

## **Christian Schmidt**

### **High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina**



#### *High Representative since August 1, 2021*

- Federal Minister (former)
  - Member of the German Bundestag since 1990
  - Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and rapporteur for the Western Balkan States
  - Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture from 17 February 2014 to 14 March 2018
  - Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development from 2013 to 2014
  - Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Defense from 2005 to 2013
  - Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group for Defense 2002-2005
  - Chairman of the Parliamentary Working Group for Foreign Policy, Defense and European Affairs for the CSU Parliamentary Group 1991- 2002
  - Representing CSU Parliamentary Group in the Western Balkans advisory circle of Chancellor Helmut Kohl from 1992 to 1998
  - President of the German Atlantic Association since 2006
  - Vice-Chair of the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation since 2018
  - Treasurer and member of the Presidency of the European People's Party
  - Vice-Chair of the CSU from 2011 to 2017
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- Born in 1957 in Obernzenn (Franconia); married, father of two children
  - Lawyer by profession; University of Erlangen and University of Lausanne