



### Biography Markus Jaeger

A trained banker, Markus Jaeger studied philosophy, law and political sciences in Germany, France and Switzerland. He joined the Council of Europe in 1989 and worked in various fields, including the reform of the European Social Charter's monitoring system, the setting up of administrative tribunals in Eastern and Central European countries, institution building in Albania, organizing international co-operation in the fight against corruption, confidential monitoring of member States' compliance with commitments and obligations for the Secretary General. From 2000 to 2002, he served as Deputy Director of Legal Affairs and then Acting General Counsel of Interpol. Upon return to the Council of Europe he took the position of Deputy to the Director of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, was then tasked with running co-operation programs for the Organization until asked to head the Migration Co-ordination Division which was set up in 2012. In May 2013 he was shortlisted by the European Parliament as one of the candidates for the post of European Ombudsman but lost to Emily O'Reilly in the elections in July. Today he heads the Independent Human Rights Bodies Division of the Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe. He represents the Organization in the Consultative Forum of Frontex and in the Independent Observatory of National Preventive Mechanisms against torture (NPM Obs).