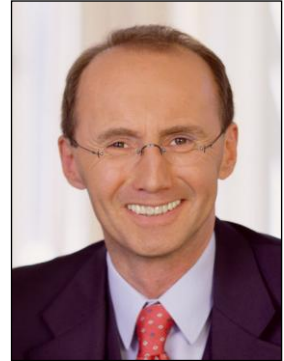




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- 1996: University of Vienna, graduated Mag. phil.
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Professional experience (excerpt)

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- 1995 – 1999: Secretary General of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) and member of the national board of the ÖVP
- 1983 – 1990: Member of the Austrian Parliament
- 1981 – 1995: Manager in the banking and insurance sector, Assistant Secretary-General of Bundesländer Versicherung
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- Committee for Economic and Monetary Affairs
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- Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (Subst.)
- Delegation for relations with Canada
- Delegation for relations with Japan (Subst.)
- Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly (subst.)

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- President of the Austrian Aid Organisation (Hilfswerk Österreich)
- President of the Robert Schuman Institute Budapest
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