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KEY COMPETENCIES

- Professional** deep knowledge of European policies and programmes for Education, Research and Innovation (ERI); strong and broad vision about future challenges for science and innovation; extensive network in Europe and abroad in business, government, universities and research centres.
- Skills** strong analytical and leadership skills; entrepreneurial and impact-oriented personality; proven strategical abilities in complex, multi-stakeholder environments; excellent communication skills.
- Social** skilled team player; experience in interdisciplinary and intercultural environments and at forging partnerships; management and negotiation experience in politically sensitive environments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – ...: **SwissCore**
Co-Director
SwissCore is the Swiss Contact office for European research, innovation and education (ERI) in Brussels. Its mission is to secure the influence of Swiss ERI stakeholders (businesses, government, universities and research centres) towards the European Union (EU) by connecting Swiss and European ERI stakeholders, developing public affairs strategies, analysing ERI policy developments, providing support the participation of Swiss institutions in European knowledge programmes (Horizon 2020/Erasmus+) and promoting the visibility of Swiss ERI in Brussels.
As Co-Director, I was in charge of managing the office, defining and implementing the EU-engagement strategy, in close cooperation with our funders, partners and clients at a very uncertain time for the EU (brexit) and Swiss-EU relations (migration referendum).
- 2016 – ...: **InRoad - Towards better Synchronisation of Priority Settings and Evaluation Mechanisms for Research Infrastructures Beyond National Relevance**
Executive Coordinator: InRoad is a €2 million European project that brings together 13 institutions across Europe. The aim of the project is to contribute to a more sustainable research infrastructure landscape in Europe by harmonising decision-making, funding and evaluation practices across Europe. After one year of operation, the project was already greatly influential in guiding research infrastructure policies both at the EU and the national level. For Switzerland, InRoad allowed Swiss stakeholders to take a more active stance to guide the development of international standards on research infrastructures.
- 2015 – ...: **Science Europe**
Chair of Horizon 2020/Framework Programme 9 Working Group: Science Europe brings together 45 research funding and performing organisations in Europe. It is an advocacy organisation that aims at promote the interest of its member organisations towards the European institutions. As Chair, I was able to shape the organisation vision on EU research and innovation programmes and engage with senior policy makers within the EU institutions.

- 2012 – 2015: **SwissCore**
European Advisor for Research: strategic advice to Swiss research stakeholders on European research policy and programmes and 'lobby' activities in Brussels (promotion, workshops, visits and influence on EU legislation). Formal representation of Switzerland in selected EU committees.
- 2007 - 2012: **University Hospital Zurich (USZ) and Biomedical Engineering Institute ETH Zurich**
PhD Candidate and Research Assistant: statistic modelling of the human auditory system, development of hearing aid algorithms and psycho-acoustics experiments. The work resulted in a series of peer-reviewed publications, presentation at international scientific conferences and included the supervision of trainees and students at master level.
- 2006: **Philips Research**
Research Assistant: development of sound reproduction algorithms for large medical instrumentation such as MRI scanners.

EDUCATION

- 2016: Personalised management/leadership training, Greenhouse Group, Brussels
- 2014: Continuing training on **negotiation and conflict management** at the Solvay Brussels Schools, Belgium
- 2013: Continuing training on 'Insiders' Guide to EU Affairs', European Training Institute, Belgium.
- 2007-2012: **Doctor of Sciences** in biomedical engineering at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ), Switzerland.
Thesis title: "Measuring, predicting and improving the perception of the auditory space with bilateral hearing instruments".
- 2001-2006: **Master of Sciences** in Communication Systems at the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne* (EPFL).
- 2004-2005: **Exchange year** at Chalmers Tekniska Högskola, Göteborg, Sweden

LANGUAGES

- French: fluent (mother tongue)
- German: fluent
- English: fluent
- Spanish: fluent
- Swedish: average

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Founding member of the Swiss Socialist Party antenna in Brussels.

PUBLICATION AND REFERENCES

Publication list and references available upon request.