



**Karl Friedrich FALKENBERG**

**Nationality:** German

**Academic qualifications:**

- 1976: Economics Degree (Distinction)
- 1972–1976: University of Münster (Economics and Journalism)
- 1970-1972: University of Mainz (Economics and Journalism)
- 1970: European School Brussels (Baccalauréat)

**Professional experience in the European Institutions:**

- As from September 2015: Hors Classe Adviser "Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development" in the European Political Strategy Centre" (EPSC)
- January 2009 to August 2015: Director-General DG Environment (ENV)
- 16 July 2005–31 December 2008: Deputy Director-General: has coordinated all bilateral trade policies DG TRADE
- 1 May 2002-31 August 2006: Appointed Director for Free trade agreements, Agricultural trade question, ACP
- 2001: Appointed Director in charge of sectoral trade policies and bilateral trade relations with North America, Japan, the Mediterranean area and the ACP countries
- 1997-2000 in charge of the coordination of all WTO issues
- Involved in the Uruguay Round negotiations and has been negotiating the telecommunications and financial services agreements in WTO
- In 1990, has served as foreign policy advisor to EU President Jacques Delors, with particular focus of the German unification process
- A long experience as a negotiator in the European Commission. Started his career in the Commission as textiles negotiator, has dealt with international fisheries issues and since 1985 with the GATT.

**Language Skills:**

- German (mother tongue)
- English and French