



## Curriculum vitae

Head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs (FDEA)



### Personal details

Born in 1952 in Sumiswald (canton Bern)

Citizen of Hasle bei Burgdorf (canton Bern)

Married to Katharina Ammann; two children (born 1979 and 1981)

Studied electrical engineering at the ETH Zurich (1977 Dipl. El. Ing. ETH) and completed an MBA in 1982/83 from INSEAD in Fontainebleau/Paris.

Worked as a project manager at Oerlikon-Bührle in 1978. Joined the Ammann machine engineering firm in 1981, Chairman of the Board of the Ammann Group since 1987 and President and Delegate of the Ammann Group since 1990.

### Military

Colonel (General Staff), Commandant of Mountain Infantry Regiment 17 until mid- 2002.

### Politics

Member of the National Council for the FDP.The Liberals representing canton Bern from 1999 until 2010, member of the Committee for Economic Affairs and Taxation.

### Federal Council

Elected on 22 September 2010. Assumed office as head of the Federal Department of Economic Affairs on 1 November 2010.

### Previous mandates

President of the Swiss Engineering, Electrical and Metal Industry Association(Swissmem)

Management committee of economiesuisse (Vice-President)

Board member of Confederation of Swiss Employers

Board member of Trade and Industry Association of Canton Bern

Board member of Association of Swiss Businesses in Germany

Board member of Swatch and Belenos Clean Power Holding AG

Board member of Mikron (President)

Honorary Councillor of the ETH Zurich (since 21.11.2009)