Curriculum vitae
Reiner Hoffmann

Deputy Chair

- *Former president of the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB)*
- *Deputy chair of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES)*
- *Member of the Administrative Board of Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF)*

Born on 30 May 1955 in Wuppertal

Career

1972 – 1974	Wholesale and export agent at Hoechst AG
1975 – 1982	Economics degree at the Comprehensive University of Wuppertal
Jan 1983 – Jun 1983	Assistant at the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Brussels
Jul 1983 – Dec 1983	Research assistant in the business sciences faculty of the Comprehensive University of Wuppertal
1984 – 1994	Worked for the Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf, lastly as head of research funding
Oct 1994 – May 2003	Director of the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Brussels
May 2003 – Dec 2009	Deputy general secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
2009 – 2014	Regional manager of the North Rhine branch of Germany's Mining, Chemical and Energy Industries Union (IG BCE)
1 Oct 2013	Elected member of the managing national board of the DGB from 1 February 2014
May 2014 – May 2022	President of the German Trade Union Confederation
2019 – September 2025	Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Since October 2022	SDG ambassador for good work worldwide, appointed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Since December 2022	Deputy chair of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES)

Memberships (selection)

Since 1972	Member of the SPD political party
Since 1972	Member of the IG BCE
Since 2019	Member of the ZDF television board
Since 2015	Member of the administrative board of the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)
Since 2014	Member of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) association
Since 1999	Member of the board of trustees of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)
Until November 2022	Member of the supervisory board of Bayer AG
Since Februar 2025	**Member of the Administrative Board of Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen (ZDF)**