



## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Name: **Dr DEFFAA Walter**

Date of birth: 12 August 1951 in Ludwigshafen/Rhein (Germany)

Nationality: German

Languages: German (mother tongue), English and French (fluent), Spanish (basic)

### **Academic qualifications:**

1970 - 1975      Studies in Economics at Tübingen University and Technical University Berlin (West): Master (Diplom-Volkswirt)

1978              Open University (Fernuniversität) Hagen:  
BA (Vordiplom) Mathematics

1981              Stuttgart - Hohenheim University:  
PhD ("Doctor oeconomiae"): Economics (summa cum laude)

2005              Certified Internal Auditor by the Institute of Internal Auditors

### **Professional experience:**

1975 - 1982      Stuttgart - Hohenheim University:  
Research Assistant in Econometrics and Statistics

1982 - 1983      Advisor in Economic Affairs in the Federal Chancellor's Office (Bundeskanzleramt) in Bonn and in the Prime Minister's Office of the Land Nordrhein-Westfalen in Düsseldorf

1983-2016	European Commission, Brussels:
1983 - 1985	Administrator in the Economic Affairs Directorate-General
1985 - 1987	Member of Commissioner PFEIFFER's Cabinet, in charge of employment, economic affairs and relations with the European Parliament
1987 - 1989	Secretary in the Small and Medium sized Business Task Force
1989 - 1994	Head of Unit "Establishment of the Budget" in the Budgets Directorate-General
1994	Member of Commissioner SCHMIDHUBER's Cabinet, in charge of budgetary affairs
1995 - 1997	Head of Division "Budget Procedure and Financial Programming" in the Budgets Directorate-General
1997 - 1999	Head of Cabinet of Commissioner WULF-MATHIES, in charge of regional policy
1999 - 2001	Director „Expenditure“ in the Budgets Directorate-General
2001 - 2003	Director „Programming and Coordination of Policies“ in the Secretariat General
2003 - 2004	Director „Financial management, legal matters, control, information technology and human resources“ in the Regional Policy Directorate-General
2004 - 2009	Director-General of the Internal Audit Service, Internal Auditor of the European Commission
2009 - 2011	Director-General in charge of Taxation and Customs Union
2012 – 2016	Director-General in charge of Regional and Urban Policy
2016 – 2019	Special Advisor to Corina Cretu, Member of the European Commission, Regional Policy
2020 - 2022	Special Advisor to Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission, Budget and Administration

**Miscellaneous:**

1999 - 2009	Lecturer at the College of Europe in Brugge: “Les finances publiques de l’Union européenne”
1992 - 2016	Several publications on European public finance and Cohesion Policy issues
2019 - 2022	Economic Policy Advisor to Prime Minister’s Office of the Republic of North Macedonia (GIZ contract)

