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Present position

Director of ÖROK (Österreichische Raumordnungskonferenz / Austrian Conference on Regional and Spatial Planning, Office at the Federal Chancellery of the Republic of Austria / Bundeskanzleramt der Republik Österreich)

Chef negotiator for Cohesion Policy under the current Austrian EU-presidency / Chair of the SAWP (Structural Actions Working Party)

Key qualifications

Broad Experience in co-ordination and implementation of EU-Structural / Regional Policy in Austria (objective 1, 2 and 5b, Community Initiative: preparation of programmes, co-ordination of implementation, monitoring, evaluation; "Austrian State Aid Map 2000-2006": strong involvement in the internal Austrian elaboration process and in the following negotiations with GD Competition as Brussels based contact person)

Collaboration in EU-law making and negotiation process (Financial Framework 2007 – 2013 & Cohesion Policy; EU-Enlargement; Agenda 2000 - Structural Funds Reform)

Chairperson resp. Federal Delegate to different Council Groups in Brussels during the Cohesion Policy reforms of 1999 and 2006 (Permanent Representatives Committee, Group "Friends of the Presidency", Councils Working Group „Enlargement“ and "Structural Funds") and to the OECD (Rural Development Group)

Broad Experience in developing and coaching of organisational structures

Specific Eastern Countries experience

Expert within a Twinning Project in Slovakia (Special Preparatory Programme for Structural Funds / SR98/IB-SPP-01), detached to the Ministry for Construction and Regional Development of the Slovak Republic (7 months between February 2000 and March 2001)

Short-term expert within 2 Twinning Projects in Slovakia and Bulgaria concerning „Regional State Aid“ (2 Seminars in 2001)

Co-ordination of the Cross Border Co-operation with the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic in the framework of INTERREG II and PHARE CBC (including co-chairing of the Joint-Programming and Monitoring-Committee)

Professional Experience Record

July 2001 - Present Director, Österreichische Raumordnungskonferenz / Austrian Conference on Spatial & Regional Planning

September 1994 to August 1995, January 1996 to July 1997 and January 2000 to June 2001 Superior Counsellor, Republic of Austria - Federal Chancellery (Co-ordination Spatial Planning and Regional Policy)

August 1997 to December 1999 Special Attaché / Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU

September 1995 to December 1995 National Expert, European Commission - DG VI

February 1991 to June 1994 Manager, Regional association "Niederösterreichische Eisenstraße"

March 1988 to December 1990 Desk Officer, "Steirisches Volksbildungswerk"

