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Markus Pikart holds a Master in Business Administration and Information and Communication Technology from University of Regensburg, Germany.

After his studies he worked in Germany for an Audit Company. In 1989 he joined the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva to develop the Automated System for Customs Data Processing (ASYCUDA). ASYCUDA has now been implemented in over 100 countries around the world.

In 1999 Mr Pikart joined the Trade Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to support the Centre for Trade Facilitation and electronic Business (UN/CEFACT), an intergovernmental body to develop standards, tools and recommendations for trade facilitation and electronic Business. Mr Pikart has been responsible for the development, publication and maintenance of leading eBusiness and trade facilitation standards and recommendations of the United Nations such as UN/EDIFACT, ebXML or the UNECE Recommendation on Single Window.

Mr Pikart is now responsible for the delivery of the capacity building and advisory services in trade facilitation and electronic Business in Europe, Africa and in Asia Pacific. As project manager he is leading technical cooperation projects to support UN member states in the formulation of trade facilitation strategies and the implementation of tools and technologies for simplification and automation including Single Window.

He has been recently working with the Greek Government in the implementation of a holistic, nation-wide trade facilitation reform programme. Together with ESCAP he launched UNNExT, a network to provide capacity building and advisory services for trade facilitation implementation to decision makers in the Asia and Pacific region.