

Austria gets new leader after Kurz resigns

Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg has been sworn in as Austria's new chancellor after Sebastian Kurz resigned amid corruption allegations



■ **Jun 20, 1969:** **Alexander Schallenberg** (above) born in Bern, Switzerland, son of Austrian diplomat

■ **1989-95:** Studies law in Vienna and Paris, and European law in Bruges

■ **1997:** Joins Austria's diplomatic service

AUSTRIA'S PARLIAMENT

People's Party (OVP) 71

Greens: 26

Freedom Party: 30

Social Democrats 40

NEOS* 15

Other: 1

Total seats
183



■ **2000-05:** First posting abroad, as head of legal section for Austria's EU delegation in Brussels

■ **2005-13:** Serves as press spokesman for foreign ministry, under ministers **Ursula Plassnik** and **Michael Spindelegger**

■ **2009-19:** Holds further diplomatic posts, including head of strategic foreign policy planning unit and head of EU affairs section

■ **Jun 2019-Jan 2020:** Named as foreign minister in caretaker government of **Brigitte Bierlein**

■ **Jan 2020:** Becomes foreign minister in Kurz's government

■ **Oct 9, 2021:** Kurz (left) steps down as chancellor after being implicated in corruption scandal. Kurz, who denies any wrongdoing, recommends Schallenberg as his successor

■ **Oct 11:** Schallenberg sworn in as chancellor, aiming to preserve ruling **OVP-Greens** coalition. Kurz remains OVP leader while fighting corruption allegations

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