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Olivier Brunet has been with the European Commission since 1989. From 1999 to 2001 he coordinated a large process of evaluation of the EU education programme SOCRATES. Detailed information on the results of this evaluation can be found on <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/evaluation.html>

SOCRATES aims at developing the European dimension in education at all levels in thirty one countries. It involved a budget of EURO 920 millions throughout the period 1995-1999. Mr Brunet also contributed to the first European report on quality indicators in education adopted by the Commission in 2000. He organised regular consultations of the European associations (teachers, students, parents), the social partners and the foundations in the field of education. He contributed to the launch of a European network of national Education Councils. He participated in a Group on "civil society and local actors" preparing a "White paper" on the European governance. Governance will be one of the major priorities of the European Commission in 2001-2002.

In 1998-1999 Mr Brunet worked in the field of environment. He prepared legislation on air quality and supported the activities of a "European sustainable cities and towns campaign". He established a good partnership with the NGOs in the field of air quality and urban issues.

From 1989 to 1998 his appointments with the Commission were related to the social policy. He initially worked in Luxembourg in the field of health and safety at work where he monitored the implementation of the EU legislation and promoted the co-operation between the Labour Inspectorates of the EU Member States. He then supported the activities of social partners at a European level mainly focusing on the promotion of social dialogue in Central and Eastern Europe. He was involved in the first European negotiation between social partners on parental leave and in the development of an "inter-regional social dialogue". In the field of social policy he regularly worked with research managers from Harvard University.

Before joining the Commission Mr Brunet worked ten years in France as an "inspecteur du travail" (factory inspector). He was in charge of enforcing legislation on working conditions and led important industrial negotiations on wages and employment issues. He also taught labour law at the University of Brest (France).

Mr Brunet studied law in Paris and Brest (France). He has a "maitrise de droit public". His publications are mainly relating to the contribution of the social partners in the enlargement process of the European Union and to the involvement of the civil society in education. He wrote a Commission report on the implementation of the programme SOCRATES (1995-1999) and contributed to the "White paper" on the European governance.

Olivier Brunet is French and was born in 1957 in Brest. He is fluent in French and English, proficient in German, and has basic Spanish. He lives in Brussels.

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