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Michael Gahler (CDU) has been a member of the European Parliament since 1999. In the term 2014-2019 he serves on the committee on foreign affairs and the subcommittee on security and defence (where he is EPP spokesperson). He was the rapporteur of the EP report on the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base in 2013. Together with other MEPs he initiated a pilot project on CSDP-related defence research in the EU budgets 2015 and 2016. He participated in the Commission's group of personalities advising it on establishing a Preparatory Action on CSDP-related research.

Mr Gahler studied law in Germany, with further studies in France, and later joined the diplomatic school of the foreign office (1990-1991), after which he spent two years as desk officer in the department of 'international environmental politics'. From 1993-1995, he was assistant in the international office of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Between 1995 and 1999, again with the German foreign office, he was desk officer for the Baltic States and the Council of the Baltic Sea states.