



Jacob Kornbeck

– Biographical note –

Born 1968, Jacob Kornbeck is an EU civil servant with extensive, hands-on sports policy experience. He enjoys part-time lecturing, including at the German Sports University in Cologne where he has been an external lecturer since 2012, as well as writing academic articles, book reviews and commentaries on issues linked to sport, sports policy and sports law.

Highlights

As a Policy Officer in the Sport Unit of the European Commission (2001-14), Jacob is a co-author of the White Paper (2007) and Communication (2011) on Sport. His responsibilities included anti-doping; sport, health and participation including health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA); injury prevention; sports volunteering; relations with the Council of Europe, UNESCO, the WHO and the academic world. Representing the Commission in international anti-doping fora for 13 years, Jacob was heavily involved in work related to data protection in the fight against doping. He served as secretary to the drafting groups preparing EU Physical Activity Guidelines (2008) and

Recommendations on Doping in Recreational Sport (2014). Jacob has been representing the Commission extensively in its role as an observer to the Council of Europe's Anti-Doping Convention. In this capacity he was instrumental in negotiating the Enhanced International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) (2009) and the related Annex on Retention Times (2011). These novelties gave data protection and privacy a permanent place on the EU's sports policy agenda. As secretary to an Expert Group set up by the EU Council of Ministers, Jacob steered the preparation and adoption of four EU contributions to the World Anti-Doping Code revision (2012-13) which were adopted by the Council and presented officially to WADA by the EU Presidency. As a financial officer he ensured compliance with the Financial Regulation of the European Union in spending actions, including accounting, auditing and recoveries. He was involved in the day-to-day business of drafting briefing notes, speeches, media products, policy proposals and Commission replies to parliamentary questions. As a public procurement officer, Jacob handled a range of tenders, including for the first-ever EU-wide study on the link between physical inactivity and overweight/obesity (2004) and an equally ground-breaking study on doping prevention in recreational sport (2014). For over a decade he selected and coached Sport Unit interns, most of whom are now pursuing highly successful careers in and around the sport sector.

As a Legal Officer in the Secretariat of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) (2014-17), Jacob worked on the monitoring of draft legislation, as well as cooperation with Member States in the area of law enforcement and in the context of large-scale EU databases, where he was part of the secretariat for the Second-Generation Schengen Information System (SIS II) Coordinated Supervision Group. He also had tasks related to information and communication, such as the monitoring of early developments in legislative proposals and case law, and external representation, in particular vis-à-vis the Council of Europe.

On 1 January 2017, Jacob joined the European Commission's Youth Unit as a Policy Officer. Since then he has been in charge of political files linked to the EU Structured Dialogue in the field of Youth (2017-18), relations with EU Presidencies, the Council of Europe and China (ongoing) as well as youth policy indicators (2019+), as secretary to a new expert group with tasks defined by the Council. Apart from policy development, external representation and negotiation, Jacob has been handling grants to the European Youth Forum (EYF), EU Presidencies and the Council of Europe, including accounting, auditing and recoveries, ensuring compliance with the Financial Regulation of the European Union. Apart from these compliance tasks, Jacob contributes provides advice on compliance issues to Youth Unit colleagues acting as delegated data controllers for three large-scale databases with online registration tools: those of the European Volunteering

Service (EVS), the European Solidarity Corps) and the Commission Internship Office database a.k.a. the Virtual Blue Book (VBB). In 2019, Jacob started working on the development of youth policy indicators as well as relations with the Western Balkans, while further developing his legal, financial and data protection compliance-related roles.

Work history

- 2017+ – Policy Officer, European Commission, Youth Unit, Brussels
- 2014-17 – Legal Officer, Secretariat of the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS), Brussels
- 2001-14 – Policy Officer, European Commission, Sport Unit, Brussels
- 1999-2001 – Translator, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels
- 1998-1999 – Language instructor, Centre de Langues Luxembourg (CLL)
- 1997 – Robert Schuman Scholar, European Parliament, Luxembourg
- 1995-97 – Freelance journalist, *Trierischer Volksfreund*, Trier, Germany
- 1995 – STOA Visiting Scholar, European Parliament, Luxembourg

Education

- 2017 – Universität Bayreuth: Master of Laws (LL.M.) (Sports Law)
- 2015 – European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht: Training and Certification Programme for Data Protection Officers and Other Data Protection Professionals
- 2014 – University of London: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (Social Pedagogy)
- 1997 – Universität Trier: Magister Artium (M.A.) (History, Spanish, Pedagogy)

1996 – The Open University, UK: Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) (Social Science)

1995 – The Open University, UK: Diploma in Applied Social Sciences (Dip.App.SS)

1995 – Universität Trier: Zertifikat Europäische Studien

1987 – European School, Luxembourg: European Baccalaureate

Books

2014 – *Alternatives to Convergence? Social work and social pedagogy in German, Danish and Belgian higher education (1989-2004)*. Bremen: EHV Academic Press

2013 – *Inspiration from Brussels? The European Union and Sport*. Bremen: EHV Academic Press

Recent papers

Forthcoming – State Aid and Sport: Lessons for VAT Law? *European State Aid Law Quarterly (EStAL)*.

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2018 – Specificity, Monopoly and Solidarity in the European Commission’s ISU (International Skating Union) decision. *Journal of European Competition Law & Practice*. Published online 17 December 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jeclap/lpy073>

2018 – An exemplary illustration of the distinction between private life and data protection (Art. 7-8 CFR): the ECtHR's joint decision in *FNASS v France* and *Longo v France* (Art. 8 ECHR). *Journal of Data Protection and Privacy*, 2:2, 120-134.

2018 – With Kayser, B.: Do public perception and the ‘spirit of sport’ justify the criminalisation of doping? *International Sports Law Journal*, 18:1-2, 61-78.

2018 – Health-friendly sport policy: an emerging soft law doctrine. In: Anderson, J., et al. (eds): *Research Handbook on EU Sports Law and Policy*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 49-78.

2017 – Une européanisation top-down et bottom-up. La lutte antidopage de l’Union européenne. In: Gasparini, W. (ed): *L’Europe du football*. Strasbourg: PUS, 51-67.

2017 – Athlete consent as a legal base for data transfers to third countries for anti-doping purposes. *International Sports Law Journal*, 17:1-2, 68-85.

2017 – Bosman and Athlete Welfare: the sports law approach, the social policy approach, and the EU Guidelines on Dual Careers. *Liverpool Law Review*, 38:3, 307-323.

2016 – Transferring athletes' personal data from the EU to third countries for anti-doping purposes. *International Data Privacy Law*, 6:4, 291-298.

2016 – The EU, the Revision of the World Anti-Doping Code and the Presumption of Innocence. *International Sports Law Journal*, 15:3-4, 172-196.

2015 – The Stamina of the Bosman Legacy: the European Union and the revision of the World Anti-Doping Code (2011-13). *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law*, 22:2, 283-304.

See also

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