

Peter Clever

Born on 5 January 1955, former Director-General, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, married with two sons and three grandchildren.

Following high school and military service, he studied economics, politics and sociology at the University of Cologne, graduating with a degree in economics.

In 1979 he became personal assistant to Member of Parliament (Bundestag) Norbert Blüm, for whom he worked until 1984 as Head of Cabinet and press spokesman in the Bundestag's CDU/CSU political grouping, in the Berlin Senate Administration for Federal Affairs as well as in the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMA).

Between 1985 and 1998 he headed three departments in BMA: International Social Policy (1985-1994), Employment and Integration of Foreign Workers/Staff within BMA's sphere of activity (1996-1997) and Labour Market Policy/Unemployment insurance (1997-1998). In the years 1994-1996 he was special adviser in the European Commission in Brussels (Cabinet of Commissioner Martin Bangemann).

From 1998 to 2003 he was head of corporate communication for the Fundus Group Cologne/Berlin. In November 2003 the Presidential Board of *Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände* (Association of German Employers' Confederations – BDA) elected him one of the three Members of BDA's Executive Board with responsibility for Labour Market, International Relations including European social policy and Education/Vocational Training. Since December 2003 he has been speaker in the employer panel on the Federal Employment Agency's Self-Government Board and its alternate Chairman. In the years 2004-2008 he was a Member of *Deutsche Welle's* Broadcasting Board. In 2008 he moved from the Broadcasting Board to *Deutsche Welle's* Administrative Board which unanimously voted him Chairman in September of the same year. He was confirmed in this office in May 2014. He is also a Member of the European Union's Economic and Social Committee where he is Vice-President of the Employers' Group. In addition, he is a trustee of *Aktion Deutschland hilft*, the alliance of German emergency assistance charities, and sits on the board of German business foundation *Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft - Wir stiften Chancen!*.