

CV Joseph Daul

EPP President

Born in Strasbourg (France) on 13 April 1947, Joseph Daul has been President of the European People's Party (EPP) since November 2013. He is member of Les Républicains.

He graduated from the French Institute of Higher Studies in National Defence (l'Institut des hautes études de défense nationale, IHEDN), and is a cattle farmer and advocate for the French agriculture movement, having presided over different associations in the sector.

At the same time, he has pursued a political career. He served as Mayor of Pfettisheim (Bas-Rhin) from 1989 to 2001, and afterwards as Deputy Mayor and Vice-President of the community of communes of Kochersberg until 2008. He was a member of the European Economic and Social Committee from 1980 to 1982 and the Chairman of the Meat Group of the Committee of Agricultural Organisations in the European Union from 1996 to 1999.

As a member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2014, he served as Chairman of the Conference of Committee Chairmen from 2002 to 2004 and as Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development from 2002 to 2007, at which point he was elected Chairman of the Group of the European People's Party in the European Parliament.

In October 2013, Wilfried Martens asked Joseph Daul to replace him as President of the EPP during his illness. After the passing away of President Martens, Joseph Daul took over fully as President of the EPP, following a vote in the Political Assembly and subsequently at the Dublin Congress. He decided not to run again in the European elections in 2014 and to leave his position as Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament in order to dedicate all his time to his new function. He is reelected as President of the EPP at the Madrid Congress in October 2015.

Among other honours, he is an 'Officier du Mérite Agricole', 'Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite' and 'Officier de la Légion d'Honneur'.