

**Rauch, Johannes**

Austria



Johannes Rauch was appointed Austria's Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection in March 2022.

He was born in 1959, and grew up with five siblings in Rankweil, Austria. In his early career he spent four years as a bank clerk. Youth work followed, then the completion of a social work diploma and many years of social work, before he embarked upon the management of a socio-economic enterprise.

A member of the Green Party since 1985, he entered politics part-time in 1990, which this became a full-time job from 2014. He has two grown-up daughters and in his spare time loves reading, cycling and nature.

Political career:

- since 1985: participation in the Green Party
- 1990-1996: environmental councillor in Rankweil
- 1997-2021: Spokesman of the executive committee of the Vorarlberg Green Party
- 2000-2014: Landtagsabgeordneter
- 2004-2014: Chairman of the regional parliamentary group
- 2014-2022: Member of the Vorarlberg state government (State Councillor)
- since March 2022: Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection

Main areas of political focus:

- Nature conservation, transport and spatial planning
- Social and health policy
- Budget and tax policy
- Labour market policy