



ARNO METZLER
President of the EESC's Diversity Europe Group



Involvement within the EESC

Arno Metzler has been a Member of the EESC since 2002. He has been involved in the INT, REX and ECO Sections, in the EU-Turkey Joint Consultative Committee as well as in administrative question procedures such as in panels for the preselection of the Secretary General.

Representing German Liberal Professions, he has been particularly active in leading the process of constitution of the 'Liberal Professions' Category. Moreover, he developed key ideas in favour of a 'European Manifesto of Professionals' during the Group III Extraordinary meeting on 1 December 2017 in Rome: *'The liberal professions, a lever for the development of Europe: towards a European manifesto of professionals'*.

Rapporteur of EESC Opinions, including

- *European workforce for health* ([SOC/331](#))
- *Recognition of professional qualifications and administrative cooperation* ([SOC/541](#))
- *Insider dealing and market manipulation* ([ECO/322](#))
- *The Role and future of the professions in European civil society 2020* ([INT/687](#))
- *Situation of civil organisations in Turkey* ([REX/397](#))
- *Services Package* ([INT/815](#))

Vice-presidency portfolios

From 2010 to 2015, he has been responsible for Group III Internal Rules and Procedures, EESC Rules of Procedures and Communication.

From 2015 to 2018, he served as Vice-President for the Liberal Professions, the SMEs and the Rules of Procedure.

Presidency for the mandate 2018-2020

In April 2018, Mr. Metzler started his mandate as President of the Group III and renamed the Group 'Diversity Europe', formerly known as the 'Various Interests' Group.

Combatting prejudice and populism through responsibility and diversity will be one of the major priorities of his term of office. Mr. Metzler will also focus on combatting prejudice and promoting diversity through education.

Professional background

Following his Law degree and his state examinations in Bonn and in Düsseldorf, he has been a lawyer in his own office in Berlin since 1982. He has also held a number of management positions in various organisations in Germany – amongst others in the *Deutscher Schaustellerbund* (Association of travelers and leisure parks organisations), the Federal Association of Liberal Professions (*Bundesverband der Freien Berufe*), and the German Association of Consulting Engineers (*Verband Beratender Ingenieure*).

At the national level, he has also been working on various fields related to Liberal Professions, social politics, tax regulations, public procurement and workers' protection.

Private life

Born in 1955, he has two sons.