

BIOGRAPHY OF DR. MICHAEL A. KÖHLER



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Training

1977 – 1987 Studied Medieval and Modern History, Islamic Studies, Comparative Religion, Protestant Theology and International Law at Bonn, Tübingen and Hamburg University

1987 Ph.D. at Hamburg University

Career Development

1987 - 1990 Representative and project manager of Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Casablanca, Morocco

1990 - 1993 Resident representative and project manager of Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Tunisia and Morocco

1993 - 1994 Policy Planning Department of the Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development, Bonn

1994 European Commission, DG I North-South, later DG IB, desk officer for Yemen and Iraq

1997 - 1999 European Commission, Assistant to the Director DG IB-A (now RELEX-F) for South Mediterranean, Middle and Near East

2001 - 2004 European Commission, Deputy European Correspondent and (as of 1 April 2001) Deputy Head of Unit RELEX-A-1 in charge of the co-ordination of Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)

2004 - 2008 European Commission, Deputy Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Joe Borg.

Responsible for international aspects of the EC fisheries and maritime affairs policy, external relations, European Neighbourhood Policy, trade, enlargement, financial perspectives, communication strategy etc.

2008 European Commission, Head of Unit DG MARE-B-1 "International Affairs and Law of the Sea" and, from March to July 2008, acting Head of Unit DG MARE-D-1 "Maritime Policy: Mediterranean and Black Sea"

2008 - 2010 European Commission, Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Joe Borg

Since 2/2010 European Commission, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Günther H. Oettinger

Postgraduate Research and Teaching:

- ☐ Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges/Belgium for "Europe and the Mediterranean" (EGI Programme) – ongoing since 1997
- ☐ Senior Fellow of the "Center for European Integration Studies at the University of Bonn", Germany (ZEI) – ongoing since 2000
- ☐ Associate Fellow of the Middle East Programme of the Royal Institute of International Relations, London (Chatham House) – 1997-1999
- ☐ Extraordinary Lecturer at the Institute of Oriental Studies at Bonn University – 1993-2000
- ☐ Organisation of various epistemological and methodological courses at the Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CERES) attached to the University of Tunis – 1990-1992
- ☐ Occasional teaching commitments at the Nouvelle Sorbonne, Paris, and the Malta Diplomatic Academy, La Valetta
- ☐ Publication of various books and articles