

Karl-Heinz Lambertz

President of the Committee of the Regions

Karl-Heinz Lambertz studied law in Belgium and Germany. He was Minister as of 1990 and later Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium from 1999 to 2014. Until September 2016, he held the function of President of the Parliament. Currently, Mr. Lambertz represents the German-speaking Community in the Belgian Senate. In this quarter of a century, Karl-Heinz Lambertz has become a renowned expert for cross-border cooperation that constitutes a crucial topic for the smallest Belgian entity on both a bilateral level as well as in the framework of Euregio Meuse-Rhine and the Saarlorlux Euroregion.

On the European level, Karl-Heinz Lambertz is member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) since 2001. He was elected as President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in July 2017 after serving a two and a half year term as First Vice-President. He is member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2000 and its Vice-President since October 2016. In 2010, he was elected President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR).