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From: Mr Gregor SCHUSTERSCHITZ, Ambassador, Permanent
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To: Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the
European Union

Subject: Partial renewal of the European Court of Auditors (2026)
- AT nomination letter

Delegations will find attached a letter, and its translation, from Mr Gregor Schusterschitz, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Austria to the European Union, concerning the appointment of a member of the European Court of Auditors.

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Brüssel, am 29. Mai 2026

Europäischer Rechnungshof; Nominierung von Herrn Mag. Gerald Locker zum Mitglied

Sehr geehrte Frau Generalsekretärin,

die Thérèse,

Die Österreichische Bundesregierung hat am 6. Mai 2026 die Nominierung von Herrn Mag. Gerald Locker zum Mitglied des Europäischen Rechnungshofs (Nachfolge von Mag.a Helga Berger) beschlossen. Der Hauptausschuss des Nationalrats hat am 21. Mai seine Zustimmung zu dieser Nominierung erteilt.

Im Zusammenhang mit der Ernennung von Herrn Mag. Gerald Locker zum Mitglied des Europäischen Rechnungshofs beehre ich mich, Ihnen mitzuteilen, dass Herr Mag. Gerald Locker den 1. Oktober 2026 als bevorzugten Termin für den Beginn seiner Amtszeit beim Europäischen Rechnungshof angegeben hat.

Anbei darf ich Ihnen die Notifizierungsdokumente in der vom Generalsekretariat gewünschten Form übermitteln.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,



Gregor Schusterschitz
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Beilagen

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Brussels, 29 May 2026

European Court of Auditors; nomination of Mr Gerald Loacker as a Member

Dear Secretary-General,

On 6 May 2026 the Austrian Federal Government decided to nominate Mr Gerald Loacker as a Member of the European Court of Auditors (to succeed Ms Helga Berger). The Main Committee of the National Council approved the nomination on 21 May.

In connection with his appointment as a Member of the European Court of Auditors, I have the honour to inform you that Mr Gerald Loacker has indicated that his preferred date for the start of his term of office is 1 October 2026.

Please find attached the notification documents in the form requested by the General Secretariat.

(Complimentary close)

Gregor Schusterschitz
Ambassador

Enclosures

Curriculum Vitae (EN)

Gerald Locker

Austrian citizenship



Profile

Independent legal professional and former Member of the Austrian National Council with wide experience in public finance, law, business, governance and institutional oversight. Over eleven years in Parliament, including as Deputy Chairman of the NEOS parliamentary group and member of the Financial Affairs Committee, I have been closely involved in scrutinising federal budgets, social and labour market expenditure and economic policy measures. Earlier senior roles in the banking and industrial sectors have given me knowledge of financial services, internal control systems and compliance with labour and social law. As a sworn court expert, I am accustomed to evidence-based analysis, drafting clear and well-reasoned reports and acting with full independence and integrity. I work pragmatically, communicate clearly and am committed to accountability, transparency and the values of the European Union.

Professional experience (Selection)

10/2024 – present **Manager, HR consulting company, Austria**
BWI Unternehmensberatung GmbH, Dornbirn
(Consulting, 5 employees, EUR 1.1 million turnover)
<https://bwi.at>

- Co-managing an HR consulting firm specialising in compensation and benefits in both the private and public sectors.
- Advising clients on transparent, legally compliant and cost-efficient remuneration systems.
- Joint leadership of a team of consultants, including project planning and quality assurance of deliverables.

02/2017 – present **Legal expert for courts, self employed**

<https://sv-loacker.at>

- Sworn court expert in matters of work organization, business organization and leadership, as well as occupational profiling and job classification
- Preparing independent expert opinions for courts, including fact-finding, assessment of complex organizational structures and job profiles, and drafting clear, well-reasoned written reports.

