

Curriculum Vitae

Klaus Berend

Work experience

3/2022 - (ongoing) Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities	Acting Director European Commission, DG SANTE.E - Food and feed safety, innovation EU institutions and other bodies 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.
6/2017 - (ongoing) Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities	Head of Unit European Commission, DG SANTE.E.4 EU institutions and other bodies Leading a Unit of 36 persons with the following responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition of the mission, strategy, objectives, annual work programme and budget of the unit taking into account those of the Directorate-General and the Commission as a whole- Effective implementation of the Regulations on Plant Protection Products and Biocidal Products within the framework of the priorities of the DG and the Directorate.- Liaison with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in the exercise of their responsibilities for plant protection products and biocidal products.- Planning and implementing all activities related to the approval of active substances and setting of residue levels (MRLs)- Leading and steering negotiations on proposed Commission Regulations and Decisions- Preparation of REFIT evaluation of the plant protection products and residues legislation- International (multilateral and bilateral) co-operation with third countries relevant for pesticides and biocides. <p>The 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.</p>
6/2013 - 5/2017 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities	Head of Unit European Commission, DG GROW.D.1 EU institutions and other bodies Leading a Unit of 28 persons with the following responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition of the mission, strategy, objectives, annual work programme and budget of the unit taking into account those of the Directorate-General and the Commission as a whole- Effective implementation of the REACH Regulation, in close cooperation with DG Environment, being mindful of all of its four objectives- Oversight of and liaison with the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in the exercise of its responsibilities under REACH, especially as far as its budget, work programme, and functioning of its Committees are concerned- Leading and steering negotiations on proposed Commission Regulations and Decisions- Preparation of various reviews required under the REACH Regulation- International (multilateral and bilateral) co-operation with third countries relevant for chemicals and legislation on chemicals including in particular TTIP. <p>The 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.</p>

<p>2/2006 - 5/2013 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities</p>	<p>Head of Unit European Commission, DG ENTR.F.2 EU institutions and other bodies Leading a Unit of 20 persons with responsibilities for the following topics: - Preparation and adoption of restrictions of dangerous substances in the framework of Directive 76/769/EEC - Management and Development of a range of sector-specific legislation on detergents, fertilisers, explosives, pyrotechnic articles, drug precursors, Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), biocides and pesticides - Verification of correct implementation and monitoring of legislation in the Member States (including follow-up of complaints and infringements) - Analysis of the competitiveness of the European Chemicals Industry and the factors determining competitiveness, including innovation and the EU's climate change policy - Response to consultations concerning competition issues and trade negotiations - International (multilateral and bilateral) co-operation with third countries relevant for chemicals and legislation on chemicals.</p> <p>The 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.</p>
<p>4/2004 - 1/2006 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities</p>	<p>Deputy Head of Unit European Commission, DG ENV.B.4 EU institutions and other bodies Replacement of Head of Unit as appropriate Management of a team of eight collaborators (including establishment of annual management plans, missions, meetings, and project budgets, and setting of objectives for all staff) responsible for the implementation of Community Legislation on: - Biocides: Directive 98/8/EC and Regulations (EC) n° 1896/2000 and n° 2032/2003 - Plant Protection Products: Thematic Strategy on Sustainable Use, Preparation of the proposal for the Sustainable Use Directive and review of Directive 91/414/EEC - Prior Informed Consent (PIC): Representation of the EU in the FAO/UNEP work on the Rotterdam Convention (Head of Delegation to the Conference of the Parties) and Implementation of the Convention in the EU.</p>
<p>6/2001 - 4/2004 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities</p>	<p>Team Co-ordinator Plant Protection Products, Biocides, PIC and POPs European Commission, DG ENV.C.3 EU institutions and other bodies Management of a team of eight collaborators (including establishment of annual management plans, missions, meetings, and project budgets, and setting of objectives for all staff) responsible for the implementation of Community Legislation on: - Biocides: Directive 98/8/EC and Regulations (EC) n° 1896/2000 and n° 2032/2003 - Plant Protection Products: Thematic Strategy on Sustainable Use and Directive 91/414/EEC - Prior Informed Consent (PIC): Representation of the EU in the FAO/UNEP work on the Rotterdam Convention (Head of Delegation to the Conference of the Parties) - Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) (until 05 / 2004): Representation of the EU in the UNEP work on the Stockholm Convention on POPs.</p>
<p>7/1996 - 6/2001 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities</p>	<p>Policy Officer European Commission, DG ENTR.C.3 EU institutions and other bodies - 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 under Art. 95 for derogation from Directive 76/769/EEC on Restrictions of Marketing and Use of certain dangerous chemicals: - Co-Authorship of the Green Paper on Environmental Issues of PVC and all follow-up work (Public consultation, public hearing, discussions in the Council and Parliament) - Management of the Community Directives on Good Laboratory Practice - Participation in the initial debate and drafting of the White Paper on the review of the Community Chemicals Policy</p>
<p>6/1994 - 7/1996 Employer Sector Activities / responsibilities</p>	<p>Policy Officer European Commission, DG AGR.I.G.4 EU institutions and other bodies Member of the EAGGF Inspection Team for controls in the wine sector. Functions and duties included: - Control of financial expenditure of the Member States in the wine sector financed by the European Agriculture Guidance and Guarantee Fund (Auditing missions in the Member States) - Co-ordination of collaboration and information exchange between control services of the Member States</p>

Education and training

Main diplomas

10/1992 - 12/1995

Institution

Level

Area(s)

PhD

University of Freiburg - Freiburg, Germany

University level education - Third stage

Science and research; Generic and inorganic chemistry; Organic chemistry and microbiology

10/1986 - 9/1991

Institution

Level

Area(s)

Diploma

University of Heidelberg and University of Freiburg - Heidelberg and Freiburg, Germany

University level education of at least 4 years

Science and research; Technologies and engineering in science and industry; Generic and inorganic chemistry; Organic chemistry and microbiology

Other studies

10/1991 - 8/1992

Institution

Area(s)

Visiting Research Assistant

Stanford University - Stanford, United States

Science and research; Technologies and engineering in science and industry; Generic and inorganic chemistry; Organic chemistry and microbiology

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	