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Biographical note

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Joseph GILCHRIST was educated at King Edwards School, Birmingham, and Pembroke College, Oxford, where he read philosophy, politics, economics specialising in economics and statistics, and did postgraduate research in economics. He also spent one year at a German University, Freiburg.

Before joining the European Compission he spent nearly 20 years in international business beginning in international advertising where he progressed from marketing research executive to director of marketing services with the London Press Exchange/Dudley Turner & Vincent (now Leo Burnett). He then moved to multinational companies working successively for the Nestlé Company and Rothman International in both marketing and general management. At the time of his appointment to the European Commission he was marketing controller with the latter company.

In June 1973 he was nominated by the UK Civil Service Department for a post with the European Commission and joined Directorate-General IV, Competition, in February 1974.

In May 1980 he was appointed Head of Division responsible for general questions and general aid schemes in the directorate for state aids. Since January 1989 he has been head of division responsible for regional aids in which capacity he deals with the state aid aspects of the Structural Funds to ensure greater cohesion within the Community in the light of 1992.

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