10/2013 – 10/2024 **Member of Parliament, Austria**

NEOS – Austria's liberal party

<https://neos.eu>

- Member of the National Council (lower house of Parliament) with a strong focus on the scrutiny of public finances and socio-economic legislation.
- Deputy Chairman of the parliamentary group (10/2015 – 10/2024), contributing to strategic positioning on budgetary, labour market and social policy issues.
- Spokesperson for Labour and Social Policy throughout the entire parliamentary tenure.
- At various stages, additional roles as Spokesperson for Economic Policy and for Health Policy, with responsibility for assessing the financial and regulatory impact of proposed measures in these fields.
- Member of the Financial Affairs Committee, contributing to the examination of financial legislation, tax measures and budget-related decisions.
- Preparing and analysing legislative proposals and parliamentary inquiries with a view to legality, efficiency and sustainability of public spending.
- Ensuring compliance with parliamentary rules of procedure, including in the role of Party Whip, and supporting orderly and transparent decision-making processes.
- Managing complex stakeholder relations with federal ministries, public authorities, social partners, civil society and businesses, often in the context of budgetary and regulatory reforms.

11/2007 – 02/2016 **Head of Human Resources, Bank**

Dornbirner Sparkasse Bank AG, Dornbirn

(Regional bank, 400 employees, EUR 2.2 billion balance sheet)

- Head of a department of five employees.
- Responsibility for HR development, recruitment and employer branding.
- Workforce planning and HR budgeting in line with business strategy and regulatory requirements.
- Handling labour law issues and company agreements in cooperation with employee representatives.
- Design and implementation of a trainee programme for school graduates.
- Management of apprenticeship training

- During this period, the bank received awards for its working conditions, as a family-friendly company, for excellent training and for promoting employee health in the workplace.

01/2004 – 10/2007 Head of Human Resources, Industry

*Rondo Ganahl AG, Frastanz
(Paper production, corrugated cardboard; 320 employees, EUR 160 million turnover)*

- Head of a department of four employees.
- HR development, recruitment and personnel marketing for a manufacturing environment.
- Workforce planning and HR budgeting.
- Responsibility for payroll, labour law matters and company housing.
- Coordination of apprenticeship training (25 apprentices in five professions).
- During this period, the company received awards for excellent training and for effective integration of people with disabilities in the workplace.

02/2000 – 01/2004 Deputy Head of Human Resources, Industry

*Tridonic GmbH & Co KG, Dornbirn
(Electronics, part of the Zumtobel Group, approx. 360 employees, EUR 300 million turnover)*

- Deputy Head of HR with a span of control of seven employees.
- Management of payroll accounting for four Austrian locations.
- Labour law advice and recruitment activities.
- Management of the telephone centre team (three employees) and cafeteria team (two employees).

Academic education

2023	Vienna University of Economics and Business Governance Excellence Program, WU Executive Academy
2003 – 2005	University of Innsbruck Academic Personnel and Organizational Development, Postgraduate with honors
1992 – 1997	University of Vienna Legal studies, Magister iuris (Master's degree equivalent)

Publications and Articles (selection)

- 10/2025 **Article on work of equal value**
ecolex, Journal of business law, 2025,712, "Was ist gleichwertige Arbeit?"
<https://rdb.manz.at/document/rdb.tso.llecolex20251003>
Analysis of the concept of work of equal value and its role in the national implementation of Directive (EU) 2023/970
- 07/2024 **2nd Study on statutory chambers in Austria**
"Über den Kammerstaat Österreich – Das Kammerbuch 2.0"
https://gerald-loacker.eu/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Kammerbuch-2.0_online_030524.pdf
Examination of the institutional role, legal basis and democratic oversight of statutory chambers in Austria, with a focus on their growing financial weight, the use of compulsory contributions and the need for stronger parliamentary and governmental control.
- 04/2022 **1st Study on statutory chambers in Austria**
"Österreichs Kammern in Zahlen"
https://gerald-loacker.eu/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Oe-Kammern-in-Zahlen_online_210322.pdf
Comprehensive financial and supervisory analysis of legally constituted chambers in Austria, including their revenue structures, reserves, expenditure patterns and the limits of existing supervisory and transparency mechanisms.
- 02/2020 **Article on the Austrian toll system**
ecolex, Journal of business law, 2020,93, "Zum Rücktrittsrecht beim Onlineerwerb der Digitalen Mautvignette der ASFINAG"
<https://rdb.manz.at/document/rdb.tso.llecolex20200205>
Examination of the national implementation of Directive (EU) 2011/83 on consumer rights as regards motorway vignettes.

Additional Skills and Information

Languages	German (native) English (fluent) French (basic)
Interests	Avid skier and mountainbiker, a bit less ambitious as a choir singer
References	Available upon request