Biography

Dr. Hans-Dieter Lucas took office as the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) in July 2026. During his four decades of diplomatic service for the Federal Republic of Germany, he held a variety of positions, including Political Director of the Federal Foreign Office, German Permanent Representative to NATO, and German Ambassador to France and Italy.

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Hans-Dieter Lucas joined the diplomatic service in 1985 after completing his studies in political science, history, law and Catholic theology. During his 40-year diplomatic career, he served at numerous embassies and at the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Chancellery and the German Bundestag. From 2003 to 2006, he was in charge of the Federal Chancellery department responsible for Central and Eastern Europe, the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia. At the Federal Foreign Office, his positions included Commissioner for Eastern Europe, the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia from 2006 to 2010 and Political Director from 2011 to 2015.

Following postings to the German embassies in Moscow and Washington, he served as German Ambassador to the European Union's Political and Security Committee in Brussels and was appointed Germany's Permanent Representative to NATO in 2015. He also held the posts of German Ambassador to France and Monaco and German Ambassador to Italy and San Marino. Lucas retired in August 2025. Since then, he has held a number of honorary positions, taught at the Hertie

School of Governance in Berlin and served as a Senior Fellow at the University of Bonn's Center for Advanced Security, Strategic and Integration Studies (CASSIS). Hans-Dieter Lucas's distinctions include the German Federal Cross of Merit (First Class), the Commander of the French Legion of Honor and the Grand Officer of the Order of the Star of Italy (order of merit bestowed by the Republic of Italy).

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