

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 – today

Director 'Direct taxation, tax coordination, economic analysis and evaluation' and acting Director 'Indirect taxation and tax administration'

European Commission – DG Taxation and Customs Union (TAXUD)

This Directorate is in charge of issues related to direct taxation business taxation, OECD discussions on the taxation of multinationals and on minimum effective taxation, BEFIT...), administrative cooperation between Member States (exchange of tax information...), issues related to tax cooperation, code of conduct on business taxation, non-cooperative jurisdictions and tax havens (black list...) and of the economic analysis of all the proposals of the Commission in the area of taxation and customs.

Acting Director General of DG TAXUD between 01/07/20 and 16/08/20

Acting Director for indirect taxation and tax administration since 16/08/20. The Directorate is in charge of energy tax issues, VAT, excise duties (tobacco, alcohol) and international cooperation in the field of indirect taxation. During the period, I took notably care of the preparation and adoption by the Commission of the proposals on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the revision of the Energy Taxation Directive (ETD) and of a number of proposals in the VAT field.

Commission representative in the High Level Working Party on Tax issues, the Code of Conduct Group on business taxation and the OECD inclusive framework.

Chairman of the TADEUS (Tax Administration EU Summit) deputies

2015 – 2019

Director 'Treasury and financial operations' and acting Director "Economies of the Member States"

European Commission - DG Economic and financial affairs (ECFIN)

This Directorate played a central coordinating role in the Commission for financial and guarantee instruments. It was in charge of the relations with EIB, EBRD, and EIF, and responsible for all issues related to the financial assistance mechanisms to Member States (ESM, EFSM, EFSF, BoP).

It was also the financial arm of the Union: it did the borrowing and lending operations on capital markets, with some EUR60 billion bonds/loans outstanding. It had an important asset management activity, with a trading floor directly managing some EUR13bn of assets – with a trading volume of around EUR800mn/week - and responsibility for the asset management guidelines of an extra EUR9bn.

It was the leading service of the Commission for the Investment plan for Europe ('Juncker Plan') and some other ongoing initiatives, such as the establishment of InvestEU (next MFF) or the renegotiation of the ESM Treaty.

In 2019, I combined following a reorganization the units in charge of financial assistance and market operations with a position of **Acting Director 'Economies of the Member States'**, with responsibility for the European semester and the economic and fiscal surveillance of Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Sweden and the Netherlands (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Malta were replaced in July 2019 by France, Belgium and Luxembourg).

Member of the Steering Board of the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) (2015-2018)
Member of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Fund (EIF) (2015-2018)
Chairman of the Steering Board of the Connecting Europe Facility debt instrument (2015-2018)
Member of the Supervisory Board of the European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEEF, 2015-2019) and of the Marguerite Fund 1 (2015-2018)
Member of the High level Working Group on the regulatory treatment of sovereign exposure (2016)
Member of the High level Working Group on social infrastructures (2017)
Alternate Member of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank (EIB, 2015-2018)
Alternate Member of the Board European Stability Mechanism (ESM, 2015-2019)

2009 – 2015

Head of unit 'Financial Institutions and stability mechanisms'

European Commission - DG Economic and financial affairs (ECFIN)

Responsible for the design and policy issues related to the sovereign rescue instruments for euro area and EU Member States, the Investment plan for Europe and representative of the Commission in the Task Force of the Eurogroup Working Group. The unit was also in charge of financial stability issues for banks and insurance, including EU stress tests and macro-prudential issues (ESRB...), of euro cash, EMU legal issues, euro changeovers and monetary agreements. It represented the Commission in a high number of working groups (FSB, EBA...) and participated directly to Troika work on banking issues in Ireland, Spain, Cyprus and Portugal.

Over this period, the unit has notably:

- a. Drafted and negotiated the Treaty establishing the ESM, the Regulations establishing the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), the European Financial Stabilisation Mechanism (EFSM), the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB), the Regulations revising the BoP Regulation and the ESM and EFSF guidelines for the financial assistance instruments.
- b. Contributed directly to the drafting of the legislative work on banking union (SSM, SRM) and to the EU bank stress tests and bank recapitalisation plans.
- c. Drafted, negotiated and concluded monetary agreements with Andorra, Vatican, Monaco, San Marino and Saint-Barthélemy
- d. Drafted and negotiated the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the strengthening of economic and fiscal surveillance of the euro area Member States experiencing or at risk of experiencing severe financial disturbance or requesting financial assistance ('two-pack').
- e. Drafted and negotiated the Regulation establishing a European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI), a European Investment Project Portal (EIPP) and a European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH)
- f. Drafted and negotiated several Regulations in a number of euro related fields (euro coins, security transport of cash) and a high number of Recommendations (on the legal tender of the euro, coin issuance..)

2007 – 2009

Head of unit 'Euro cash, consumer financial services analysis, EMU's legal and institutional questions'

European Commission - DG Economic and financial affairs (ECFIN)

The unit was in charge of all the legal and institutional questions related to EMU, the economic analysis of retail financial issues, the preparations for the physical introduction of the euro in the MS, the euro coins and the monetary agreements with third countries.

