



Andreas Kiefer

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Andreas Kiefer was born on 6 October 1957 in Salzburg, Austria. He studied Law and Economics at the Universities of Salzburg and Linz and holds a doctorate of Law, as well as a degree in "General Management with a focus on public management" obtained in 2010. In addition to his German mother tongue, he is fluent in English and French.

He worked as Chef de Cabinet of Land Salzburg's Vice-president and later President Hans Katschthaler (1984–1995) and was Director of the European Affairs Service of Land Salzburg regional government from 1996 to 2010.

From 2000 to 2009 he represented the Austrian Länder in the EU's Intergovernmental Conferences (IGC) negotiating the Treaty on a Constitution for Europe and the Lisbon Treaty at working level and subsequently he was responsible for setting up the Lisbon-Treaty-based scheme for monitoring subsidiarity and proportionality by the Länder.

He served as Secretary General of the Conference of Presidents of Regions with Legislative Powers (REGLEG) in 2003.

His contribution to the creation of the EuRegio Salzburg-Berchtesgadener Land-Traunstein with nearly 100 municipalities is a concrete example for applied cross-border co-operation.

Andreas Kiefer served as chairman and member of local electoral committees for municipal, regional, federal and European elections and initiated a citizens' participation project to integrate new residents and to create a municipal mission statement in his home municipality of Kuchl (Dorferneuerung).

He was elected Secretary General of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe on 17 March 2010 and re-elected in March 2015 for a term of five years.

Andreas Kiefer has been a speaker at international conferences and universities. He has published about local self-government, regionalism, federalism, interregional and cross-border co-operation, regions with legislative powers, the Austrian political system, about the local and regional dimension in the Council of Europe and the Committee of the Regions.

He is member of the Member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism of the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC), of the European Association of Researchers on Federalism and from 2005 to 2016 of the board of the Salzburg Institute for Education (Salzburger Bildungswerk).

Andreas Kiefer is married to Carmen Kiefer, PR Consultant and, since 1999, Deputy Mayor of the municipality of Kuchl. They have three children.