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After studies of Law and Economics at the Universities of his home-town Würzburg and that of Bonn, he started his career in 1979 as teaching assistant at the Department of Civil and Commercial Law at the University of Würzburg. In 1980, he joined the Bavarian Liaison Office to the Federal Government in Bonn. Following a 2-years detachment to the Development Policy department of the European Commission, he established the Bavarian Information Office in Brussels and became its first Director.

From 1987, he served in the three Cabinets of Commissioner Peter Schmidhuber (Macroeconomics and Regional Policy, later Budget and Budget Control), helping implementing the 1. Delors-Package and establishing UCLAF, the predecessor of today's Antifraud Office OLAF. In 1995, Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner Franz Fischler appointed him Deputy Head of his Cabinet. His main function was to prepare the inter-institutional ground for the 1. Fischler reform package for the Common Agricultural Policy.

Following a term as Head of Division in DG Agriculture and Rural Development from 2000 onwards during which he established a sustainable relationship of his DG with the Court of Auditors, he joined in 2003 the Cabinet of Commission President Prof. Romano Prodi as Adviser i.a. for industrial, agricultural and environmental policies. His main achievements have been the successful steering of REACH proposal as well as that for the establishment of the European Defence Agency. From 2005-2010, he served as Head of Commissioner Viviane Reding's 2. Cabinet (Telecommunication and Media). In this function he was instrumental for the adoption of the roaming regulation and the successful negotiations of the 2. Telecom package.

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