

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Kocher

Federal Minister of Labour and Economy

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Kocher was born in 1973 in Salzburg and grew up in Altmarkt/Zauchensee. After studying economics at the University of Innsbruck, he initially worked as a research assistant at the Institute for Public Finance. This was followed by an international academic career with positions at universities in Munich, Amsterdam, Norwich, and Gothenburg.

From 2016 to 2021, Martin Kocher served as the Scientific Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna and the Head of the Competence Center for Behavioural Economics „Insight Austria“ at IHS. Additionally, Kocher was the President of the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council (FISK).

On January 11, 2021, Martin Kocher was sworn in by Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen as the Federal Minister for Labour, Family, and Youth. With the amendment of the Federal Ministries Act, the areas of labour, family, and youth were separated. Since 1 February, 2021, Martin Kocher has been the Federal Minister for Labour. On 11 May, 2022, President Alexander Van der Bellen swore in Martin Kocher as the Federal Minister for Digitalization and Economy. On July 18, 2022, Martin Kocher was sworn in as the Federal Minister for Labour and Economy.