

HE MR MORITZ LEUENBERGER

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Between 1972 and 1980 Moritz Leuenberger was president of the city's Social Democratic Party and was a member of the city parliament from 1974 to 1983. Moritz Leuenberger was elected to the National Council in 1979 and was a member of Zurich's cantonal government from 1991 to 1995. Since his election to the Federal Council on 27 September 1995, he has headed the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy, and Communications (DETEC). Moritz Leuenberger first served as President of the Swiss Confederation in 2001 and held the office again in 2006. His efforts to transfer goods traffic from the roads to the rails earned him an honorary doctorate from the University of Udine in 2001. In 2003 he was awarded the Cicero Prize for the best political speech in the German-speaking area.

