

Ann Mettler – Biography

Ann Mettler brings over 25 years of experience in public policy, specializing at the nexus of technology, innovation, investment, and industrial policy. She has served as senior adviser to global leaders, including Bill Gates and Jean-Claude Juncker, former President of the European Commission (2014–2019).

Currently, Ann serves as President of Catalyse Europe, a new organisation dedicated to advancing energy security and clean technology innovation. She is also a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Columbia University's Center on Global Energy Policy and serves on the Board of the European Innovation Council.

From 2020 to 2025, Ann was Vice President for Europe at Breakthrough Energy, an organization founded by Bill Gates to accelerate the clean energy transition. Prior to that, from 2014-2019, she served as Director-General and Head of the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), the European Commission's in-house think tank. Earlier in her career, Ann co-founded The Lisbon Council, a Brussels-based think tank focused on the knowledge economy, which she led as Executive Director for over a decade. Between 2000 and 2003, she worked at the World Economic Forum, most recently as Director for Europe.