



Katherina Reiche

Chief Executive Officer, German Association of Local Public Utilities

Parliamentary State Secretary (ret.)

Date of birth: 16 July 1973

Place of birth: Luckenwalde/Brandenburg

Marital status: Married, three children

Higher education:

1992	Abitur (diploma from German secondary school qualifying for university admission) Luckenwalde
1992 – 1997	Studies in chemistry at the University of Potsdam, graduated 1997 with Master's Degree in Chemistry
1995	Research assistant at the Institute for Chemistry and Biology, Clarkson University, NY, USA
1997	Visiting researcher at the University of Finland, Turku

Professional background and political career:

1997 – 1998	Scientific staff member at the University of Potsdam
1998 – 2015	Member of the German Bundestag
2002	Member of the Competence Team of chancellor candidate Dr Edmund Stoiber
2002	Participant at the 110th Baden-Baden Business Talks
2002 – 2005	Chair of the working group on Education and Research of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group
2005 – 2009	Deputy chair of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, responsible for education and research policy as well as environment, nature conservation and nuclear safety
2009 – 2013	Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
2013 – 2015	Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure
2013 – 2015	Chair of the Advisory Board of German air traffic control company DFS GmbH
Since September 2015	Chief Executive Officer and Managing Member of the Executive Committee, German Association of Local Public Utilities (VKU)

Political engagement:

2000 – 2010 2014 – 2016	Member of the Federal Board of the CDU
Since 2002	Member of the Board of the European People's Party, EPP
2001 – 2016	Member of the State Board of the CDU Brandenburg

Other activities and offices:

	Member of Atlantic Bridge e.V.
	Member of the Council for Sustainable Development with Chancellor Merkel
	Member of the Advisory Board, RWE AG
	Member of the Advisory Board, rhenag Rheinische Energie Aktiengesellschaft
	Member of the Advisory Board of EWI, Institute of Energy Economics, University of Cologne
	Deputy chair of the "Public Affairs" Advisory board at Quadriga Hochschule Berlin GmbH
	Member of the Advisory Board of cnetz - Network Policy Association e. V.
06/2016 – 03/2019	President of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services, CEEP
06/2018 – 01/2019	Appointed to the governmental coal committee "Growth, Structural Change, Employment"

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