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BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Margot Fröhlinger graduated from Saarbrücken University with a law degree in 1976. Her post-graduate qualifications consist of the German professional law qualification (1979) and a Doctorate in law from the Trier University (1981).

From 1979 to 1983 she worked as senior assistant and lecturer in Constitutional, Administrative and European law at the Trier University.

From 1983 to 1987 she was a judge at several Courts in Germany.

In 1987 she joined the Commission of the European Communities. Her first posting was in the Commission's Directorate General for Competition where she dealt with banking, insurance and commerce and later with media and distributive trades.

In 1994 she became the Head of the Media and Commercial Communications Unit in the Directorate General for the Internal Market and Financial Services. This unit was in charge of the creation of an Internal Market Legal Framework for media, information society services and electronic commerce and in particular of the preparation and negotiation of the e-commerce directive adopted in June 2000.

In 2001 she was appointed Head of a newly created unit for services and was in charge of the Commission's strategy for an Internal Market in Services launched in December 2000 as a reply to a request from the Lisbon Council. Following the preparation and adoption of the report "The State of the Internal Market for Services" adopted in July 2002 she was responsible for the preparation and negotiation of the "Directive on Services in the Internal Market" adopted in December 2006.

Following the adoption of the Services Directive she has been appointed Director of the Directorate dealing with knowledge based economy where she is in charge of the Commission's policy on professional qualifications, on counterfeiting, on copyright and related rights and on industrial property including trademarks and patents. She is in particular dealing with the creation of a Unified European Patent Litigation System and the Community Patent. She is a member of the Kuratorium of the Max Planck Institute in Germany and is lecturing on Intellectual Property Rights at the Universities of Aix-of-Provence and Paris (Université Paris1-Panthéon-Sorbonne).