

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul

- Born in Frankfurt am Main on 21 November 1942
- Studied English and history at Frankfurt University from 1961 to 1965
- Teacher at the Friedrich Ebert School in Rüsselsheim from 1965 to 1974
- Chairwoman of the European coordination bureau (ECB) of international youth organizations from 1977 to 1979
- Joined the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) in 1965
- Federal chairwoman of the Young Socialists (youth section of the SPD) from 1974 to 1977
- Deputy federal chairwoman of the SPD from 1993 to 2005
- Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1987; member of the Committee on External Economic Relations with special focus on foreign trade and European development policy
- Member of the German Bundestag since 1987; spokeswoman on European policy for the SPD parliamentary group from 1987 to 1998
- Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development from October 1998 to October 2009

Membership of Bundestag bodies since October 2009

- Committee on Foreign Affairs
- SPD-Spokesperson for the Subcommittee on the United Nations, International Organisations and Globalisation