



Hans-Gert POETTERING

President of
the European Parliament ret.

Chairman of
the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Hans-Gert Poettering was born on 15 September of 1945 in Bersenbrueck (Lower Saxony, Germany). He never knew his father who was killed in the final days of World War II. This personal tragedy was instrumental in shaping his political involvement and his career in European politics.

Studies

- » Abitur 1966 (University Entrance Certification)
- » Studies of Law, Political Science and History at the Universities of Bonn and Geneva (1968–1973)
- » First state law exam (1973)
- » Conferral of Doctorate, Dr. phil. (1974)
- » Second state law exam (1976)
- » Research Assistant (1976–1979)

Political Activities (amongst others)

- » Honorary Member of the European Parliament
- » Since January 2010 Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- » Chairman of the working group on the Middle East in the European Parliament (2008–2014)
- » 12th President of the European Parliament since the first direct election (January 2007–July 2009)
- » Chairman of the EPP-ED (christian democrats) group in the European Parliament (1999–2007)
- » Chairman of the Working Group on the Middle East in the European Parliament (since 2008)
- » Chairman of the Board of Trustees for establishing a "House of European History" (since 2008)
- » President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly EMPA (2008–2009)
- » Supervisor of EPP/EPP group's working group "Enlargement of the European Union" (1996–1999)
- » President of "Europa-Union" Germany (1997–1999)
- » Chairman of the Christian Democrats local committee, city of Bersenbrueck (1974–1980)
- » Chairman of the Young Christian Democrats regional committee, Osnabrueck county (1974–1976)

Honours and Awards (selection)

- » Grand Cross of Merit with Star and Shoulder Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany, 2010
- » Grand Cross of the Papal Order of St. Gregory, 2007
- » Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honour of France, 2011
- » Grand Cross of Merit of the Republic of Italy, "Cavaliere di Gran Croce Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana", 2008
- » "Three-Star-Medal" of the Republic of Latvia, 2009
- » Great Cross of Merit of Queen Jelena with Star and Shoulder Ribbon, Croatia, 2007
- » Doctor Honoris Causa of the University Wrocław, Poland, 2014
- » Doctor Honoris Causa: University Ateneo de Manila, 2014; University Bahçeşehir in Istanbul, 2012; University Miguel de Cervantes, Santiago de Chile, 2011; University of Korea, 2010; University of Opole, Poland, 2007
- » René-Cassin-Medaille for Human Rights, Consultative Council Jewish Organisations, 2010
- » Robert-Schuman-Medal of the EPP group, 1995
- » Honorary citizen of the city of Bersenbrueck, his birthplace, 2009

INVITATION

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FRIDAY | MARCH 13th, 2015
12.30PM–2.00PM

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5 SVETA NEDELJA SQUARE



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Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends,

We invite you to follow the last 35 years of European history as seen through the eyes of an active participant and prominent insider.

Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering (born 1945) witnessed the unification of Europe and he also took an active part in its development. Right from the first direct elections in 1979 he became a member of the European Parliament. From 1999 until 2007 he was president of the parliamentary group of the EPP and from 2007 until 2009 he was President of the European Parliament. Pöttering participated in many European Union summits and met many heads of states and politicians. After 35 years his mandate ended on the first of July 2014.

In his autobiography he gives inside into many meetings with famous persons from the world of politics, culture and society. He reports on the downfall of communism and the reunification of Germany – events which deeply changed the face of Europe. He also displays his ideas concerning the future of the European Union. Also noteworthy is the fact that on his initiative a museum of European history will be opened in Brussels in 2016.

You will have the opportunity to share and to be inspired of the profound experience of a real European. We are looking forward to interesting moments together with him and we cordially invite you to our event.



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PROGRAMME

12.30 pm *Opening Speech*
Dr. Marco Arndt
Konrad Adenauer Foundation,
Sofia

Dr. Andrej Kovatchev
MEP, Member of the Bureau
of the European Parliament

12.40 pm *Keynote*
Boyko Borissov
Prime Minister of Bulgaria

1.00 pm *United for the better*
Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering
under discussion with
Boyko Vassilev

1.30 pm *Discussion*

2.00 pm *Buffet*

You will have the opportunity to buy the Bulgarian version of the autobiography of Mr. Pöttering. If you like you can receive a dedication by the author.

The PP GERB will give the proceeds of this sale as a donation for charity.

Working languages of the conference are Bulgarian, German and English.

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