

## **Christian Lindner MdB**

Federal Minister (ret.)  
Chairman of the Free Democratic Party (FDP)



Christian Lindner, born on the 7th of January 1979, is Germany's former Federal Minister of Finance and a member of the German parliament (Bundestag).

Lindner was elected party leader of the Free Democrats in December 2013. As chairman of the Free Democrats Parliamentary Group (2017-2021) Christian Lindner established a constructive and successful parliamentary group in the German Bundestag. In the 2021 elections the FDP achieved one of its best results ever. After successful coalition negotiations Christian Lindner became Germany's Federal Minister of Finance in the first ever three-party coalition on December, 8th 2021. He left office as Federal Minister of Finance on November 7, 2024.

Lindner joined the FDP in 1995. He was elected as a member of the federal state parliament in North Rhine-Westphalia for the first time in 2000. Between 2012 and 2017 Lindner served as parliamentary leader of the FDP group in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Lindner grew up in Wermelskirchen near Cologne. He studied political science, philosophy and public law at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University in Bonn.

Between 1997 and 2004 he owned an advertising agency and was co-founder of an IT-business.

Lindner is a major of the German Air Force reserve.