



DR. BENITA FERRERO-WALDNER

Außenministerin & EU-Kommissarin a. D.

Benita Ferrero-Waldner wurde am 5. September 1948 in Salzburg geboren.
Sie ist verheiratet.

Private Sector

Member of the Board of Directors of MunichRe, Germany

Member of the Board of Directors of Gas Natural Fenosa (since 2015)

**Partner and President of the Advisory Board of Cremades & Calvo-Sotelo,
Madrid (since June 2014)**

Foundations

President of the Euroamerica Foundation, Spain (Pro bono)

Member of the Bertelsmann Foundation, Spain (Pro bono)

Member of the Princesa de Girona Foundation, Spain (Pro bono)

**President of the EU-LAC Foundation, with Headquarter in Hamburg (Pro bono,
until Dec. 2015)**

Political Career

December 2009 – end February 2010 (3 months)

Member of the European Commission for Trade and European Neighbourhood Policy

November 2004 – end November 2009 (5 years)

Member of the European Commission for External Relations and European
Neighbourhood Policy

2000–2004: Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria

**2000: Chairperson-in-Office of OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation
in Europe) as Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria**

2004: Candidate for the Office of the President of the Republic of Austria

**1995–2000: State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation of
the Republic of Austria (Cabinet Minister)**

Diplomatic Service

1994 – 1995 Chief of Protocol of United Nations, UNO

Executive Office of the Secretary-General, Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, New York

1993 – 1994 Deputy Chief of Protocol, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna

1990 – 1993 Minister Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission,

Chargé d'affaires a.i. Austrian Embassy, Paris



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1987–1993 Counsellor for Economic and Scientific Affairs, Austrian Embassy, Paris

1986–1987 Official, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria

1986 (January – June): First Secretary, Austrian Embassy, Dakar, Senegal

1984–1986 Official, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna (Economic Affairs, Political Affairs, Consular Affairs)

1984 (January – September): Cultural Attaché, Austrian Embassy, Madrid, Spain

Private Sector

1981–1983 Assistant to CEO, Gerns and Gahler, Freilassing/Germany

1978–1981 Sales Director for Europe (Headquarters in Germany)

P. Kaufmann Inc. New York

1971–1978 Gerns and Gahler, Freilassing, Germany

Assistant Director / Director for Export Promotion

Paul Kiefel, Freilassing Germany (1971-72)

Education and training

June 1986 Diplomatic Exam (with distinction)

December 1970 Doctor of Law, Paris-Lodron-University of Salzburg (Austria)

July 2006 Honorary Doctorate of the American-Lebanese University, Beirut

Publications

„Benita: Wo ein Wille da ein Weg“ Political memoirs, Vienna 2017

„Kurs setzen in einer veränderten Welt“ („Charting course in a changing world“), Vienna 2002

„Die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit – Herausforderungen und Visionen“ (Development Cooperation – challenges and visions), Vienna 1999

„Biregional Relations: European Union Latin America and the Caribbean. Speeches“, Madrid 2012

Numerous articles and essays in international and European books, journals etc., e.g. „Megacommunities – How leaders of government, business and non-profits can tackle today's global challenges together“, 2008, XVI Blanquerna Award 2009.

Decorations and awards

Dr. Ferrero-Waldner holds numerous decorations of many countries around the globe: Eurochile Prize 2017, Alois Mock Europapreis 2017; Diplomática Europea del Año (“European Diplomat of the Year”) por el European Voice Magazine en 2007; XVI Premio Blanquerna 2009, etc...