



Short Bio – Dr. Jan Schmitz

Dr. Schmitz has been working as a trade diplomat at the Directorate-General for TRADE of the European Commission for over 10 years. His assignments included the coordination of the EU team in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations, as well as as EU lead negotiator for financial services and EU lead negotiator for the movement of natural persons.

During the last years, he has been responsible for patents and trade related aspects of intellectual property where his responsibilities include the leadership of the EU delegation at the TRIPS Council of the World Trade Organization in Geneva. He is member of the steering group for the EU Commission Communication “Setting out the EU approach to Standard Essential Patents” and supervises the sub-group on SEPs valuation of the EU Commission SEP Expert Group.

Dr. Schmitz has published several books and articles. Among others, he has given lectures at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at the Queen Mary University of London, ELTE University Budapest and Sophia University Tokyo.