

Biography

Seán Kelly has been a member of the European Parliament for Ireland South since 2009. He is the current leader of Ireland's Fine Gael party in the European Parliament, having been appointed to the role by An Taoiseach Enda Kenny in August 2014. Fine Gael is part of the European People's Party (EPP) Group, the largest group in the European Parliament.

Mr. Kelly sits on the European Parliament's Committees on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), International Trade (INTA) and Fisheries (PECH). He is a member of the European Parliament Delegation for relations with the United States, Delegation for relations with Iran and of the Delegation for relations with countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

An extremely active parliamentarian, Mr. Kelly is consistently ranked amongst the top MEPs in terms of speaking time and questions in the Parliament. In his first year in the Parliament, he authored 3 reports on the International Fund for Ireland, the Future of Transport and the European Year of Volunteering. He has since contributed to reports on the Future of Agriculture, the Innovation Union, the European Dimension on Sport, Combatting Early School Leaving and Unlocking the Potential of Cultural and Creative Industries. He was voted 2014 MEP of the Year for Digital Agenda for his work on data protection, cyber bullying and promoting the Coder Dojo youth computer education initiative. He was also previously voted by his peers as 2012 MEP of the Year for Research and Innovation.

Seán is a former President of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) and former Executive Chairman of the Irish Institute of Sport.