



**Herbert Reul, German MEP for North Rhine-Westphalia**

**Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats)  
Chair of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee of the European  
Parliament**

Herbert Reul became a member of the European Parliament in 2004. His party, the CDU, belongs to the European People's Party (EPP).

Since 2005, he has been a member of the EPP Bureau and the deputy chairman of the group of MEPs belonging to the CDU in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW).

After holding the position of speaker on energy issues of the CDU/CSU delegation in the European Parliament from 2006 to 2009 and being the EPP's deputy coordinator in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) from 2007 to 2009, Reul became the chair of the ITRE Committee at the start of the new legislative period in 2009.

Herbert Reul was born on 31 August 1952 in Langenfeld, NRW, Germany. After graduating from high school, Reul studied education at the University of Cologne from 1972 to 1979 and took his second state exam in 1981. From 1981 to 1985, he worked as a teacher at the Gymnasium (secondary school) in Leichlingen.

Since 1971, he has been an active member of the CDU, the Christian Democratic Union of Germany. Already in 1975, he became a member of the City Council of Leichlingen, where he served till 1992. Reul was the district chair of the JU (Young Christian Democratic Union, YCD) in the region Rheinisch-Bergischer Kreis from 1976 to 1983. He was also a member of the Bureau of the YCD in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) from 1980 to 1987.

In 1985, Reul got voted into the Landtag (the assembly) of North Rhine-Westphalia and was re-elected three times until he left the Landtag in 2004. From 1985 to 1991, he was the speaker on educational policy of the CDU-Group in the assembly. Since 1987, he has been a member of the Bureau of the CDU in North Rhine-Westphalia and has been the district chair of the CDU in the region Bergisches Land since 2003. He also served as Secretary-General of the CDU in NRW from 1991 till 2003.