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Until 2015 he was in charge at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for a large variety of different topics. He left the BMBF as Director and Head of Division Policy Issues, International Strategy.

Klaus Michael Uckel is a fully qualified lawyer and attorney for labour and social law since 1990.

After his first steps in the staff department "Technique" of the company Lufthansa he joined in 1991 the Ministry of Defence within the German Government. He was in charge for reorganizing the care system for the military and civil staff abroad.

In 1994 he changed among the Federal Government and held until 2002 various positions as Desk Officer at different Directorates-General at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, namely:

- European and International Cooperation (Bi-and multilateral cooperation in Western Europe, Council of Europe, UNESCO/UN, European Framework Program on R&D.
- Central Services (Organisation, Grant-Awarding Procedures and Project Management, Budget). The most important outcome of that time are the Federal Rules for Research Funding, specifically for innovation and IPR issues, which entered into force in 1998 (NKBF98, BN-Best98),

In 2002 he became Head of Division at the Directorate-General for Higher Education and Lifelong Learning in charge for the national Strategy on Lifelong Learning which was adopted by the Federal Government and the Federal States in 2004.

In October 2005 he changed to the Directorate-General for European and International Cooperation in Education and Research. Until June 2010, he was Head of Division for EU Research Policy; EUREKA as Director at the Directorate-General for European and International Cooperation as well as in charge for the preparation and implementation of the German EU Council Presidency in the field of research and innovation in the first half of 2007. During this time the ERC and EIT were constituted as well as the IP-Charter adopted by the European Council.

In 2009 he was in charge for the German EUREKA Chairmanship until 2010.

From July 2010 until April 2012, he was Head of Division for EU Research Policy and European Research Area in the same Directorate.

From May 2009 until June 2011, he chaired the ERAC, former CREST working group on knowledge transfer which is part of the overall comitology of the European Union.

Since around 8 years he is chairing the Board of Arbitration among the Association of employees in the supreme and superior federal authorities (VBOB).