



Mr. GEORG FISCHER

From June 2016-August 2017 he was **Director for Social Affairs in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion** at the **European Commission**. He was in charge of European social programmes in particular the recent EU proposal for a directive on family and care leaves and for the social partner consultation on access to social protection. He was responsible for employment and social policy advice to and the European Social Fund in some EU member states.

For the academic year 2015/2016 he was the **European Studies Fellow** at the *Yale University MacMillan Center*. He carried out a study on the US welfare system and labour market policies to contribute to the work on a deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union and on a European Social Union. He also presented the European Union and its policies to students and staff at the University.

From 2011-2015 he was **Director for "Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations"** at the same Directorate General. His responsibilities included employment and social analysis, evaluation of 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. He was responsible for the annual Employment and Social Development Review and the Labour Market and Wage Development Report. He was also a member of the EU Impact Assessment Board.

From 2009 to 2010 he was Director for **"Social Protection and Integration"** at the same Directorate General. From 2004 to 2009 he was head of unit for **"Social Protection, Social Services**. As head of unit for **Employment Policy and Analysis** (1996-2004) he contributed to developing the European Employment Strategy. He supervised the team drafting the "Employment in Europe Report" and the work with candidate countries on membership preparations in the area of employment.

Prior to this he headed at the **Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** a team issuing the first OECD labour market reviews of transition

economies. 1990/1991 he was part of the “Social Sector Group” preparing the G-7 Study of the Soviet Economy.

From 1993 to 1995 he was **member of the private office of the Austrian Minister of Finance F. Lacina** in charge of major budget items including social security, unemployment and public employment. In the 1980s he worked in the **Austrian Ministry of Labour** on development of active labour market policies, assessment of employment programmes and represented Austria in OECD and ILO committees.

He was a Visiting fellow at the Social Science Centre Berlin and an Advisor to the Economic Cooperation Foundation in Tel Aviv.

Georg Fischer is an economist and studied at the University of Vienna in Austria (Master Degree) as well as the University of Warwick in the United Kingdom.