

Patrick Hau

Deputy-Director

Luxembourg veterinary and food administration (ALVA)



Professional experience at national level

11/2022 - now

Over 25 years in public administration in the area of food safety and public health

Deputy Director ALVA

- Organisation and coordination of food control missions in Luxembourg
- Management of ALVA

03/2019 – 11/2022

Government Commissioner for Quality, Fraud and Food Safety

Activities and responsibilities

National coordination of food chain monitoring activities:

- Organisation and coordination of food control missions
- Responsible for food control budgets in Luxembourg
- Extraordinary accountant in the context of food control
- Development, management, and implementation of the Multi-Annual Integrated Control Plan (MANCP)
- iRASFF contact point for Luxembourg
- Coordination and management of food crises and incidents
- Management of food safety portal www.securite-alimentaire.lu
- Contact point with international institutions
- Development of European and national legislation
- Digitalisation of administrative procedures on guichet.lu

04/2009 - 03/2019

Head of Food Safety Division – Public Health Directorate

Activities and responsibilities

Organisation of official food control within a national control authority in Luxembourg:

- Food hygiene and microbiological safety of foodstuffs
- Agricultural and industrial contaminants
- Genetically modified foodstuffs
- Food additives
- Materials in contact with foodstuffs
- Food supplements and food for special groups
- Natural mineral waters and spring waters
- Fortified foods
- Novel Food
- Food labelling, health and nutrition claims

01/2007 - 04/2009

Expert to the Office for the Safety and Quality of the Food Chain

Activities and responsibilities

Coordination of official food-chain controls:

- Application of EU food control regulations
- Establishment of the integrated multi-annual control plan MANCP
- Drafting of common procedures for official control
- Management of the food safety portal www.securite-alimentaire.lu

04/1998 - 01/2007

Technical expert and data manager at the Public Health Inspectorate

Activities and responsibilities

Public health controls and surveillance of food and waterborne diseases:

- Food hygiene
- Management of the Rapid Alert System for Food (RASFF)
- Import controls on food of non-animal origin
- Water hygiene
- Waterborne and zoonotic diseases
- Management of epidemiological data
- Collaboration with international bodies (ECDC, WHO)

09/1997 - 02/1998

Internship at the European Commission, EUROSTAT Luxembourg

Activities and responsibilities

- Statistical analysis of data for a publication on agri-environmental measures

Professional experience at international level	In depth knowledge of the functioning of the EU institutions in relation to the agri-food chain
<p>Council of the European Union</p> <p>European Commission</p> <p>EFSA</p> <p>BENELUX</p> <p>Informal EU working-groups</p> <p>Management Board experience</p>	<p>Participation as an expert in the refit of Regulation 178/2002 "Transparency Regulation"</p> <p>Participation as a national expert in Commission expert groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU-Crisis coordinators (since 2017) • Food labelling (2010-2016) • Agricultural contaminants (2002-2015) • Import controls on food of non-animal origin(2008-2012) • Health and nutrition claims (2010-2016) • Natural mineral waters (2002-2017) • Rapid alert System and Administrative Collaboration System (since 2000) • Food Fraud Network (since 2018) • General food law (178/2002) (since 2000) • Standing Committee on the Food Chain, PAFF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Toxicology and Novel Foods section (since 2009) ○ General food law section (since 2009) • EFSA Advisory Forum (since 2003) as alternate and full member • Different working groups • Heads of Food safety agencies, HoA since 2017 • Delegate of the Minister of Health to the management board of the "Syndicat des eaux du barrage d'Esch-sur-Sûre" (SEBES) (2010-2018)
<p>Education and training</p> <p>1992-1997</p> <p>1999-2001</p> <p>2013</p>	<p>Master degree in bioengineering, inter-university diploma in public health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master degree bioengineering from Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium • Inter-university diploma in field epidemiology from University Victor Segalen Bordeaux 2, France • Cycle in public management for access to management functions in the public administration from National Institute of Public Administration, Luxembourg
<p>Skills</p> <p>Management</p> <p>Legislative</p> <p>Personal</p> <p>Technical</p> <p>Computer</p> <p>Languages</p>	<p>In-depth knowledge of Luxembourgish administrative procedures and European risk analysis procedures in the agri-food chain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgetary management and control system of the Luxembourg government • Management by objectives and multi-annual planning in public administration • Drafting of European regulations, delegated and implementing acts • Drafting of national laws and regulations <p>Teambuilder, sense of public mission, commitment, loyalty, perseverance</p> <p>Technical areas of expertise :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety, microbiology and toxicology • Control and audit techniques • Quality management systems in the agri-food chain <p>MS Windows and Office, Outlook, SharePoint, VBA programming of specific software.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luxembourgish, mother tongue • German, French, English fluent
Scientific publications	<p>Participation as co-author</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergence of oseltamivir-resistant influenza A H1N1 virus during the 2007-2008 winter season in Luxembourg: Clinical characteristics and epidemiology (2009) • Investigation of a staphylococcal food poisoning outbreak combining case-control, traditional typing and whole genome sequencing methods, Luxembourg, (2014) • GM Food Regulations in the EU, (2018) • Multi-country outbreak of Salmonella Braenderup ST22, presumed to be linked to imported melons (2021) • Digitalization and official food safety inspections at retail establishments (2023)