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Born Redhill (UK), 1958. Studied economics at Cambridge, Bruges (College of Europe), and Oxford. Joined the European Commission in 1985. Spent the next 15 years in DG Industry/Enterprise working in the areas of steel, chemicals, cars and trade negotiations. Joined DG Employment in 2001 as head of the Knowledge Society unit. From January 2004 until December 2010, was head of unit for Employment Strategy. There he was involved in the re-orientation of the Lisbon Strategy and the adoption of its successor, the Europe 2020 Strategy. With respect to specific policy developments, there he was heavily involved in the Commission's proposal for, and Council's adoption of common principles for flexicurity and has been at the centre of developing the EU policy initiative entitled New Skills for New Jobs and flagship communications "Youth on the Move" and "New Skills and Jobs".

Since 1st January 2011, is head of the unit for Employment Analysis providing analytical input into the employment related aspects of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Current priorities include the appropriate labour market measures for exit from the global crisis and ensuring job rich recovery and growth and the employment aspects of the move to a low carbon economy.