies:

Modern history, music, theatre, opera



## **Czesław Mroczek**

PO - Civic Platform

Deputy Chairman of the National Defence Committee

Born: 20.07.1964, Kałuszyn



### **Education**

- 1990 Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Warsaw University of Technology
- 1997 Faculty of Law, University of Warsaw

### **Parliamentary activity**

- since 2005 Member of Parliament (Sejm)  
Deputy Chairman of the National Defence Committee

### **Professional activity**

- 1980's activist of anti-communism organisations  
(„Solidarity” and Civic Committee)
- 1990-1998 Head of District Office in Mińsk Mazowiecki
- 1998-2005 Head of the Mińsk County Executive (Starost)
- 2011-2015 Secretary of State - Ministry of Defence  
(responsible i.e. for military procurement)
- 2015- National Defence Committee – Deputy Chairman.



CVs of the guest nation – Sweden

The Committee on Defence of the Riksdag



## **Lena Johansson**

Member of the Riksdag  
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### **Assignments**

#### **Political assignments in the Swedish Parliament**

2022-     Member of the Riksdag and Committee on Defence  
2014–2022     Regional Council of Västmanland

#### **Employment**

2003-     Head of unit at the Culture and Leisure administration in the  
            municipality of Köping

## Lars Wistedt

Member of Parliament  
Born: 03.03.1964  
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### Personal

Lars is Member of Parliament since 2022 and has over 25 years of service in the Armed Forces and over 10 years as Director of Security in global roles.

### Assignments

#### Political assignments in the Swedish Parliament

2022- Committee on Defense, Commission on Defence, Nordic Council

#### Political assignments outside the Swedish Parliament and the Government

2018-2022 Community board and committees in Uppsala Län, Enköping

### Employment

2020-2021 Director of Security, Seko Tools  
2008-2018 Director of Security, ABB AMEA Region (Asia, Middle East & Africa)  
2005-2008 Head of Security/ Foreign Operations (J 2/ GHQ)  
2004-2005 Head of Planning Branch J5, Central Military Command  
1999-2003 Security Intelligence Officer/ J2, Central Military Command  
1997-1999 Head of G2, Lower Military Command (Fo 47/48)  
1995-1997 Staff Officer, G 3, Lower Military Command (Fo 47-48)  
1993-1995 Signal Regiment S1, Enköping  
1988-1993 Norrbotten Regiment I 19/ P5, Boden  
1984-1988 Kronobergs Regemente I 11/ Fo 16-18, Växjö  
1983-1984 Basic Military Training, Kronobergs Regemente, I 11/ Fo 16-18, Växjö

### Education

2003–2004 Senior Officer Course (Maj)  
1992 Kompanieführerlehrgang, Kampftruppenschule 2/ Munster  
1989-1990 Officer Course (Cpt)  
1987–1988 Junior Officer Course (1st Lt)  
1984-86 Officer Candidate School (2nd Lt)



# CVs of the guest speakers



# Lieutenant General Markus Laubenthal

Vice Chief of Defence



Date of birth: 4 December 1962

Place of birth: Aachen, Germany

## Career

- 1982 Entry into the Bundeswehr as a conscript in Tank Battalion 33 in Neustadt am Rübenberge (Luttmersen), Germany
- 1983 to 1985 Training as a reserve officer and officer of the armoured forces at the Army Officer School in Hanover, Germany and the Armour School in Munster, Germany
- 1985 to 1989 Platoon leader in Tank Battalion 33 in Neustadt am Rübenberge, Germany
- 1989 to 1991 Intelligence officer (division 2, Military Security) in Tank Battalion 33 and military assistant to the commander of 1 Armoured Division in Hanover, Germany, also serving as an intelligence officer in the guard regiment (later: Light Infantry Battalion 1) in Berlin from January to July 1991
- 1991 to 1993 Youth officer in Schwerin, Germany
- 1993 to 1997 Commander of the 4/203 Tank Battalion and 6/203 Tank Battalion, NCO training company in Hemer, Germany
- 1997 to 1999 Attended the 40th general staff course (Army) at the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College in Hamburg, Germany
- 1999 to 2001 Assistant Chief, Policy Section, Conduct of Operations, in Army Office Division I in Cologne, Germany
- 2001 to 2002 Attended the Advanced Command & Staff Course No. 5 at the Joint Services Command & Staff College, Shrivenham, Great Britain, while completing a Master of Arts degree in Defence Studies at King's College London
- 2003 to 2005 Commander of Tank Battalion 203 in Hemer, Germany
- 2005 to 2006 Assistant Branch Chief for NATO and UN Operational Principles in Armed Forces Staff V 1 and General Staff Officer with the Director, Army Staff at the Federal Ministry of Defence in Bonn, Germany
- 2007 to 2008 Chief of Division G3 (General Staff Division 3: planning, organisation, training and exercises) of the Airmobile Division in Veitshöchheim, Germany



