

“Using the opportunities recovery efforts provide is vital to the areas of economic affairs, science, technology and environment.”

“In the unprecedented changes we are facing, multilateral responses are more important than ever.”

“Solidarity, cooperation and peace are prerequisites for prosperity.”



DR. GUDRUN KUGLER

**Candidate for Rapporteur of the Second General Committee
on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment**

Dear colleagues,

Peace and respect for fundamental freedoms are prerequisites for our region's prosperity and joint development. As we implement our commitment to Helsinki+40 and engage in the Helsinki+50 process, reprioritizing the OSCE agenda, enhancing dialogue and strengthening existing resources and mechanisms, we realize that peaceful conflict resolution plays an even more important role.

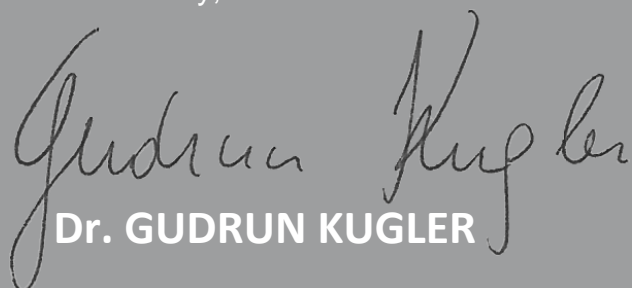
The pandemic has changed our perspective on economic affairs, science, technology and environment. How can we emerge from this crisis refocused? Unprecedented challenges caused by demographic shifts and advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence require that we update our approaches. The Second Committee plays a vital role in finding common and multilateral responses serving all people.

Differences in living standards and opportunities still persist in the OSCE region. I am convinced that a strong commitment to solidarity, mutual support and concrete cooperation will make each participating state and the entire OSCE region a better place without leaving anyone behind.

As a candidate for Rapporteur for the Second General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I am committed to integrating the concerns and voices of all 57 participating states and to finding sustainable solutions for cross-border and regional issues. In order to be able to do so, I ask for your support.

The annual meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will take place in a hybrid format. It will require a higher effort to contribute and to vote. I encourage all members of the PA to exercise their democratic rights in this moment of particular historic significance.

Your sincerely,



Dr. GUDRUN KUGLER

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr. Gudrun Kugler

- Married, mother of four

Parliamentary Functions in Austria

- Member of the Austrian Parliament since 2017
- Spokesperson for human rights for the parliamentary group of the Austrian People's Party
- Spokesperson for exiled peoples in the aftermath of WWII for the parliamentary group of the Austrian People's Party
- Committee Memberships
 - Human Rights (Vice-Chair)
 - Justice
 - Family and Youth
 - Social Affairs
 - Ombudsperson (Vice-Chair)
 - Equality (Vice-Chair)
- Chair of the Austrian bilateral parliamentary group with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
- Member of the bilateral parliamentary groups with Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Serbia, Latin America, Central America

Education and Career

- PhD in International Law
- Master in European and International Law
- Master in Women's Studies
- Master in Theological Studies on Marriage and the Family
- Professional background as consultant and entrepreneur
- Author of several books, including on Europe and human rights
- Recipient of several awards, e.g. the Austrian "Leopold-Kunschak-Award" the "Saint Thomas More Religious Freedom Advocacy Award" for her commitment to uphold the right to freedom of religion
- Language skills: fluent in German and English, conversant in Spanish and French, basics in Russian

OSCE, Regional and International Institutions

- Engagement with EU, UN, OSCE and ODIHR over many years on a basis
- Vice chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration of the OSCE PA
- Keynote speaker at a OSCE High Level Meeting on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination
- Elected member of the Advisory Panel of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency from 2010 to 2012

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