



Gesine Meißner: former MEP, Germany

Gesine Meißner is Member of the EU Mission Board Healthy Oceans, Seas Coastal and Inland Waters/Mission Starfish 2030 since July 2019. November 2020 she had been elected as Chair of the National Committee for the UN Decade Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. Since January 2020 she is Champion for Antarctica 2020.

From 2009 til 2019 she had been Member of the European Parliament in the group Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). 2015 she founded the European Parliament Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA) which she was chairing as elected president. July 2018 she was appointed as Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on maritime policy.

Before joining the European Parliament, Gesine Meißner was a member of the regional Parliament of Lower Saxony where she was chairing the Committee on Health and Social Affairs from 2003 to 2009. From 1993 to 2003 she worked as a freelance communication and management trainer. From 1980 to 1993 she was deputy director of the 'Rural Adult Education Lower Saxony' association.

Gesine Meißner was born in Uelzen, Lower Saxony, Germany. She finished her studies at the University in Munich and Hanover with the state examination as highschool teacher for home economics, nutritional sciences and English. She holds a degree for hotel business and has worked in hotel management for 2 years.

Involvement as MEP in maritime affairs

Since 2009 experience with maritime topics in the committees for transport (TRAN), fishery (PECH), development (DEVE), environment and health (ENVI) and industry, energy and research (ITRE). Actively involved as rapporteur or shadow rapporteur in several files such as

RAPPORTEUR

- ~ Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) Progress report
- ~ Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) Directive
- ~ Fishery Partnership Agreement EU-Mauretania
- ~ Directive on the recognition of Inland Waterway Qualification (IWW)
- ~ Port reception Facility (PRF) Directive for the delivery of waste from ships

SHADOW RAPPORTEUR:

- ~ Blue Growth Agenda
- ~ European Maritime and Fishery Fund (EMFF)
- ~ Driftnet fishery
- ~ Port Facility Directive
- ~ Report on Green Shipping
- ~ International Ocean Governance (IOG), TRAN and ENVI
- ~ Maritime Single Window
- ~ InvestEU

SPEAKER IN MARITIME CONFERENCES

- ~ European Maritime Day 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- ~ Limassol Declaration on Blue Growth 2012
- ~ Several international conferences on topics like Blue Energy, Algae, MSP, IMP, Green Shipping, Ocean Pollution
- ~ Our Ocean Conference (Students conference), Malta 2017
- ~ EMFF Conference Tallinn, 2017
- ~ Ocean Literacy Conference, Venice 2017
- ~ Our Ocean Conference Bali 2019, representing the EU together with Karmenu Vella
- ~ Ocean-Conference in Hemicycle in Brussels 'The future of the blue planet' 19/03/19 with Commissioners Vella and Moedas

INTERGROUP SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS (SEARICA)

- ~ Network with and platform for representatives from industry, regions, research centres, NGO's, CPMR, UNESCO, JPI Ocean, institutions, politicians
- ~ Cooperation with 8 Directorats General of the European Commission
- ~ More than 5000 participants in more than 50 conferences with active involvement of 44 MEPs and over 20 Regional Authorities
- ~ 2015 call 'Ocean for climate' as contribution to COP 21
- ~ 2017 pilote project on Ocean Literacy achieved
- ~ 2018 OceanPlasticsLab in front of the EP in Brussels, 10 days public exhibition with more than 8000 visitors, expert panels and 2 conferences (Mission: Plastic Free Ocean) with international speakers