- 2008 to 2010 Section and Division Chief G3 at the Army Forces Command in Koblenz, Germany
- 2010 to 2012 Head of the functional area for European security policy, bilateral relations to European and African countries in the Policy Planning Staff of the Federal Minister of Defence, as well as branch chief in the Directorate-General for Security and Defence Policy (Pol II 1: Bundeswehr Strategic Guidelines, Central Tasks) at the Federal Ministry of Defence in Berlin
- 2012 to 2014 Commander of 12 Armoured Brigade (“Oberpfalz”) in Amberg, Germany
- 2014 to 2017 Chief of Staff, US Army Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany
- 2017 to 2018 Commander of 1 Armoured Division in Oldenburg, Germany
- 2018 to 2020 Director-General for Forces Policy at the Federal Ministry of Defence As of 23 APR 2020 Vice Chief of Defence, Federal Ministry of Defence

### **Operational deployments**

- 09/2002 to 05/2003 Military Assistant to the Deputy Commander Operations and Assistant Chief of Staff Operations in the Kosovo Force headquarters in Pristina, Kosovo
- 08/2013 to 02/2014 Chief of Staff at ISAF Regional Command North in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan

**Dr Anna Lührmann**  
 Minister of State for  
 Europe and Climate at  
 the Federal Foreign Office



Auswärtiges Amt



Born on 14 June 1983 in Lich

Dr Anna Lührmann has been Minister of State for Europe and Climate at the Federal Foreign Office since December 2021 and represents the Rheingau-Taunus - Limburg constituency in the German Bundestag. At the age of 19, she became the youngest member of the Bundestag. Dr Anna Lührmann is European at heart. She did a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the Open University of Hagen, a Master's degree in Gender and Peace Studies at Ahfad University in Sudan and another Master of Arts in Research Training in Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin. She worked at a Swedish university from 2015 to 2021 and before that she did her doctorate in Political Science on democracy promotion in Spain. She was a member of the European Affairs Committee and the budget Committee of the German Bundestag and worked there for a stronger and more democratic EU.

2002	Higher education entrance qualification
2002 to 2009	Member of the German Bundestag
2003 to 2008	Studied for a Bachelor's degree in politics and organisation at the FernUniversität in Hagen
2009 to 2011	Studied for a Master's degree in gender and peace studies at Ahfad University, the Sudan
2010 to 2012	Provided consultation services for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
2010 to 2011	Provided electoral and parliamentary consultation in the Sudan
2011 to 2015	Completed a Master's degree and doctorate in politics at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin on the subject of promoting democracy
2015 to 2018	Postdoctorate studies at the Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2018 to 2020	Deputy Director of the Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg, Sweden
2018 to 2021	Junior professor at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Since 2021	Member of the German Bundestag
Since 8 December 2021	Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

**Lieutenant General Alfons Mais**  
Chief of the German Army



Born in 1962, Alfons Mais joined the German Army in 1981 as Army Aviation Cadet, after which he majored in Economics at the Armed Forces University of Hamburg. His first postings saw him work as a helicopter pilot, Company Commander, and Aid De Camp.

Among other assignments, after completing the General Staff Officer Course in 1996, he was deployed to Sarajevo as J2 Plans & Policy in 1999. Positions as G3 in the 1st Air Mechanised Brigade and Commander of the 101 Aviation Transport Helicopter Battalion followed. During this last assignment, Mais was deployed to Kosovo as the Commander of the German Joint Aviation Battalion.

In 2002 Mais took up the role of LandOps Instructor and Class Leader of the German General Staff Officer Course in Hamburg. After a short period in the Central Affairs Branch of the Chief of the Army, he was sent to Brussels as military advisor to the German Permanent Representation to the European Union. During the German EU presidency 2007 he acted as EU-Chairman of the EU/NATO Capability Group.

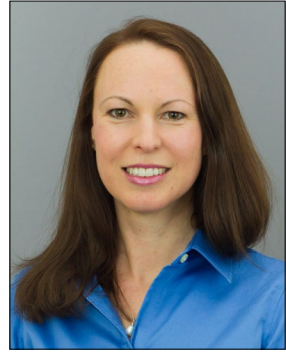
Before returning to the Army Staff in Bonn as Branch Chief International Affairs in 2010, Mais was the Chief of Staff for the Airmobile Division in Veitshoechheim. Postings as Com-mander Airmobile Brigade 1 from 2011 to 2013 and Commander Army Aviation Centre and Director Army Aviation until 2014 followed. In 2012 he deployed to Mazar-e-Sharif in Afghanistan as Deputy Chief of Staff Security in in RC North.

2014 saw Mais move to Strausberg as Chief of Staff for the German Army Command. He remained in this position until being posted to Kabul as Chief of Staff of the Resolute Support Mission. Returning from this deployment, Lieutenant General Alfons Mais took over as Commander 1 German/Netherlands Corps.

After 9 month of Commanding 1 German/Netherlands Corps he was assigned as the new Chief of Army in Strausberg. He is married and has 1 son.

