## Meet the speaker

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People from all over Europe and from different organic areas are joining The Organic Summit 2025 on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Copenhagen. The former Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Germany, Renate Künast is one of them and she will also take the role as a speaker.

She became involved in the local environmentalist scene and in 1979 and became a member of Germany's Green Party and chairwoman of the Greens in the parliament of Berlin during the 1990's.

In 2001 Renate became a minister within the Gerhard Schröder coalition and served as the German Minister for Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. This was a suitable role for Renate, given she was a pioneer in consumer protection, and she was very active I her ministerial role, promoting many reforms aimed at empowering consumers and their rights, supporting organic farming, and improving animal welfare. She is one of the loudest voices in the arena of organic food production, and author of books in the fields of ecology and health.

In the 2000's Renate helped to make Germany the leading country in wind power production and the second most leading country in solar power in the world. Today she is often known as Berlin's most powerful Green and is a strong voice in the fight against global climate change.

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