

## Michael Vassiliadis

**President of  
Industriegewerkschaft Bergbau, Chemie, Energie  
(Mining, Chemical and Energy Industrial Union)**

Born on 13 March 1964 in Essen.



After secondary school, vocational training as a chemical laboratory technician at the company Bayer AG in Dormagen. From 1983 to 1986 he worked as a chemical laboratory technician.

Since 1980: member of IG Chemie-Papier-Keramik (Chemical, Paper and Ceramics Industrial Union). Chairman of the youth representation council at Bayer AG. Different honorary trade union activities at local, regional and federal level.

Since 1986: full-time trade union work, starting as secretary at the IG Chemie local office in Leverkusen; 1990 – 1994 at the regional office in North Rhine-Westphalia; from 1994 to 1997 head of the local office in Leverkusen; from 1997 to 2004 assistant to the President of IG BCE and director of the “President/Human Resources” department in Hanover.

Since March 2004: member of the National Executive Board of IG BCE. Till October 2009: responsible for works councils – youth – union workplace reps/local groups.

Since October 2009: President of the IG BCE.

Since May 2011: President of the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers’ Federation (EMCEF).

Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board of K+S AG and Steag GmbH; member of the Supervisory Boards of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA and BASF SE.

Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development.

Since 1981: member of the German Social Democratic party (SPD).

Michael Vassiliadis is divorced and has two sons.