

Resume Malte Spitz

Malte Spitz has been member of the federal board of the German Green Party ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS since 2006 and has been member of the Green Party since 2001. He is married and he lives with his wife and his son in Berlin. Previously a student of Economics at Humboldt-Universität Berlin, he is continuing his studies at FernUniversität Hagen by taking classes in the political and social sciences.

Malte Spitz was born on 14th April, 1984 in Telgte, North Rhine-Westphalia. After his General Certificate of Secondary Education in 2000 he passed one year at a High School in Tomball, Texas. This year has been a shaping experience for Malte Spitz' political consciousness. However, he has been political active since schooldays. As pupil he accompanied his mother, member of ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS since the 80s, hanging up posters and distributing papers for the Green Party. In his school Malte Spitz was class and school representative. During his time as a pupil he won two student competitions. He was price winner of the competition "Political Education" as well as, together with a friend, of the competition "German History". He received this award for a documentation about civil protests in the late 19th century against antisemitism in Telgte and the Münsterland.

After his stay abroad Malte Spitz was going on Collegium Johanneum Schloss Loburg for graduating from high school with Abitur. Currently he worked as a free journalist and helped building up the youth magazine www.schekker.de of the German Bundestag. Beyond that he worked for several local papers and online magazines, where he was in particular responsible for culture, media and politics.

The political activity of Malte Spitz began in Münster. He was responsible for the online magazine of the Green Youth and was member of the editorial staff of SPUNK. He coordinated the magazine for one year. In the end of 2002 he founded an experts forum on economics of the Green Youth. Additionally he was taking active part in the federal associations about economics and finances, employment, social affairs, health and culture of ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS. In 2003 Malte Spitz was moving to Berlin for studying and in the same year was elected as assessor in the federal board of the Green Youth. During the final stage of the election campaign of the European Union 2004, Malte Spitz was political secretary of the Green Youth and remained in office until 2006. During that time there have been several changes in the structure of the Green Youth and there was an increase of members about 10 to 20 percent. Furthermore Malte Spitz was during this time member of the election campaign staff of the party. During the German election campaign in 2005 he was able to implement many new ideas and campaigns. Beside he was member of the young political commission and the demographic commission of the party. The latter was implemented among others at Malte Spitz' suggestion. As member of the working group about citizen insurance he co-developed the contemporary green health care policy.

At present Malte Spitz deals particularly with issues of Internet policy and media, civic rights, democracy and Europe. Furthermore he is international coordinator of ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS and therewith responsible for the federation of the Green parties all over the world, the Global Greens, as well as for the European Green Party (EGP). Beyond that he tries to keep in touch with initiatives and alliances outside the party. Between 2004 and 2006 he contributed to the fairsharing campaign, which pleads for a culture flatrate

as a new model for audiovisual industry. Furthermore he contributed to several campaigns of the working group on data preservation, as well as to the realization of the demonstrations called "Not fear, but Freedom" in Berlin. He founded with several other politicians of all parties in early 2010 the group "Facebook – privacy control NOW!" to refer to increasing incursions in data preservation by facebook. The website awakened interest all over the world and was able to achieve more than 75.000 supporters. Also in 2010 he started the campaign "Pro network neutrality" together with the SPD-politician Björn Böhning to alert to the attempts of restricting network neutrality.

Since 2007 Malte Spitz is member of the Chaos Computer Club (CCC). He is also member of several societies like the Society of memory and warning (Erinnerung und Mahnung), which he co-founded in Telgte, the circle of friends Telgte-Tomball, the society friends of the Münsterland. Beside he is member of the football club Borussia Dortmund. In 2007 he was speaker of the DNK (German National committee on international youth work), an association of the German sport youth (DBJR).

In 2009 Malte Spitz asked the German Telekom for the publication of his customers data, which one have been saved in the context of the data preservation. After bringing this demand to court he came to an agreement with German Telekom outside court. Thereupon he published his data in cooperation with the online magazine of Zeit via an interactive graphic designed by Open DataCity. Publishing his data awakened interest all over the world and was published on the front page of New York Times in March 2011.

In 2012 Mate Spitz was the first German politician speaking on TED Global. He was speaking about fighting for informational self-determination in the digital age. His speech was translated in more than 25 languages.