

RUDOLF SCHARPING

Former Federal Minister of Defence
Former Minister-President

CEO & Founder of RSBK AG



Functions in Parliament and Government

October 1994 – October 2005	Member of the German Bundestag
October 1998 – July 2002	Federal Minister of Defence
November 1994 – October 1998	Chairman of the Social Democratic parliamentary group in the Bundestag
May 1991 – November 1994	Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate
September 1985 – May 1991	Chairman of the Social Democratic parliamentary group in the Rhineland- Palatinate Land parliament
May 1979 – September 1985	Parliamentary secretary of the Social Democratic parliamentary group in the Rhineland-Palatinate Land parliament
May 1975 – November 1994	Member of the Rhineland-Palatinate Land parliament

Political posts in the Social Democracy

November 1995 – November 2003	Deputy Chairman of the Social Democratic Party
June 1993 – November 1995	Chairman of the Social Democratic Party
March 1995 – May 2001	President of the Party of European Socialists
1985 – 1993	Chairman of the Rhineland-Palatinate association of the Social Democratic Party
1995 – 2003	Chairman of the “International Policy” commission of the Social Democratic Party

Important political fields of work

International policy, transatlantic cooperation and European integration; regularly visits and lecture tours in the USA, also in Israel, Russia and Asia.

Modernisation of state action with the aim of using tax-payers’ money more productively; cooperation with the private sector (out-sourcing; public private partnership; privatisation)

Economic policy, budget and fiscal policy

Economic experiences

Member of the guaranteed credit committee of the federal land of Rhineland-Palatinate

Active support and supervision of restructuring and rehabilitation measures for enterprises, including Schneider Optik (technological leader of the optical industry in Germany, located in Bad Kreuznach), Pfaff Nähmaschinen (at that time technological leader of the German industry for textile manufacturing machinery, located in Kaiserslautern), Pieroth Weinhandel (leading German wine-trading company, located in Burg Layen) etc.

Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate

Foundation of real estate management companies owned by the federal land of Rhineland-Palatinate; construction of the first privately financed road in Germany (PPP); realisation of the first German PPP in the field of “surface construction”.

Federal Minister of Defense

Formation of mixed enterprises (through outsourcing), e.g. “BW Fuhrpark” (together with Deutsche Bahn AG); “BW-Bekleidung” (together with Hellmann Logistik; today globally operating as a logistics company; sales > 500 million Euro); “BW IT” (together with Siemens and IBM; today sales of around 700 million Euro) etc.

Strategic Advisor/Consultant

Support of a credit restructuring process in a large family-owned enterprise (sales volume of more than 9 billion Euro; transformation into an enterprise that meets capital market viability requirements); representation of the same enterprise in conducting negotiations concerning the reduction of labour costs of >15% while avoiding layoffs (as a contribution to restructure a company with more than 22 000 employees in Germany);
acting as a Senior Advisor to an international private equity fund for an acquisition of more than 70 000 residential apartments from public ownership; afterwards exit of the funds via IPO;
conflict resolution between a German DAX-listed enterprise and a Chinese SOE (without publicity and legal proceedings, in order to avoid reputational damage; value of litigation of about 400 million Euro);
acting as a Senior Advisor during the formation of a Joint Venture between a German M-DAX-listed company and a Chinese high-tech company (specialty materials);
support of DAX, M-DAX and other companies in creating and implementing business development strategies in Germany and in China (further information can only be provided after signing a confidentiality agreement).

Current roles and activities (extract)

CEO of RSBK AG

CEO of Rudolf Scharping Consulting (Beijing) Co., Ltd.

Publications

Numerous publications (especially about German and European politics) in books and magazines; including “*Was jetzt zu tun ist*” (book, 1994); “*Wir dürfen nicht wegsehen – Der Kosovo-Krieg und Europa*” (book, 1999); co-editor: “*Public Private Partnership in Deutschland - Das Handbuch*“ (book, 2009)

Further roles and activities

Since March 2005	President of the German Cyclist Union
2004-2006	Professor at The Fletcher School, Tufts University Medford/Massachusetts
1969-1975	Research assistant to Members of the German Bundestag and European Parliament
1967-1969	Practical experiences in fiscal administration, at the Statistisches Landesamt (Land Statistical Office) and the private sector (while attending university)

Other information

Born on December 2nd 1947 in Niederelbert / Westerwald

1954 to 1958 attending elementary school

1958 to 1966 attending grammar school

1967 Military service

Attending university, field of studies: political sciences (including law and sociology)

1974 graduation with the “magister’s” degree (examination held by Prof. Dr. Karl Dietrich Bracher)