

Joost Korte

Trainer and coach in EU affairs

Former Director-General in the European Commission



Joost Korte was the Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in the European Commission from March 2018. Previously, the Dutch national served as a senior official in various other European Commission Departments. He also gained extensive experience in the Private offices of Sir Leon Brittan, Chris Patten and Danuta Hübner. These professional experiences within the European institutions allowed him to develop a profound understanding of EU policies and decision-making.

A lawyer by training, he joined the European Commission in 1991, following eight years of academic work on European law at the Universities of Utrecht and Edinburgh.

Professional Experience in the European Union

- **March 2018 - December 2023::** Director-General – Directorate-General "Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion" (EMPL)
- **January 2017 – March 2018:** Deputy Director-General, DG TRADE
- **January 2014 – December 2016:** Deputy Director-General, DG Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI)
- **January 2012 – December 2013:** Deputy Director-General – Directorate-General for Enlargement (ELARG).
- **July 2009 – December 2011:** Director responsible for Relations with the Council and Commission representative in Coreper II from July 2009

until January 2011. G8 Foreign Affairs Sous Sherpa since October 2010 – Secretariat General (SG).

– **February 2008 – June 2009:** Head of Unit responsible for relations with the Council (COREPER II) and for coordination of G7/G8 activities – Secretariat General (SG).

– **July 2007 – February 2008:** Advisor – Secretariat General (SG). Involved in the preparation of a Commission Communication on Agencies and other ad hoc issues.

– **May 2004 – July 2007:** Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy.

– **July 2002 – April 2004:** Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Chris Patten, Commissioner for External Relations.

– **September 1999 – June 2002:** Head of Unit responsible for relations with the Council (COREPER II), Commission “Antici” – Secretariat General (SG).

– **February 1997 – September 1999:** Member of Cabinet of Sir Leon Brittan, Vice-President and Commissioner for Trade Policy.

– **January 1991 – February 1997:** Directorate-General VI – Agriculture

Professional experience before joining the European Institutions:

– **January 1988 – January 1991:** Lecturer in the Law of International Organisations at the Europa Institute, University of Utrecht.

– **February 1987 – August 1987:** Leverhulme Visiting fellow in European Community Law at the Centre of European Governmental Studies, University of Edinburgh.

– **1983 – 1988:** Research Assistant in the Law of International Organisations, Europa Institute, University of Utrecht.

Other professional activities:

- Author of several publications of different subjects of European Law.
- Frequent participation in conferences and seminars on issues relating to the functioning and the policies of the European Union.

Language Skills:

- Dutch (mother tongue)
- English, French, German and basic knowledge of Swedish

Education:

1983: Meester in de Rechten (law degree), University of Utrecht, Netherlands