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Pierre Decker, born 1954 in Luxembourg city, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, holds a PhD degree of the University of Innsbruck (1981).

He is currently Head of the Research Department at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research in Luxembourg. Since his entry in this ministry in 1987, he held a variety of positions and responsibilities in relation to coordination of national activities, policy action and international cooperation in R&D.

With regard to the role of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research in Luxembourg in coordinating national public R&D activities, Pierre Decker has been nominated Government commissioner to the Governing Boards of the Public Research Centres in Luxembourg. Furthermore, he serves as Chairman of the Interministerial Committee for Research and Development, as well as member of several interministerial committees and working groups.

He is member of European Union Senior Policy Committee on S&T (CREST) as well as of the Luxembourg Delegation to the OECD Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP).

With regard to international cooperation in R&D, Pierre Decker has been closely involved in the process of Luxembourg's adhesion to the European Space Agency and to the European Molecular Biology Laboratory. Since Luxembourg's adhesion to the European Space Agency in 2005, he is Head of the Luxembourg delegation to this Agency. He also served as member of the COST Senior Official Committee (1994 – 2005) and had been member of several programme committees of the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup> European R&D Framework Programme. He is currently national delegate to the EU Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation, (SFIC).

From 2000 to 2010, Pierre Decker has served as chairman of the Board of the Luxembourg national education and research information and telecommunication network RESTENA.