

## Heinz Kobelt, Director European Affairs, European Association of Euro-Pharmaceutical Companies

Heinz Kobelt, born 1947, holds the position of Director European Affairs of the EAEPC after having served as its Secretary General from February 2005 to April 2011.

The European Association of Euro-Pharmaceutical Companies (EAEPC) is the representative voice of pharmaceutical parallel distribution in Europe. Through national association or individual company membership it encompasses some 70 firms from 21 countries in the European Economic Area (EEA).

Before that, from 2001-2003, Heinz Kobelt was Head European Government Affairs of Novartis International, located in Brussels. From 1990 – 2001, Heinz Kobelt worked as an international public servant in the Secretariat of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), where he participated in the negotiations of the EEA Agreement and held various positions as economist and policy analyst. He was stationed in Geneva, and from 1992 in Brussels.

Between 1977 and 1990, he was a member of the Economics Administration of the Swiss Canton of St. Gallen, responsible for economic development and investment promotion.

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