



# **Christian Saublens**

Christian Saublens es el Director de EURADA, la Asociación Europea de Agencias de Desarrollo Regional, con más de 140 miembros en más de 20 países y tiene más de 30 años de experiencia profesional en el lobby para la Comisión Europea.

Saublens es uno de los miembros que establecieron EBAN, la Red Europea de Business Angels, promoviendo el estímulo del capital riesgo en niveles regionales y nacionales. Ha escrito numerosos artículos sobre desarrollo regional y el rol de las agencias de innovación en Europa.

## **EDUCATION**

Institution ICHEC Date October 1972 - June 1977 Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained Degree in Finance and Economics Commercial Engineer

### **PRESENT POSITION**

Director of EURADA Acting Director of EBAN – European Business Angels Network

### SPECIFIC OVERSEAS COUNTRIES EXPERIENCE

Bulgaria 1995 Implementation of a SME support programme Poland 1994 Support to RDAs in their internationalisation process Portugal 1995 Co-ordination of a pilot scheme to transfer know how to 5 RDAs Portugal 1997/98 Co-ordination of the IQADE project aiming to help the creation of RDAs in 22 regions Portugal 2000/01 Co-ordination of the IQADE project aiming at strengthening 17 newly created regional development agencies MEDA 1999/2001 Co-ordination of a demonstration project to enhance the management capacity of industrial park managers Congo 2002 Exploratory mission for the creation of RDAs

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECORD**

Date July 1992 - Date Location. Brussels Company. European Association of Development Agencies - EURADA Position. Director Description. Responsible for the strategic development of EURADA, membership services, representation and lobbying on behalf of members= interests. Responsible for the management of pilot projects in the framework of EU programmes (RECITE, OUVERTURE, Community Developers, B2-600,

Date July 1992 - Date

Article 10 ERDF, PHARE, COOPME, PHARE Technical Assistance to Bulgaria, Leonardo, Business Angels, ...). Co-ordinator of various studies managed by the European Commission (DG V, DG X) and organiser of seminars dedicated to the training of the management of development agencies in the CEEC. Since 1999: organizer of the annual congress of CEEC RDAs Expert to DG Regio and DG Enterprise on issues concerning regional policy and entrepreneurship.

Date September 1986 - June 1992 Location. Brussels Company. Joint Office CEMR/IULA Position. Co-ordinator Description. Co-ordinator of joint office for two associations of regional authorities. Responsible for representation of members= interests.

Date February 1979 - August 1986 Location. Brussels Company. Standing Committee of the Glass Industry (CPIV) Position. Assistant to the Secretary General Description. Co-ordination of the Committee and EU lobbying for the glass industry.

### OTHER

External lecturer since 1990 at SUPDECO at Caen (F) for the Masters Course in Local Development and at the National School for the Regional Management at Montpellier (F) since 1991, as well as several other interventions for Belgian high schools.

Author of several Digests, Vade Mecum and other documents on EU Regional Development policy and funding available to cities and regions, as well as documents concerning management competencies for RDAs, economic development Tools.