**Dr Margarete Klein**  
Head of Research Division  
“Eastern Europe and Eurasia”  
German Institute for  
International and  
Security Affairs (SWP),  
Berlin

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Deutsches Institut für  
Internationale Politik und Sicherheit



### **Professional experience**

- Since 10/2018: head of research division “Eastern Europe and Eurasia” at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik/ SWP), Berlin/Germany
- 01/2016-09/2018: deputy head of research division “Eastern Europe and Eurasia”, SWP
- Since 05/2018: member of the “expert pool on Russia”, Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Helsinki
- 10-12/2015: Robert Bosch Public Policy Fellow, Transatlantic Academy, Washington D.C.
- 01-06/2011: participant in a 6-month program on security policy, Federal College for Security Studies (BAKS), Berlin
- since 9/2008: senior associate at the Research Division “Eastern Europe and Eurasia”, SWP
- 03/2004-08/2008: assistant professor, Institute of Political Science, University of Regensburg

### **Post-Graduate Education**

- 11/1998-02/2002: doctoral dissertation at the Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich
- 11/1998-12/2000: researcher (part time) in the research project “Parliamentarism in Russia”, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich

### **Graduate Education**

- 11/1992-07/1998: M.A. in history and political science at the Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich

### **Areas of expertise**

Russian foreign, security and military policy

## Dr Pia Fuhrhop



Dr Pia Fuhrhop is currently the Deputy Head of the Research Division International Security at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) where she focuses on German security and defense policy, arms cooperation and procurement. Prior to this position, Pia was Head of the Berlin Office at the Institute for Peace and Security Research of the University of Hamburg. She has served as a senior foreign policy advisor to MP Omid Nouripour (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) and has held positions at the German Ministry for Development Cooperation and the Foreign Ministry. She has published widely on German security and defense policy, Germany's approach to arms control and international crisis management. She holds a PhD from Free University Berlin.

## Brigadier General Andreas Durst

German Deputy Military Representative  
to MC/NATO and EU and Chief of Staff



Born 24 April 1966 in Essen (Germany), married,  
two children

### Career

- 1985 Entry into the Bundeswehr, 4th Company, Tank Battalion 123, Amberg-Kümmersbruck
- 1985-1987 Officer training, Tank Battalion 123, Kümmersbruck, Armour School, Munster and Army Officer School, Hanover
- 1987-1988 Platoon leader, 4th Company, Tank Battalion 153, Koblenz
- 1988-1991 Bundeswehr University, Munich;  
Degree in political and social science
- 1992-1993 Platoon leader, 2nd Company, Tank Battalion 423, Brück;  
S2 Officer, Tank Battalion 423, Brück
- 1993-1995 Company commander, 6th Company, Tank Battalion 423, Brück
- 1996-1998 Military aide to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee (CMC), Brussels, Belgium
- 1998-2000 41st General/Admiral Staff Officer Course of the Army, Bundeswehr Command and Staff College, Hamburg
- 2000-2002 G2 Op and G1 Op Staff Officer, IV Corps, Potsdam  
G3 Staff Officer (Operations and Plans), Bundeswehr Joint Forces Operations Command, Division J 5, Potsdam  
■ August-November 2001: DepG2 MND SE, SFOR, MOSTAR, Bosnia Hercegovina
- 2002-2004 Senior personnel officer,  
Bundeswehr Personnel Office, I 2, Cologne
- 2004-2006 Desk officer in charge of international cooperation of the German Army, Army Staff, Branch FÜ H III 1, Federal Ministry of Defence, Bonn
- 2006-2007 Course participant INDC Class 34, Israel National Defense College, Tel Aviv, Israel and Master's degree at the University of Haifa, Israel
- 2007-2009 Commanding Officer, Tank Battalion 203, Augustdorf,  
■ July-November 2008: Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff PRT FEYZABAD, Afghanistan

- 2009-2011 Desk officer in the Policy Planning Staff of the Federal Minister of Defence, Berlin
- 2011-2013 Chief of the Personnel Recruitment Branch, Bundeswehr Personnel Office/Chief of Division II 1 Personnel Recruitment, Federal Office of Bundeswehr Personnel Management, Cologne
- 2014-2016 Branch Head (NATO Ops and NATO P&P) in the staff of the German Military Representative to the NATO and EU Military Committees, Brussels, Belgium
- 2017-2018 Branch Head SE II 5 (Political-Military Issues) of the Directorate-General for Strategy and Operations (SE) at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin
- 2018-2020 Commander ArmdInfBde 41, Neubrandenburg
- 2021- Deputy German Military Representative to the NATO Military Committee and to the EU and Chief of Staff

### **Medals and decorations**

- Gold Cross of Honour of the Bundeswehr (for exemplary and meritorious service)
- Bundeswehr Bronze Foreign Duty Medal (SFOR)
- Bundeswehr Bronze Foreign Duty Medal (ISAF)

### **Personal interests**

Politics, modern history, exercise, hunting





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