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Wolfgang Ischinger is the Chairman of the Munich Security Conference and President of the MSC Foundation Council. A distinguished career diplomat, he served as Germany's Ambassador to the United States (2001–2006) and the United Kingdom (2006–2008), following his tenure as State Secretary (Deputy Foreign Minister) from 1998 to 2001. He is also a Senior Professor and Founding Director of the Centre for International Security at the Hertie School in Berlin.

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LANGUAGES:

He presents in German and English.

IN DETAIL:

Wolfgang Ischinger studied law and international relations at the universities of Bonn, Geneva, and Harvard, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. A former State Secretary (1998–2001), he has held numerous high-level diplomatic posts, including serving as the EU representative in the Kosovo Troika (2007) and the OSCE representative for Ukraine (2014). In 2015, he chaired the OSCE-mandated Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

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