


# PETER KERSTENS

<b>Personal Details</b>  	<b>Date of Birth:</b> 05/02/1969  <b>Nationality:</b> Dutch  <b>Languages:</b> Dutch: native English: fluent (oral and written) French: oral – fluent/written – good German: oral – basic/written – basic Spanish: oral - basic
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## Professional Experience

<b>09/2015 - Now</b>	<b><u>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</u></b>  <b>Advisor, Financial Technology and Cybersecurity</b> <b>DG Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA)</b>  <u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Head of DG-wide Fintech Taskforce and Co-chair of inter-DG Taskforce on Technological Innovation</li> <li>■ Conceptualised, led development and oversaw implementation of European Commission's Fintech Action Plan, including legislative initiatives on markets in crypto-assets and digital operational resilience</li> <li>■ Main DG FISMA representative on financial sector digitalisation (EP, European Supervisory Authorities, ECB, international partners (bilateral, G7/FSB, FATF), stakeholder events, industry, policy and regulatory conferences</li> <li>■ Lead DG FISMA work on cybersecurity, including leading EU delegation in G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' High Level Group on Cybersecurity, G7 Digital Payments Group and Financial Stability Board Group on Cyber Incident Response and Recovery</li> <li>■ Chair of ITU Digital Currency Policy and Governance team</li> <li>■ Recognised global authority on financial technology and digital innovation, including distributed ledgers and blockchain, crypto-assets, cloud computing, open finance, security, artificial intelligence, digital identification and authentication</li> </ul>
<b>09/2013-08/2015</b>	<b>Principal Administrator</b> <b>DG Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA)</b>  <u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Lead work on EU third country regulatory and supervisory equivalence</li> <li>■ Lead/participate in bilateral regulatory dialogues (US, Russia, India, Brazil, US)</li> <li>■ Lead FISMA project team on Financial Sector Sanctions (conceptualised, developed, proposed and negotiated capital market measures imposed by the EU against Russia. Assured co-ordination/consistency with G7 jurisdictions)</li> </ul>

<b>08/2008-08/2013</b>	<p><b>Economics &amp; Finance Counsellor, EU Delegation to the USA, Washington DC</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Principal liaison with US Treasury, Federal Reserve Board, SEC, CFTC, OCC, FDIC, Congress, think tanks, EU/US financial industry in US</li> <li>■ Advise HQ on US financial market political and regulatory developments</li> <li>■ Lead EU Member State Finance Counsellors in Washington DC</li> <li>■ Coalition building with international community on US treatment of foreign financial institutions</li> </ul>
<b>11/2004-07/2008</b>	<p><b>Member of Cabinet, Internal Market and Services Commissioner Charlie McCreevy</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Services policy (e.g. led pacification towards adoption of Services Directive, led work on successful EU postal sector reform)</li> <li>■ Member of inter-institutional relations group (GRI)</li> <li>■ Responsible for relations with the European Parliament (entire portfolio)</li> <li>■ Non-portfolio responsibilities (environment, education and culture)</li> </ul>
<b>10/2001-10/2004</b>	<p><b>Member of Cabinet, Health and Consumer Protection Commissioner David Byrne</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Member of inter-institutional relations groups (GAP &amp; GRAC)</li> <li>■ Responsible for relations with the European Parliament and Council (entire portfolio) and led work with EP/Council towards adoption of tobacco advertising, GMOs, general EU food law and set up of European Food Safety Authority legislation.</li> <li>■ Responsible for infringements policy within the portfolio</li> <li>■ Non-portfolio responsibilities (economic and monetary affairs, competition policy, justice and home affairs)</li> </ul>
<b>10/1997-09/2001</b>	<p><b>European Commission, DG for Health and Consumer Protection Administrator – Policy Officer</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Team leader policy co-ordination (consumer economic interests), Competitiveness Council and EP questions</li> <li>■ Desk officer responsible for electronic commerce policy, payment services, consumer and mortgage credit</li> </ul>
<b>03/1996-09/1997</b>	<p><b>European Commission, DG for Industry Administrator – Policy Officer</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Budget Management and development of operational procedures for the implementation of the ESPRIT research and development programme</li> <li>■ Sub-delegated authorising officer – all budget lines</li> </ul>

<p><b>03/1994-03/1996</b></p>	<p><b><u>PRIVATE SECTOR</u></b></p> <p><b>Market Access Europe, Brussels</b> <b>Account Director</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Team leader financial services practice - Advising major financial services companies on EU affairs</li> <li>■ Developing and implementing strategic and political communications strategies</li> </ul>
<p><b>09/1992-03/1994</b></p>	<p><b>Charles Barker Plc, Brussels</b> <b>Account Executive</b></p> <p><u>Responsibilities/Achievements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Policy analysis and advice on general internal market policy, intellectual property, data protection</li> </ul>

### Professional Training

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Executive Leadership Programme, Management &amp; Leadership, University of California Berkeley, Haas School of Business</li> <li>■ Participatory Leadership, European Commission</li> <li>■ Middle Management, European Commission</li> </ul>
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### Education and academic qualifications

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>COLLEGE OF EUROPE</b> (1991-1992) Master Degree in Advanced European Studies – Magna Cum Laude</li> <li>■ <b>CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY LEUVEN</b> (1989-1991) Master Degree in Political Science – Magna Cum Laude</li> <li>■ <b>UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP</b> (1987-1989) Bachelor Degree in Political &amp; Social Sciences – Magna Cum Laude</li> </ul>
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### Other Activities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Adjunct Professor Vanderbilt Law School</li> <li>■ Guest Professor/Lecturer Georgetown Law School, European University Institute Florence, Law Academy Trier</li> <li>■ Volunteer Make-a-Wish</li> </ul>
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