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**CURRICULUM VITAE
DAVID F. WILLIAMSON, CB**

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Exeter College, Oxford (M.A. - Litterae Humaniores)**

- 1956 Successful in open competition for entry to United Kingdom civil service**
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- 1967-70 Principal Private Secretary to successive Ministers of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food**
- 1970-74 Head of Milk and Milk Products Division, Marketing Policy Division and Food Policy Division**
- 1974-76 Promoted Under-Secretary 1974 and took charge of General Agricultural Policy Group**
- 1976-77 and of European Communities Group**
- 1976-77 United Kingdom representative on the European Community's Special Committee on Agriculture, which prepares agricultural questions for Ministerial decisions**
- 1977 Left United Kingdom civil service and entered service of the Commission of the European Communities**
- 1977-83 Deputy Director General (Agriculture) in the Commission of the European Communities with grade A1 atp, responsible for the organisation of the European Community market for all major agricultural products**
- 1983-87 Returned to the United Kingdom civil service as Deputy Secretary and Head of European Secretariat, Cabinet Office, responsible for coordination of departmental positions for discussions within the European Community and for advising the Prime Minister on European Community affairs. For part of this period also Deputy Secretary of the United Kingdom Cabinet.**
- 1987- 1997 Return to Brussels as Secretary General of the European Commission, the senior official position within the institution**

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BRITON GETS TOP EURO POST

The European Commission has appointed **David Williamson**, at present Head of European Affairs in the Cabinet Office in London, to the top European Civil Service job in Brussels, it has just been announced in Brussels.

Williamson, 53, has been selected to fill the highly influential post of Secretary-General of the Commission in succession to the long-serving Emile Noël, former member of the French civil service, who headed the Brussels secretariat since its formation 30 years ago.

As a former Deputy Director-General of Agriculture in the European Commission, Williamson is well known in Brussels where he served from 1977 until he returned to London in 1983 to serve in the British Cabinet Office. He takes up the new job shortly.

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