2004 – 2007

Member of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

European Commission. Cabinet of Mr Joaquin Almunia, European Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

Responsible for the issues related to the enlargement of the euro area (convergence reports, ERM2, practical preparations...), the legal and institutional questions related to EMU, the financial operations directorate, the relations with the EIB and the EIF, EMU communication and for the monitoring of the following areas: competition, state aids, infringements procedures, internal market, transport, energy, environment and agriculture (as well as financial markets and financial stability, enterprise, social affairs and taxation during part of this period).

October 2002 – 2004

Member of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

European Commission. Cabinet of Mr Pedro Solbes, European Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

Responsible for the reform of the treaties, euro cash, EMU communication, financial perspectives and for the monitoring of the following areas: internal market, infringement procedures, social affairs, enterprise, transport, energy, environment, information society, budget, audit, health and consumer protection, research and regional policy.

2000 – 2002

Administrator, unit 'Transition to EMU'

European Commission - DG Economic and financial affairs (ECFIN) -

Responsible until March 2002 for the preparation of the introduction of euro notes and coins in the participating Member States. Preparation of all the Commission documents on the transition to the euro and of various regular studies (on the use of the euro, the preparation of banks, local authorities, large retail sector...). Numerous public interventions (more than 500 on the euro between 1999 and 2002) and frequent contacts with the media.

Responsible for the legal and institutional questions linked to EMU. Participation in the European Convention working group on economic governance, in support to Commissioner Barnier. Preparation of a revised version of the economic and monetary chapters of the Treaty.

1998 – 1999

Member of the Cabinet of the Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

European Commission - Cabinet of Mr Yves-Thibault de Silguy, European Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs

Responsible for the Commissioner speeches and articles and for the monitoring of the following areas: regional policy, cohesion fund, internal market, infringement procedures, research, education, consumer policy and tourism. Participation in the preparations to the euro.

1996 – 1997

Administrator, seconded to the Cabinet

European Commission - DG Economic and financial affairs (ECFIN)

Seconded to the Cabinet of Commissioner de Silguy to serve as speechwriter (preparation of more than 200 interventions).

1994 – 1995

Administrator, unit 'Finance and budget'

European Commission- DG Staff and Administration

Responsible for the internal audit of the Commission administrative expenditures, of the program of improvement of the financial management and of the relations with the Court of auditors. Secretary of the inter-institutional working group on rationalising administrative expenditure.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1987 – 1995

PHD in law, magna cum laude

University Paris II Panthéon Assas, Paris (France)

1992 – 1994

Graduated from HEC Paris (master), with specialization in finance

HEC, Paris (France). HEC is ranked n°1 business school in Europe by the annual FT ranking.

Main specialization in finance. Main other areas: management, international trade, marketing and audit.

1991 – 1992

Master in Political science, magna cum laude

University Paris II, Paris (France)

1989 – 1991

Graduated from Sciences-Po Paris (master), with specialization in economics and public administration

Sciences-Po, Paris (France)

Section 'public service', with specialization in economics. Main other areas: geopolitics, public law and social affairs.

1988

Best student award

Faculty of law, Nancy (France)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) French

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills Strong experience in public communication acquired performing several hundred lectures to very varied audiences (financial markets, banks, businesses, universities, general public...)

Organisational / managerial skills Experience both at the political and technical level. Strong managerial skills, with experience in managing a large team against an extremely tense crisis background, with constant brutal deadlines.

Job-related skills Strong negotiating skills acquired via negotiating a high number of EU flagship texts (EFSI, ESM, two-pack, ESRB...) in a very difficult context (unanimity requirement, intergovernmental format, strong opposition from some Member States...).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Published books :*On EU related issues :*

- « *Quelle Europe après le traité de Lisbonne ?* » (with Florence Chaltiel). Foreword by Bronislaw Geremek. Coedited by the Editions LGDJ (Paris) and Bruylant (Brussels). June 2008.
- « *L'Union économique et monétaire* ». Editions Ellipses. Collection optimum. Paris. May 2006.
- « *L'Europe, petite histoire d'une grande idée* » (with Jacques Lafitte). Editions Gallimard. Collection découverte. Paris. January 1999 (first edition), May 2004 (second edition), June 2008 (third edition). Japanese edition published by Sogen-sha in March 2005. Braille edition published in 2004 by le centre de transcription et d'édition en braille.
- « *L'Europe citoyenne: la prise de décision au cœur des institutions* », in «de l'Europe à l'euro». Book directed by Thierry Vissol. Translated in Dutch. Monnaie Royale de Belgique. Brussels. September 2001.
- « *Euro si Romania* », in «Euro, moneda unica a mileniului III». Editura Fundatiei CDIMM Maramures. Baia Mare. March 2000.

On other topics:

- « *Vers l'Eldorado: la sanglante rébellion de Don Lope de Aguirre* ». Amazon. July 2019.
- « *L'ombre du monde* ». Collection premier roman. Editions le manuscrit. Paris. December 2004.

Published art books (as photographer) :

- 'People of Jerusalem' (Editions Husson, Brussels, April 2019)
- 'Tranches de vie #2' (with other photographers, Editions Husson. Brussels, September 2019).
- 'Tranches de vie#3' (with other photographers, Editions Husson. Brussels, April 2020).

Published articles: more than 20 articles in various academic reviews

Teacher in a number of courses (master level), notably in France (IEP Aix en Provence), Spain (Escuela Diplomatica de Madrid) and Belgium (ISMAPP) between 1998 and 2009.

Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite de la République Française (2018)

US Government International Visitor Leadership Programme (2013)