

Curriculum Vitae

Elisabeth Schroedter is a trained medical technician, an educationalist and an environmental adviser. She is married and has three sons. Born in Dresden in 1959, she now lives near Potsdam in the Land of Brandenburg.

In 1989 Elisabeth Schroedter was involved in the *Neues Forum* (New Forum), one of the **civil rights movements** of the GDR. At the beginning of 1990 she became a member of the **Green party in the GDR** which merged with the Greens from Western Germany in October 1990.

In spring 1991 Elisabeth Schroedter co-founded the *Verein für Grün-Bürgerbewegte Kommunalpolitik*, an NGO for green **regional politics in Brandenburg**. She has been a member of the board and spokesperson. At the moment, she is also spokesperson for the local association of Greens in her home community. Since its formation, she has been a honorary member of the *Grüne Liga* (Green League), a network of Eastern-German ecological movements. In 1992, she was appointed to the advisory board on **environmental politics** of the first ministry of environment in Brandenburg.

With the first European elections in the new *Länder* in East Germany in 1994, Elisabeth Schroedter was elected into the European Parliament for *Bündnis 90/DIE GRÜNEN* (Alliance 90/The GREENS). On the 7th of June, 2009, the East German from Brandenburg was **re-elected** and belongs with thirteen other alliance-green politicians from Germany to the altogether 55 member strong group of the GREENS and the Regionalists in the EP.

As Vice-President of the **Employment and Social Affairs Committee**, Elisabeth Schroedter is committed to ensure that the social dimension of the internal market is not neglected. She is a strong advocate for social minimum standards throughout the EU, as she is convinced that only with such standard can social dumping be fought. Her report on the posting of workers' directive call for the Commission to revoke limitations on the right of member states to control minimum work standards. Following one-sided interpretations of the posting workers' directive through the European Court of Justice, including putting the right to strike into question, Ms Schroedter asks for corrections in the directive to ensure workers' rights.

A second priority in her work are the challenges of demographic change. In the **Committee on Regional Development**, she deals with the question why young people and especially young women leave certain regions of Europe disproportionately. The aim is to identify causes and develop solutions in the framework of the European structural policy. Ms Schroedter was a lead person in the latest reform of the structural funds, leaving her marks in the new guidelines.

In previous legislative periods, Elisabeth Schroedter was President and Vice-President of European Parliament delegations for relations with **Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine**. She saw how the regime of Lukashenka led to the dying of democracy in EU neighbouring countries. The ambition to rebuild a living democracy in Belarus drives her engagement with Belarus. She is furthermore deputy member of the Parliamentary Cooperation Committee EU-Moldova and member of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly.

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