



## Curriculum Vitae Othmar Karas

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## Parliamentary Activities

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Since 1999

Member of the European Parliament

### 9th Parliamentary Term

Member: Parliament's Bureau (BURO) | Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON) | Delegation for relations with the United States (D-US) | Financial Assistance Working Group in the European Parliament (FAWG) | Banking Union Working Group (BUWG) | FinTech Working Group | SME Intergroup | Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)

Substitute: Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) | Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO) | Delegation for relations with Palestine (DPAL) | Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (DASE) | Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (DACP) | Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (DMED)

Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC, since October 2020)

Vice-President of the European Parliament (since July 2019)

Information Policy, Press and Citizens Relations including EPLOs (with VP Barley) | Chair of the Working Group on Information and Communication Policy | Member of the Working Group on ICT Innovation Strategy | Members' Research Service and Library | Replacing the President for multilateral bodies (security) including NATO, OSCE | Replacing the President for EFTA countries | Replacing the President for World Bank and IMF

Chair of the Steering Committee of the European Parliamentary  
Financial Services Forum (EPFSF, since 2019)

Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary  
Cooperation Committee (2014-2019)

Vice-President of the European Parliament (2012-2014)

Directorate General for Communication | Electoral Campaign 2014 of the European Parliament | First European Youth Event (2014) | Information Policy, Press and Citizens Relations including EPLOs | Working Group on Information and Communication Policy | Interinstitutional Working Group (European Commission, Committee of the Regions) for Communication | Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC) | Meetings and relations to the national parliaments | Chair of the Interparliamentary conference on stability, economic coordination and governance in the EU | United Nations and UNESCO | multilateral bodies (non security) | World Bank and IMF

Head of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) delegation (2011-2019)

EPP-Coordinator within the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (CRIS, 2009-2011)

President of the Kangaroo Group (2009-2013)

Head of the ÖVP delegation (2006-2009)

President of the SME Intergroup (2004-2019)

Vice-President and Treasurer of EPP Group (2004-2011)

Economic Spokesperson of EPP Group (2002-2004)

Board Member and Treasurer of EPP Group (1999-2004)

1983 - 1990      Member of the National Council of the Austrian Parliament

## Other Political Activities (excerpt)

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Since 1983      Member of the Executive Committee of the ÖVP Melk

1983 - 2000      Part-district Chairman of the ÖVP Ybbs

1981 - 1990      Federal Chairman of the Young People's Party (JVP)

1980 - 1991      Deputy Chair of the Österreichischer Bundesjugendring

1976 - 1979      Federal Chairman of the Schülerunion Österreich

1975 - 1978      Chairman of the Schülerunion Niederösterreich

## Professional Activities

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Since 2016      Lecture activity at the University of Vienna

Since 2015      Irregular lecture activity at the Danube University Krems

2015 - 2019      Lecture activity at the Vienna University of Economics and Business

2007 - 2011      Lecture activity at the University of Vienna

1995 - 1999      Secretary General of the ÖVP

1988 - 1995      Versicherungsanstalt der österreichischen Bundesländer

1986      Raiffeisen-Insurance AG

1982 - 1985      Dianazentrum Realitätengesellschaft m.b.H.

1981 - 1982      Raiffeisenlandesbank Niederösterreich-Wien AG

1981	General economic and management advice
1979 - 1981	Policy Advisor of the ÖVP

## Other Honorary Activities (excerpt)

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Since 2016	Member of the Executive Committee of the Österreichische Gesellschaft für Versicherungsfachwissen
Since 2009	Chairman and Founder of the BürgerInnen Forum Europa
Since 2002	Member of the Executive Committee of the Austrian Society for European Politics (ÖGfE)
Since 1998	President of the Hilfswerk Österreich
Since 1992	Member of the „Vereinigung der Freunde der Waldheim-Stiftung“
2009 - 2012	Vice-President of the Hilfswerk International
2007 - 2015	President of the Robert Schuman Institute Budapest
2007 - 2010	Deputy Chair of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe
2002 - 2015	Vice-President of the Robert Schuman Foundation
1983 - 2008	Chairman of the Zukunftswerkstätte Kraftfeld - Verein zur Förderung wissenschaftlicher und kultureller Begegnung

## Education

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2017	Dr. phil. University of Vienna, Austria   Political Science Thesis „Die europäische Demokratie – Grenzen und Möglichkeiten des Europäischen Parlaments“
1997	M.B.L. (Postgraduate) University of St. Gallen, Switzerland   European and International Business Law Thesis „Die Elektrizitätsbinnenmarkt-Richtlinie und Österreich“
1996	Mag. phil. University of Vienna, Austria   Political Science Thesis „Das Vorwahlssystem der ÖVP – eine empirische Untersuchung der Vorwahlen 1994“
1984-1985	Military Service LWSR 32, Dabsch-Kaserne
1976	Matura Bundesoberstufenrealgymnasium Scheibbs, Austria

## Honours, Awards and Prizes (excerpt)

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2021	Silver Commander's Cross with Star – Decoration of Honour of the Federal Province of Lower Austria (SKKr/St)
2017	Decoration of Honour of the Austrian Chamber of Notaries
2016	Decoration of Honour of the Kolpingwerk Europa
2015	Golden Arrow Lifetime Achievement Award
2014	Dr. Alois Mock-Europa-Prize
2013	Member of Parliament of the year (Parliament Magazine)
2013	Honorary professorship of the Danube University Krems, Austria <small>Faculty of Business and Globalisation   Department for Migration and Globalisation</small>
2009	Cardinal-Opilio-Rossi-Medal
2006	Golden Decoration of Honour of the Austrian Medical Association
2003	Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria
1990	Golden Decoration of Honour of the Young People's Party (JVP)