

Former Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger was Chairman of the Munich Security Conference from 2008 to 2022 and has since been President of the Board of Trustees of the Munich Security Conference Foundation. As a former State Secretary at the Federal Foreign Office and German Ambassador in Washington and London, Wolfgang Ischinger can look back on a long diplomatic career.

Wolfgang Ischinger is President of the Board of Trustees of the Munich Security Conference Foundation (MSC). From 2008 to 2022 he was MSC Chair. He teaches at the Hertie School in Berlin and is an honorary professor at the University of Tübingen. He advises companies, international organizations and governments on political and strategic issues.

Among other things, Wolfgang Ischinger is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and sits on various supervisory and advisory boards, e.g. at the German Society for Foreign Relations (DGAP), the Atlantic Bridge, the Yalta European Strategy Group (YES) and the American Academy, Berlin, and the Atlantic Council, Washington DC. He is also a member of the international advisory board of Investcorp, London.

After studying law and international relations in Bonn, Geneva and Boston, Wolfgang Ischinger worked in the cabinet of the UN Secretary General in New York before joining the foreign service in 1975. From 1982 to 1990 he was a personal assistant to the then Federal Foreign Minister Genscher. From 1993 to 1995 he was head of the planning staff and from 1995 political director of the Federal Foreign Office. He was Secretary of State from 1998 to 2001, Ambassador to Washington from 2001 to 2006 and in London from 2006 to 2008. In 2008 he took over the chairmanship of the Munich Security Conference. Under his leadership, the security conference grew from two employees to a staff of over 50 permanent employees and a budget of approx. 10 million euros per year. From 2008 to 2014 he was also General Manager of Allianz SE, Munich.

Prof. Dr. hc Ischinger represented the EU in the troika negotiations on Kosovo in 2007 and the OSCE in efforts to establish a national dialogue in Ukraine in 2014. In 2015 he chaired the "Panel of Eminent Persons" set up by the OSCE to strengthen the European security architecture.