



First name / Surname

Klaus BEREND

Gender

male

Work experience

10/2023 - (ongoing)	Director
Employer	European Commission, DG SANTE.E - Food safety, sustainability and innovation
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	To provide overall strategic orientation and management of Directorate E with ca. 100 staff within the framework set by the Directorate-General's mission statement and annual work programme.
10/2022 - 10/2023	Acting Director
Employer	European Commission, DG SANTE.E - Food safety, sustainability, and innovation
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	To provide overall strategic orientation and management of Directorate E with ca. 100 staff within the framework set by the Directorate-General's mission statement and annual work programme. The Directorate's activities cover the overall coordination of activities and significant parts of the implementation of the Farm to Fork Strategy, partner DG for the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), food safety, food processing and novel foods, biotechnology, pesticides and biocides.
3/2022 - 9/2022	Acting Director
Employer	European Commission, DG SANTE.E - Food and feed safety, innovation
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	To provide overall strategic orientation and management of Directorate E with ca. 120 staff within the framework set by the Directorate's-General mission statement and annual work programme. The Directorate's activities cover the policy and legislation related to food information for consumers, food safety, food processing and novel foods, biotechnology, pesticides and biocides, veterinary medicinal products and feed additives.
6/2017 - 10/2023	Head of Unit
Employer	European Commission, DG SANTE.E.4 - Pesticides and biocides
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Definition of the mission, strategy, objectives, annual work programme and budget of the unit comprising 36 staff, taking into account those of the Directorate-General and the Commission as a whole. The Unit is responsible for the effective implementation of the Regulations on Plant Protection Products and Biocidal Products, liaison with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in the respective areas, setting of maximum residue levels (MRLs) in food and feed, leading and steering negotiations on proposed Commission Regulations and Decisions, international (multilateral and bilateral) relations with third countries relevant for pesticides and biocides. Work involves frequent contacts with other Units / Directorates-General in the Commission, decentralised Agencies, outside stakeholders, Member States, the European Parliament, and third countries.
6/2013 - 5/2017	Head of Unit
Employer	European Commission, DG GROW.D.1 - REACH
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies

Activities / responsibilities	Definition of the mission, strategy, objectives, annual work programme and budget of the unit comprising 28 staff taking into account those of the Directorate-General and the Commission as a whole. The Unit's activities cover the effective implementation of the REACH Regulation in co-responsibility with DG Environment, partner DG for the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in the exercise of its responsibilities under REACH, leading and steering negotiations on proposed Commission Regulations and Decisions, international (multilateral and bilateral) co-operation with third countries relevant for chemicals including in particular TTIP. Work involves frequent contacts with other Units / Directorates-General in the Commission, ECHA, outside stakeholders, authorities in the Member States, the European Parliament, and third countries.
2/2006 - 5/2013	Head of Unit
Employer	European Commission, DG ENTR.F.2 - Chemicals
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Definition of the mission, strategy, objectives, annual work programme and budget of the unit comprising 20 staff taking into account those of the Directorate-General and the Commission as a whole. The Unit's activities cover the effective implementation of legislation on restrictions of dangerous chemicals, detergents, fertilisers, explosives, pyrotechnic articles, drug precursors, Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), analysis of the competitiveness of the European Chemicals Industry including innovation and the EU's climate change policy, input to trade negotiations, and international (multilateral and bilateral) co-operation with third countries relevant for chemicals. Work includes frequent contact with other Units / Directorates-General in the Commission, outside stakeholders, authorities in the Member States, the European Parliament, and third countries.
4/2004 - 1/2006	Deputy Head of Unit
Employer	European Commission, DG ENV.B.4 - Biotechnology and biocides
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Contributing to the management of a Unit of 17 staff including replacement of Head of Unit as appropriate. Overseeing a team of 8 staff responsible for the implementation of legislation on biocides, plant protection products (including the preparation of the proposal for a Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides), representation of the EU in the FAO/UNEP work on the Rotterdam Convention as Head of Delegation to the Conference of the Parties, and implementation of the Convention in the EU.
6/2001 - 4/2004	Team Co-ordinator Plant Protection Products, Biocides, PIC and POPs
Employer	European Commission, DG ENV.C.3 - Chemicals
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Coordination of a team of 8 staff responsible for legislation on biocides, thematic strategy on pesticides, representation of the EU in the FAO/UNEP work on the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and implementation of the Conventions in the European Community.
7/1996 - 6/2001	Policy Officer
Employer	European Commission, DG ENTR.C.3 - Chemicals
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Responsibilities include drafting of a paper on risk-benefit-analysis in the preparation of restrictions on substances in the framework of Directive 76/769/EEC, management of requests from Member States for derogation from internal market rules, co-authorship of the Green Paper on Environmental Issues of PVC and all follow-up work, management of the Community Directives on Good Laboratory Practice and participation in the initial debate and drafting of the White Paper on the review of the Community Chemicals Policy.
6/1994 - 7/1996	Policy Officer
Employer	European Commission, DG AGRI.G.4 - EAGGF
Sector	EU institutions and other bodies
Activities / responsibilities	Member of the Inspection Team for control of financial expenditure of the Member States in the wine sector financed by the European Agriculture Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF), and co-ordination of collaboration and information exchange between control services of the Member States in fraud prevention.
Education and training	

Main diplomas

10/1992 - 12/1995

Institution University of Freiburg - Freiburg, Germany
Level University level education - Third stage
Area(s) Science and research

PhD in Polymer Chemistry

10/1986 - 9/1991

Institution University of Heidelberg and University of Freiburg - Heidelberg and Freiburg, Germany
Level University level education of at least 4 years
Area(s) Science and research; Generic and inorganic chemistry; Organic chemistry and microbiology

Diploma - Chemistry

Other studies

10/1991 - 8/1992

Institution Stanford University - Stanford, United States
Area(s) Science and research; Technologies and engineering in science and industry

Visiting Research Assistant

Languages

Mother tongue

German

	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing	Competition language
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	
Italian	C1	C1	C1	C1	B1	
Dutch	C2	C2	C2	C2	B1	
Polish	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1	