

Verena Bentele



Verena Bentele was born 1982 in Lindau on Lake Constance and studied literature, philology as well as pedagogy at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

Born sightless, the former competitive athlete and Paralympic biathlete is the first Commissioner for Disabled People of the Federal Government, who has a disability herself. The Commissioner for Matters Relating to Disabled People is the central contact person for the Federal Government.

She influences political decisions and actively accompanies the legislative process for strengthening the participation as well as the self-determination of people with disabilities. Furthermore she maintains close contact with disabled people, their organizations, self-help groups and political actors. In her commission she is supported by an interdepartmental task force.