

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information Rainer BECKER

Work experience

EXPERIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Director SANTE.D – Medical Products & Innovation

Nov. 2023-present

Managing four units in the directorate

Developing and implementing EU legislation, in particular in the areas of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and blood, tissues and organs.

Cooperating internationally in the field of pharmaceuticals and devices

Working with stakeholders, including industry and professional organisations

Head of Unit COMP.A4 – European Competition Network & Private Enforcement

Oct. 2022-Oct. 2023

Coordinating enforcement of Treaty antitrust rules by 27 Member State authorities and Commission

Building network for enforcement of Digital Markets Acts

Implementing, evaluating and reviewing different antitrust Directives

Head of Unit COMP.E1 – Antitrust Pharma & Health

Nov. 2017-Sept. 2022

Devising antitrust strategy for pharmaceutical sector

Managing major case projects against dominant companies

Closely working with DG SANTE e.g. on the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Acting director (holiday replacements)

Secondment to DG SANTE's taskforce vaccine contracts

Apr. 2021-Oct.2021

Negotiating improved 2nd generation vaccine supply contracts with BioNTech & Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax

Organising donations of vaccine doses to countries in

need

Acting Head of Unit COMP.A1 – Antitrust Case Support & Policy

June 2014-Oct. 2017 Directly advising the DDG for Antitrust

Coordinating the case work of all operational antitrust units in DG COMP

Developing and monitoring antitrust policy and legislation

Sept. 2011-Oct. 2017 ***Deputy-Head of Unit COMP.A1 (ex 02)***

Policy officer in COMP.A3/1 – Private Enforcement & European Competition Network

Feb. 2007-Sept. 2011 Leading role in the unit and responsibility for sub-teams

Devising policy on private enforcement, preparing a White Paper and a draft legislative package

Discussing the Commission position with the MS and other EU institutions (two EP resolutions, Council Working Parties, EESC resolutions)

Case officer in COMP.F2 – Manufacturing & Consumer Goods

Feb. 2004 – Feb. 2007 leading role in antitrust and merger case teams

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyer (Rechtsanwalt)

1999 – Feb. 2004 ***Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Brussels***

Function: *Senior associate*; representing companies in major cases across a range of industries; leading teams of lawyers

Academic teaching

1998 – present Teaching competition law at Heidelberg University; previously lecturer at Cologne University

Judicial training

1997–1999 *Referendariat at Koblenz Court of Appeal, with secondment to European Court of Justice*

Education and training

EDUCATION & DEGREES

Sept. 2021 Prof. iur. for competition law (*Honorarprofessor*) at Heidelberg University

1996–1998 Dr. iur. in comparative law, *summa cum laude*, at Trier University

Nov. 1998 Second German State Exam in law

1995–1996 LL.M. studies at McGill University, Montreal (Dean's

	Honour List)
1989–1994	Studies in law, parallel studies in Romanic languages, at Trier University
	First German State Exam in law, with distinction
	Diploma in French law and language, with honours (1989–1991)
	Erasmus studies at University of Salamanca (1991+1992)
	<i>Grundstudium</i> in Spanish & French literature (1992+1994)
1989–1998	Scholarships of <i>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</i> (excellency based) throughout my entire studies including my Ph.D. thesis
1989	German <i>Abitur</i> with distinction. School year in England & France (1986/87)

LANGUAGES

German (native), English & French (both excellent), Spanish (very good), Dutch (basic)

Additional information

Publications

MISCELLANEOUS

Over 50 presentations, including keynote speeches, on EU law and competition policy at conferences, seminars & stakeholder events

Publication of numerous academic articles & book chapters on competition law, general EU law, EU procedural law, comparative law and legal history (list of publications available)

Projects

Memberships

Other Relevant Information