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Rainer Münz has worked as consultant for the European Commission, the OECD and the World Bank. He served as an advisor to the Greek (2003), Dutch (2004) and Slovene (2008) EU presidencies. In 2000-01 he was member of the German commission on immigration reform (Süssmuth commission). Between 2008 and 2010 he was Member of the high level “Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030” of the European Union (so-called “EU Group of the Wise”).

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His books include:

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