

## CV

**Thomas Schmidt, MdL** Member of  
Saxon State Parliament (Constituency 22:  
Mittelsachsen 5)  
Minister for Regional Development, Free State of Saxony

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### *Personal Data*

- Born on March 7th, 1961 in Burgstädt/Saxony
- evangelical-lutheran, married, two children

### *Education*

- 1967-1977 | Polytechnic secondary school
- 1977-1980 | Abitur (A-levels) and vocational training as an agro-technician
- 1982-1987 | University studies; graduate agricultural engineer (Diplom-Agrar-Ingenieur)

### *Professional Career*

- 1987-1991 | Technical Manager of an agricultural producers' cooperative
- 1991-2014 | Chief Operating Officer of an agricultural company (GmbH)
- 2014-2019 | Minister for Environment and Agriculture, Free State of Saxony
- since 2019 | Minister for Regional Development, Free State of Saxony

### *Party Memberships and Posts*

- 1985 | Member of DBD (Democratic Farmers' Party of Germany)
- since 1990 | Member of CDU (Christian Democratic Union of Germany)
- since 1990 | Chairman of the local CDU party branch in Taura
- 1995-2008 | Deputy Chairman and Chairman of the Mittweida district CDU branch
- 1999-2010 | Member of the Taura Municipal Council
- since 2004 | Member of the Saxon State Parliament
- 2009-2014 | Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Environment and Agriculture of the Saxon State Parliament
- 2010-2013 | Chairman of the Enquete Commission on "Strategies for a future-oriented technology and innovation policy in the Free State of Saxony", Saxon State Parliament
- Member of the Executive Board, CDU Saxony
- 2011-2014 | Deputy Chairman, CDU Parliamentary Group in the Saxon State Parliament
- since 2020 | Member of the European Committee of the Regions
  - Member of the Commission for Economic Policy (ECON)
  - Member of the Commission for the Environment, Climate Change and Energy (ENVE)
  - Member of the German Delegation and the EPP-Group in the CoR
  - Member of the Automotive Intergroup (CoRAI)

### *Honorary Posts*

- Member of the Executive Board of the CDU Saxony
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the "Fraunhofer Institute for Electronic Nanosystems" (ENAS), Chemnitz
- Vice-Chairman of the Agrarsoziale Gesellschaft e.V. (Agro-Social Society)

