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In 2009, Gesine became a member of the European Parliament (MEP). She is currently the coordinator of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Group on Transport and Tourism Committee and a substitute member in the Environment Committee. Gesine is also a member of the EU-Mexico and Euro-Latin America Delegations.

Gesine is a member of the council of the ALDE party and the federal executive board of the German Free Democratic party (FDP). She was elected as President of the liberal women in Germany in March 2014, and as Vice President of the ALDE Party Gender Equality Network in November 2013.

Before joining the European Parliament, Gesine was a member of the regional Parliament of Lower Saxony where she was chairing the Committee on Health and Social Affairs from 2003 to 2009.

As of 1993, she worked as a freelance communication trainer. Before that, she was engaged in adult education, and from 1984 until 1993 she was the deputy director of the "Rural Adult Education Lower Saxony" association. Gesine studied nutritional science and home economics, German and English, communication and pedagogy in Munich (1971-1974) and Hanover (1976-1980). In 1975, she graduated as a "Management Assistant for the Hotel industry" in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife and worked at the "Englischer Garten" guest house in Munich until 1976.