

Dear Jan Willem,

With deep mourning, I have to inform you that our fellow and brother Rudi Hundstorfer died fully unexpected in the morning hours of the 20th of August 2019.

He died way too early at the age of 67. We all are very dismayed at the news that he passed away.

Rudi Hundstorfer was born in 1951 in Vienna. After graduation, he started as a trainee at the city of Vienna and joined our union to fight for the rights of the young employees. He worked in several functions for the union and became president from 2001 until 2006. As president of the Austrian trade union federation, he managed the existence-threatening crisis and put the ÖGB back on the map.

From 2008 to 2016 he was federal social minister of the Republic of Austria. He managed during this time the consequences of the economic crises from 2009, established the youth guaranty in Austria as well on EU-Level, established the financial basis of Austria's long-term care system and much more in workers interest.

In all his functions he always advocated for trade unions' solidarity. We all will hold his decade-long engagement for people and their rights in grateful memory. We lost a fellow, a trade unionist, a campaigner for workers' rights but mostly we lost a friend.

With deepest sadness, I say goodbye to my President. He will be deeply missed.

Thomas Kattnig
Mitglied Bundespräsidium

ÖGB
younion _ Die Daseinsgewerkschaft