



**Jacob Kornbeck**

*– Biographical note –*

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Born 1968, Jacob Kornbeck is an EU civil servant with extensive, hands-on sports policy experience gained from working in the Sport Unit of the European Commission (2001-14). 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 articles, book reviews and commentaries on issues linked to sport, sport policy and sports law, for academic and professional publications.

### **Highlights**

As a Policy Officer in the Sport Unit of the European Commission (2001-14), Jacob's 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). He served as secretary to the Expert Group on Anti-Doping set up by the EU Council under its First EU Work Plan on Sport (2011-14), driving the development and adoption of four EU contributions to the revision of the World Anti-Doping Code (2012-13) which were adopted by the EU Council of Ministers and presented officially to WADA by the EU Presidency. As a financial officer he was responsible at any stage of the life cycle of the spending action, including accounting, auditing and recoveries, ensuring compliance with the Financial Regulation of the European Union. 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 doing 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 was involved in 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, Belgium as a Policy Officer in charge of the EU Structured Dialogue in the field of Youth. His role involves external representation and negotiation, representing the Commission within the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership and as coordinator for EU-China cooperation as part of the High-Level People-to-People Dialogue (HPPD). Handling grants to designated beneficiaries (operating grants and action grants), he is responsible at any stage of the life cycle of the spending action, including accounting, auditing and recoveries, ensuring compliance with the Financial Regulation of the European Union. He also contributes to other activities of the Youth Unit. On data protection, he provides advice on compliance issues to Youth Unit colleagues acting as delegated data controllers for two large-scale databases with online registration tools and important data transfers to national agencies (European Volunteering Service (EVS) and European Solidarity

Corps) and one large in-house database with online registration tools (Internship Office database, Virtual Blue Book).

### **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
- 1988-91 – Each summer, quadrilingual tour guide at Tuborg Breweries, Copenhagen

### **Education**

- Ongoing (*tbc*) – Universität Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany: Master of Laws (LL.M.) (Sports Law) (part-time)
- 2015 – European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht, NL: 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, Trier, Germany: Magister Artium (M.A.) (History, Spanish, Education/Pedagogy)

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

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

1995 – Universität Trier, Trier, Germany: 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 – L'Union européenne et la lutte contre le dopage dans le sport. In: Gasparini, W. (ed) *L'europeanisation du sport*. Strasbourg: P.U.S.

2017 – Einwilligung oder gesetzliche Regelung? Die Wahl der Rechtsgrundlage bei Datenübermittlungen der NADA Deutschland in Drittländer. *Datenschutz Nachrichten*, 40:1, 17-30.

2017 – Sport für alle als Aufgabe der EG/EU? In: Jütting, D. & Krüger, M. (eds) *Sport für alle*. Münster: Waxmann, 31-47.

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 – Private Regulation and Public Trust: why increased transparency could

strengthen the fight against doping. *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Sportmedizin*, 66:5, 121-127.

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.

2015 – Lisbonisation without Regulation: engaging with sport policy to maximise its health impact? *International Sports Law Journal*, 15:1-2, 112-122.

2013 – The Normality of EU Sport Policy Studies: disciplinary locus in political science, sport science or elsewhere? *Kinanthropologica*, 49:1, 5-16.

2013 – The Naked Spirit of Sport: a framework for revisiting the system of bans and justifications in the World Anti-Doping Code. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*, 7:3, 313-330.

2013 – The European Union, Sport Policy and Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (HEPA): The Case of Exercise by Prescription. *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Sportmedizin*, 64:6, 157-161.

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