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German nationality; born in Munich, Germany, 11 June 1943.

**Career at the European Commission**

From 01/2000: Director-General of the Education and Culture Directorate-General

- 10/99-12/99: Director-General of the Enlargement Directorate-General
- 04/98-09/99: Head of the Task Force "Accession Negotiations"
- 01/95-03/98: Spokesman for the European Commission and its President, Jacques Santer
- 04/94-01/95: Director for relations with the New Independent States, External Economic Relations Directorate-General
- 03/93-03/94: Director for the Swedish accession negotiations and for the European Economic Area, Task Force "Enlargement"
- 02/90-02/93: Head of Unit "Relations with EFTA", responsible for the negotiations on the European Economic Area, External Relations Directorate-General
- 01/89-01/90: Counsellor for External Relations, Development and Environment in the Office of Jacques Delors, President of the Commission
- 01/85-12/88: Responsible i.a. for External Relations in the Cabinet of Commissioner Willy de Clercq
- 1970-12/84: Various functions within the Spokesman's Service, i.a.  
- Spokesman for Agriculture and Fisheries and as such Spokesman for Commissioner Pierre Lardinois (1973-77) and Vice-President Finn-Olaf Gundelach (1978-81)  
- Spokesman for External relations and as such Spokesman for Vice-President Willy Haferkamp (1981-85)
- 1963-1970: Official in the Information Office of the Commission in The Hague (Information Directorate-General)
- 1959-1963: Administrative jobs in private industry in the Netherlands and Germany; free-lance work for the Commission in Brussels (Information Directorate-General)

**Education:** Primary school in Amsterdam (>1956); Secondary schools in Amsterdam (>1959) and The Hague (>1967); University studies in Brussels (St. Aloysius: degree in trade and consular studies, 1980)

**Languages:** Bilingual German/Dutch; French/English (fluent spoken, written); Italian (passive)

**Honours:** Officer of the Order of the White Rose of Finland; Commander of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon; Commander of the Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden); Das grosse silberne Ehrenzeichen (Austria)

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### The Commission appoints three Directors General and two Deputy Directors General

*The appointments of Directors General, announced by Mr Kinnock today, concern Mr José Manuel Silva Rodriguez (Agriculture DG), Mr Fabio Colasanti (Enterprise DG) and Mr Klaus van der Pas (Education & Culture DG). Furthermore, Ms Catherine Day is named Deputy Director General of the RELEX DG, with responsibilities for Europe, Central Asia, Near and Middle East and the Southern Mediterranean and Mr Domenico Lenarduzzi becomes Deputy Director General for Education and Culture. These appointments will become effective as of 1 January 2000.*

Mr Silva Rodriguez, born on 29 October 1949 in Spain, entered the Commission in February 1986 as member of the cabinet of Commissioner Marin, before moving on in March 1987 to former DGVI (Agriculture DG). He has held the post of Deputy Director General in charge of rural development since September 1997.

Mr Colasanti was born on 19 August 1946 in Italy. He joined former DGII (Economic and Financial Affairs) in October 1977. Mr Colasanti has also worked in the Spokesman's service and former DGXIX (Budget DG). He became Deputy Head of Cabinet of the President of the Commission on 16 September 1999.

Mr van der Pas, born on 11 June 1943 in Germany, joined the Commission in 1963 as a member of the Commission Information Office in The Hague. He then held various posts in the Spokesman's service before moving on to the field of external relations. He held the post of Spokesman of the Commission and of its President from 1995 to March 1998, before becoming Head of the Task Force "Accession Negotiations" which became the Enlargement DG in October 1999.

Ms Day, born on 16 June 1954 in Ireland, joined the former DGIII (now part of the Enterprise DG) in 1979. She then held posts in the cabinets of Mr Burke and Mr Sutherland, before joining the cabinet of Sir Leon Brittan in 1992, of which she was Deputy Head from 1992 to 1996. Since 1996 she has held Director posts in the field of external relations, the latest in the Enlargement DG since October 1999.

Mr Lenarduzzi was born on 19 March 1936 in Italy. He joined the Commission in 1965 in former DGV (employment and Social Affairs), moved on to former DGXVI (Regional Policy) in 1969. In 1981 he then joined the part of DGV which was subsequently to become the "Task Force for Human Resources" and DGXXII, now part of the Education and Culture DG, of which he was the acting Deputy Director-General.

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German nationality  
Married to Heidi M. Bracht; two sons (1971 and 1972)

**Career at the European Commission**

from April 1994: Director responsible for relations with the New Independent States, Directorate General for External Economic Relations (nominated from December 1994; ad interim before).

from March 1993: Director a.i. responsible for the Swedish accession negotiations and for the European Economic Area, Task Force Enlargement.

from February 1990: Head of Unit "Relations with EFTA", responsible for the negotiations on the European Economic Area, Directorate General for External Relations.

from January 1989: Counsellor responsible for External Relations, Development and Environment in the Office of Mr. Jacques Delors, President of the Commission.

1985-1988: Member responsible for External Relations (GATT, Agriculture, Fisheries, EFTA, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa) of the Office of Mr. Willy De Clercq, Member of the Commission in charge of External Relations and Trade Policy.

1981-1985: simultaneously:

- Spokesman for External Relations and as such Spokesman for Mr. Willy Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of External Relations;
- occasionally acting Spokesman for Mr. Gaston Thorn, President of the Commission (i.a. at the Western Economic Summit, Williamsburg, USA, 1983);
- Assistant to the Spokesman of the Commission, responsible for the internal organisation of the Spokesman's Group and for relations with journalists and their organisations.

1973-1981: Spokesman for Agriculture and Fisheries and as such Spokesman for, successively, Mr. Pierre Lardinois, Member of the Commission in charge of Agriculture and Fisheries (1973-1977) and Mr. Finn-Olaf Gundelach, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Agriculture and Fisheries (1978-1981).

1970-1973: Assistant to the Spokesman of Mr. Sicco Mansholt, Vice-President of the Commission in charge of Agriculture and Fisheries.

1963-1970: Information official in the Information Office of the Commission in The Hague.

1959-1963: Administrative jobs in private industry in the Netherlands and Germany; free-lance work for the Commission in Brussels (Information Directorate General)

**Education:** Primary school in Amsterdam (>1956); Secondary schools in Amsterdam (>1959) and The Hague (>1967); University studies in Brussels (degree in trade and consular studies: 1980)

**Languages:** Biling. German/Dutch; French and English (fluent spoken, written); Italian (underst.)

**Publications:** Articles and speeches on Community affairs, in particular on EC-EFTA relations.

**Honours:** Officer of the Order of the White Rose of Finland.  
Commander of the Icelandic Order of the Falcon