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Many years of management experience in the Swiss export economy, proven expertise in international economic negotiations.



Christian Etter, Dr. rer. pol., economist, was the Delegate of the Federal Council for Trade Agreements and a member of SECO's Executive Board. As an ambassador, he headed SECO's Special Foreign Economic Service Division (responsible for international trade in goods and services, non-tariff barriers to trade, international investments, foreign trade legislation). He was the chief negotiator for Switzerland's free trade agreements with China, the Gulf states, Canada, South Korea, the South African Customs Union, Egypt and Tunisia, and he headed the Swiss delegation in the Joint Committee of the Switzerland-EU Free Trade Agreement.

CAREER HISTORY

2020–present	Member of the Board of Directors and of the Insurance Committee of Swiss Export Risk Insurance, Zurich
2018–present	Independent Consultant on International Trade Policy (incl. WTO Arbitrator, Geneva)
2006–2018	Delegate of the Federal Council for Trade Agreements, Ambassador, Member of the Executive Board of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Bern
1997–2008	Lectureship on international trade in services and the General Agreement on Trade in Services GATS/ WTO at the University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen
2000–2006	Director of Free Trade Agreement/EFTA in the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Berne

LANGUAGES

German, English, French