

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Georg Fischer



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Sex Male | Date of birth 13/08/1952 | Nationality Austrian

WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2017–Present

Senior Research Associate

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)
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Research on european employment and social policies at the european level

Business or sector Economic research institute

06/2016–07/2017

Director for 'Social Affairs'

European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Development of EU legal social policy initiatives and programmes, guidance on and monitoring of implementation; negotiation with Parliament and Council; social policy dialogue with Member States; work with Member States on employment and social programmes and EU funding in some EU Member States

Management of 100 staff in five units

Business or sector Public administration

08/2015–06/2016

EU Studies Fellow

MacMillan Centre, Yale University

Research on US social and labour market programmes to identify lessons for EU/EMU-level policies (unemployment insurance, the minimum wage, tax credits, social benefits at federal and state level); information and discussion with students and faculty about the European Union

Business or sector Higher education

01/2011–08/2017

Director for 'Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations'

European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and Equal Opportunities

Employment and social analysis, impact assessment and evaluation ex-post of major employment and social EU programmes as well as the social dimension of external EU relations and enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

Management of 100 staff in five units

Member of the Impact Assessment of the Board of the European Commission

Business or sector Public administration

10/2009–12/2011

Director / Interim Director 'Social Protection and Integration'

European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Policy development and implementation on social inclusion, coordination of social security and free movement of workers, social protection and social services

Management of 80 staff in four units

Business or sector Public administration

09/2004–12/2011

Head of Unit 'Social Protection, Social Services'

European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Assessment of social protection adequacy and sustainability, development of EU policy on pensions, Open Method of Coordination on pensions and health and long-term care; Health inequalities and health care efficiency; Development of an EU approach on social services

Management of 15-20 staff

2007-2008 Alternate Member of European Commission Impact Assessment Board

Business or sector Public administration

01/1999–08/2004

Head of Unit 'Employment Analysis'

European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs

Economic analysis of EU labour markets (annual 'Employment in Europe' Report), labour markets in candidate countries; studies and policy advice on immigration, enlargement and employment; mainstreaming of employment objectives in other Community policies

Rapporteur for the High Level Group on the Future of Social and Employment Policies in an Enlarged Europe

Management of 15-20 staff

Business or sector Public administration

04/1996–12/1998

Head of Unit 'Employment Policy'

European Commission European Commission – Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs

Development of European Employment Strategy and coordination of employment policies, economic analysis of EU labour markets, coordination of ARC-Programme (analysis, research, cooperation in the field of employment)

Management of 15-20 staff

Business or sector Public administration

10/1995–04/1996

Economic Advisor

Economic Cooperation Foundation, Tel Aviv (Israel)

Peace advocacy, advice on economic and social issues of Israeli-Palestinian Cooperation, facilitating of NGO cooperation

Business or sector Non-governmental organisation

01/1993–10/1995

Economic Advisor, Member of Cabinet of the Minister of Finance

Federal Ministry of Finance, Austria

Review of the federal budget concerning public sector employment, education, social security and employment

Contribute to fiscal consolidation strategy reform of the Austrian Public Employment Service and subsequently Member of the Supervisory Board of the Austrian Labour Market Service

Business or sector Government

06/1991–12/1992

Principal Administrator

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Centre for Economies in Transition (OECD)

Team Leader social and labour market policies in transition economies

Reviews of labour market transformation and advice on employment, social, education and training policy strategies in the transition economies, reports on Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia (later Slovakia, Czech Republic) and Bulgaria

Seconded to IMF for a review of public finance of Ukraine:social sector analysis

Business or sector International organisation

09/1990–05/1991 **Member of 'Social Sector Team' of G7 Study on the Soviet Economy**

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Centre for Economies in Transition (OECD)

Responsible for chapter on labour market policies of the joint OECD-IMF-IBRD-EBRD Study of the Soviet Economy

Field work in Russia and Moldova

Business or sector International organisation

01/1986–08/1990 **Head of Sector 'Research and Evaluation'**

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Austria

Labour market research, policy evaluation, international employment affairs

Business or sector Government

12/1989–04/1990 **Visiting Research Fellow**

Science Centre Berlin, Research Area Labour Market and Employment

Research on active labour market policies, in particular on policy evaluation

Business or sector Research

02/1980–12/1985 **Administrator**

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Austria

Drafting and coordination of the work on the Annual Employment Policy Programme, development of active labour market policies including labour training programmes

Business or sector Government

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

06/2006 **Leadership-Training**

Henley Business School (United Kingdom)

Several Commission management trainings including MTP, experienced head of unit; Budgetary and administrative courses; French

09/2004–10/2004 **Exchange Official**

DARES - Research Department of the Ministry of Labour, Paris (France)

Labour market research

04/1985 **Exchange Official**

SOFI - Swedish Centre of Working Life, Stockholm (Sweden)

Labour market, industrial relation, employment policy comparative research Sweden and Austria

1984–1985 Civil services exam

Austrian Government Academy for Officials, Vienna (Austria)
Public Law, staff regulation, economics, psychology, sociology

09/1982–08/1983 Research student

University of Warwick, Department of Economics and Institute for Employment Research, Warwick (United Kingdom)
Labour and development economics
Methods of labour market research

1970–1977 Mag. (Economic and Social Sciences)

University of Vienna, Vienna (Austria)
Law, economics, statistics, sociology, philosophy

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) German

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B2	C1	B2	B1	B1
Russian	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages