



CURRICULUM VITAE

Gilles KITTEL has been working in the Commission for more than 20 years (3 Directorates-General - REGIO, NEAR (ENEST now) and AGRI - and 7 units). Before that he worked 5 years in both an audit and consulting firm (Arthur Andersen; Brussels, Paris and Lyon) and an international group with operations in over 40 countries (Lagardère S.A.; Paris).

Through his different positions, Gilles has gained significant experience in EU enlargement process, external aid political process, cohesion and agricultural funds, economic support, audit, accountancy, internal control, consultancy and financial management.

In his current employment within DG REGIO (Regional Policy and Urban Policy) as the team leader of the South-East Europe team within Unit D1 and in his previous assignments in NEAR and AGRI, he has provided technical assistance to Southern and Eastern European Neighbourhood countries, including Western Balkans, and EU Member States in the fields of expertise mentioned above, developing close cooperation with the national authorities, helping them to adjust their national legislation, to streamline their programming choices and to design and establish their management, control and supervision systems, in order to benefit in the most effective manner from the EU programmes.

In these successive roles, he has developed an excellent knowledge of the Commission's financial rules and procedures and worked in close and fruitful cooperation with various stakeholders (European delegations, other donors, member states' technical assistance, etc).

Gilles is Belgian and has educational backgrounds in Solvay Business School (ULB, Brussels), Political Sciences (Sciences-Po in Brussels) and Agrégation du Supérieur en Sciences Economiques (ULB, Brussels).