#### **Curriculum vitae:**

# **Michael Brand**

Parliamentary State Secretary

#### Personal details

- Born in Fulda on 19 November 1973
- married, 3 daughters, Protestant

## **Education and professional career**

- 1994: Higher education entrance qualification (Abitur), Winfriedschule, Fulda
- 1994-1995: Military service
- 1995-2001: Studied political sciences,
- law and history at the University of Bonn, finishing with a Master's degree (M.A.) in 2001
- 1997–1998: Studied abroad in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (during which he served as an OSCE election observer)
- 1996–2000: Worked as a journalist in Germany and abroad
- 2000–2001: Press spokesperson for the Young Union of Germany, the youth organisation of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)
- 2001 2005: Press spokesperson for the CDU parliamentary group in the Hessian state parliament

#### Political career

- Since 1993: Member of the CDU. Since 1988: Member of the Young Union
- Since 2005: Directly elected Member of the German Bundestag for the Fulda electoral district
- Since 2006: Member of the Fulda district parliament
- 2013–2017: Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid of the German Bundestag
- 2017–2025: Spokesperson for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag on human rights and humanitarian aid
- Since 2025: Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
- Since 2025: Federal Government Commissioner for the Fight against Antigypsyism and for Sinti and Roma Life in Germany

#### Voluntary work

### Committees (all on a voluntary basis)

- Chairperson of Hospiz-Förderverein "LebensWert" Fulda e. V., an association that promotes hospice work in Fulda
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the German relief coalition Aktion Deutschland Hilft
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Agency for Civic Education
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Point Alpha Foundation
- Member of the Advisory Board of Kinder-Akademie Fulda, an interactive children's museum
- Ambassador and Member of the Board of Trustees of daHeim im Leben, a foundation dedicated to enable older people to continue participating in social activities



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# Memberships (selection)

- Fulda Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation (Gesellschaft für christlich-jüdische Zusammenarbeit Fulda e. V.)
- Society for Threatened Peoples (Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker e. V.)
- International Society for Human Rights
- Malteser Hilfsdienst
- Kolping Society of Germany