

## **Franz Fischler – CV (short version)**

Franz Fischler's career as a representative of the agriculture sector began in 1979 when he joined the Tyrol Chamber of Agriculture. He dealt with environmental issues, education and training, culture and land-use planning until 1984, when he became Director of the Chamber. In 1989, he was appointed Federal Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in Austria. In that capacity he played an important part in the negotiations for Austria's accession to the European Union. From 1995 to 1999 he was European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development. From September 1999 until 2004 he was also responsible for Community fisheries policy. Since December 2004, Franz Fischler is concentrating on doing consultancy work, giving lectures, holding speeches and fulfilling his tasks being President of the think tank "European Forum Alpbach" since 2012 and Chairman of the RISE-Foundation.