
BIOGRAPHY

President of the ECR Group at the European Committee of the Regions and President of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland

From 1979 to 1992, Mr Ortyl worked as a design specialist in the Communication Equipment Research and Development Centre. From 1992 to 1998, he was chair of the board of the Regional Development Agency in Mielec.



From 1998 to 2005, he was a member of the Podkarpackie Regional Assembly, member of its board (1998-2002) and Vice-Marshal (2001-2002). His work included planning and implementation of EU assistance programmes, the World Bank's Rural Development Project, spatial planning and regional development. From 2000 to 2003, he was a member and vice-chair of steering and monitoring committees for assistance programmes.

From 2001 to 2003, he was a member of the Supervisory Board of the Industrial Development Agency, from 2002 to 2005 he was a representative of the board of the Regional Development Agency and from 2004 to 2005 he was a member of the Regional Steering Committee of the Regional Development Programme.

In 2005, he was elected as a Senator of the Republic of Poland and served in this role until May 2013. During that time, he served as Secretary of State at the Ministry of Regional Development from 2005 to 2007 and in the Senate he held positions such as chair of the National Defence Committee and vice-chair of the Local Government and State Administration Committees.

On 27 May 2013, he was appointed Marshal of the Podkarpackie Regional Assembly for its fourth term. On 28 November 2014, he was elected Marshal of Podkarpackie for the fifth term of this office and on 19 November 2018, the members of the regional assembly entrusted him again with this role for its sixth term.

Since 2015, he has been a member of the National Development Council advising the President of Poland, and a member of the European Committee of the Regions since 2016.

In January 2019, he became Vice-President of the Union of Regions of Poland and, a year later, president of the European Conservatives and Reformists Group at the European Committee of the Regions, where he is a rapporteur on the macro-regional strategy for the Carpathian region and on regional airports.

In 2015, he was awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta by the President of Poland.

He received a Master's in engineering, specialising in aircraft construction, from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Technology in Rzeszów.

He is married and has two daughters and six grandchildren.