

Peter Scherrer

Born in Clarholz / Westphalia, Germany, 1959

Peter Scherrer was elected as ETUC Deputy Secretary General at the Paris Congress in 2015. He previously worked for the German Metalworkers' Trade Union (IG Metall) in Frankfurt, where he held the post of European Industrial Policy officer.

As DGS, he is responsible for the wide-ranging and important policy areas of European Social Dialogue and workers' participation, including European Works Councils. He also covers industrial policy, and the emerging issue of standardisation.

Before joining IG Metall, he spent three years as Labour Director with ArcelorMittal Bremen. He was General Secretary of the European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF) from 2005-2011.

Peter started his working life at the age of 14 as an apprentice metalworker, and was later employed as a welder, truck driver and postman. During the 1980s, he studied history, social sciences and journalism in Germany and the UK, obtaining a Master's degree in history from the University of Bielefeld in 1989. From 1998-2002 he was Editor-in-Chief of the South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs (SEER).

Work experience

2015 –

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Deputy General Secretary

2014 - 2015

IG Metall (German Metalworkers Trade Union), Officer for European Industrial Policy

2011- 2014

ArcelorMittal Bremen, HR Management / Labour Director

2005 - 2011

European Metalworkers' Federation, General Secretary

2003 - 2005

IG Metall, Düsseldorf, Policy Officer in the Steel Branch office

1998 - 2002

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung / ETUI, Editor-in-Chief of the *South-East Europe Review for Labour and Social Affairs*

1992 - 1998

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Head of International Relations

1990 - 1992

Trade Union of Horticulture, Agriculture and Forestry Workers (GGLF), Kassel, International Secretary, press spokesman and Assistant to the President

1977-1979

Welder, truck driver and postman

Other experience

1990 - 1993

ETUC Youth Committee, member

1990 - 1992

European Economic and Social Committee, expert in various study groups

1974 - 1977

Youth Committee of CLAAS GmbH Group, Chairman

German Social Democratic Party (SPD) member

Fritz Naphtali Foundation, Tel Aviv, board member

Education

1986-1989

University of Bielefeld, MA in History

1985-1986

University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Social sciences and history

1982-1984

Free University of Berlin, History, sociology, journalism

1980-1982

Westfalen College, Bielefeld

1974-1977

CLAAS GmbH Harsewinkel, Apprenticeship metalworker

Languages

German: mother tongue

English: fluent

French: intermediate