

Jo Leinen Biography

Before becoming an MEP, Jo Leinen was Minister for the Environment in the State Government of Saarland, Germany from 1985-1994.

Since July 1999 Mr. Leinen has been a Member of the European Parliament. He took part in the Convention for the Elaboration of a Charter of Fundamental Rights for the EU. From 2004 to 2009 he was President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and from 2009 to 2011 he chaired the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

He is the Chairman of the Delegation for the relations with China, a full member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, and a substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee as well as of the Committee for Foreign Affairs. He is also a full Member of the European Parliament's Working Group on EU-UN relations and a substitute Member of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly.

After being President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) from 1997 to 2005 he was appointed the organization's Honorary President. Leinen also served as Vice President of the European Movement International (EMI) from 2003 to 2011, before becoming its President in November 2011.