

Thomas Wobben



Thomas Wobben was born in 1965 in Germany. After studying Economics and Politics in Cologne he began his professional career as a lobby co-ordinator for social sector organisations and youth organisations.

He joined the services of the Land Saxony-Anhalt in 1993 where he was responsible for business co-operation within the European Union, innovation and interregional co-operation. In 1995 he was sent to the Liaison Office of Saxony-Anhalt in Brussels mainly in charge for regional policy and the developing European co-operation projects. He also was responsible for co-ordinating the Presidency of Saxony-Anhalt within the European Network of Industrial Regions (RETI) and from 2003 onwards within the European Chemical Regions Network (ECRN).

Between September 1999 and March 2012 he was the director of the Representation of Saxony-Anhalt to the European Union and was in this function involved in the policy development of the region on European affairs.

Since March 2012 he is the Director for Horizontal Policies and Networks in the Committee of the Regions. In September 2007 he joined - as part of the EU/China structured dialogue on regional policy - a researcher team for a comparative analysis of regional policy in Europe and China.

From June 2010 until March 2012 he was member of the Board of the European Citizen Action Service (ECAS). Between September 2009 and March 2012 he was a representative of the German Länder in the Council Working Group on Competitiveness. Since March 2012 he is director of "Horizontal Policies and Networks" at the Committee of the Regions