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Harald Mahrer President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Harald Mahrer (born 1973) is President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. He was appointed President of the Austrian National Bank (Oesterreichische Nationalbank) in September 2018 and reappointed for another period in October 2023. He was Austrian Federal Minister for Education, Science and Business until December 2017. Prior to that, he was State Secretary in the same department from September 1st 2014.

As graduate of the Vienna University of Economics and Business, he gained political experience as chairperson of the Austrian National Union of Students and subsequently completed a Doctorate in Social and Economic Science. After several years as a research assistant focussing on information systems and digital businesses he founded Austria's first incubator and his first company, legend consulting. He then took over as managing partner of Austria's leading PR & strategic communications agency, Pleon Publico.

For more than 15 years, he has been an active business angel and promoted start-ups in different industries. From 2011 to 2015, he was also President of the Julius Raab Foundation - one of Austria's leading think tanks. He founded the Austrian Association of Philanthropic Foundations, worked intensively in the area of disruptive innovation, corporate social responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and individual freedom and establishing new strategic priorities for the development of Austria and Europe.