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**Chief Operating Officer of the European External Action Service**

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**Education**

- Education: BA (Mod) in Economics and Sociology from Trinity College Dublin - 1975
- Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Européennes, College of Europe, Bruges - 1976

**Career**

- Director General for Trade, European Commission, 2005-2010
- Secretary General of the European Commission, 2000-2005
- Head of Cabinet of Romano Prodi, President of the European Commission, 1999-2000
- Director-General DGXXII – Education, Training and Youth, 02/1999-05/1999
- Director DGV/G Employment and Social Affairs – responsible for the management of resources, 1998-1999
- Director DG V/B Employment and Social Affairs - responsible for the policy coordination, the European Social Fund, 1996-1998
- Member - and from December 1994 - Deputy Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Padraig Flynn responsible for employment policy, the social dialogue and labour law, 1993-1996
- Head of Unit, Task Force for Human Resources, Education, Youth and Training (now DG EAC) responsible for the COMETT and TEMPUS, programmes, and coordination of training assistance to Central and Eastern Europe, 1989-1992
- Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Peter Sutherland, responsible for Social Affairs and Relations with the European Parliament, 1985-1989
- First Secretary (Economic and Commercial), Delegation of the European Commission in Japan, 1981-1985
- European Commission, Brussels (Directorate General for External Relations, DGI), 1979-1981
- Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin, 1976-1979

**Languages**

French, Spanish, German, Japanese