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Director "Biotechnology – Food Processing Industry", Research DG, European Commission

1942 Born in Gliwice (Gleiwitz), Upper Silesia
1962 Abitur in Baunschweig, Lower Saxony

1962 - 1967 Studies in Law, Economics and Languages in Germany (Freiburg, München, Bonn), Switzerland (Lausanne, Genf) and Spain (Santander)

1967 - 1971 Articled Clerk, Second Legal Examination

1969 Doctoral Thesis in Law, University of Bonn, Dr. jur.

1971 Entry into Federal Ministry of Science and Education, Bonn

1974 - 1978 Science Counsellor, German Embassy in Washington D.C., USA, in particular responsible for non-nuclear and nuclear matters, EURATOM, etc.

1978 - 1980 Head of German "International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation" (INFCE), Federal Ministry of Research and Technology, Bonn

1980 - 1982 Personal Assistant to the Federal State Secretary of Research and Technology, Haunschild

1982 Head of Unit of Multinational Co-operation, i.e. ESA, ESO, EMBL, CERN, VN etc., during this period Chairman of ESA Administrative and Finance Committee, Vice President of EMBL Council, German Delegate to ESA, ESO, EMBL Council

1988 - 1993 Spokesman and Director of Staff of German Federal Minister of Research and Technology, Dr. H. Riesenhuber (Press, Public Relations, Planning, Cabinet and Parliamentary Affairs, Technology Assessment, Ass. Secretary

1993 - 1995 Deputy Director-General of Budget, Planning, Policy, Innovation, Industrial Research, in particular for the new Bundesländer, etc.

1995 - 1996 - Deputy Director General for Environment, Marine-, Polar- and Geo-Sciences, National Labs FZK (Karlsruhe) and KFA (Jülich)
- Chairman of the Board of 2 national labs, GKSS (Geesthacht near Hamburg) and UFZ (Centre of Environmental Sciences) at Leipzig
- Chairman of the German-Spanish and German-Norwegian Commission on Research and Development

1996 - 2003 Programme Director "Environment", Research Directorate-General, European Commission, Brussels
- 4th, 5th and 6th Framework Programme on Research and Technological Development
- Vice-President of the Steering Committee of IGFA (International Group of Funding Agencies in Global Change)
- Elected Member of START Scientific Committee.

2004- Programme Director "Biotechnology, Agriculture & Food", Directorate-General for Research, European Commission, Brussels.

Languages: English, French, Spanish (fluent), basic knowledge of Italian and Russian