

Paul Anciaux
European Commission, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space

In 1990 Paul Anciaux became Master of Political and Social Sciences at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He completed his military service in 1991.

He started his professional career in 1991 working for the Belgian branch of the multinational pay-television company, FilmNet (*later: Canal+*), where he was responsible for purchase management. In 1999 he continued his career as Purchase Manager, working for Intec, a company near Louvain which specialised in socio-medical software, and followed this with a brief period in 2001 with the pharmaceuticals company Nycomed-Christiaens in Brussels.

In September 2001 he joined the European Commission, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry. Until 15 May 2012 he was the policy officer responsible for the EU non-energy extractive industries. Paul was a driving force behind the development of the EU's raw material policy (i.e. the "EU Raw Materials Initiative"). During several years he also acted as Vice-President of the International Lead & Zinc Study Group and Chairman of the Environmental & Economics Committee of the International Nickel Study Group.

Since 16 May 2012 Paul has become Policy Officer responsible for the Defence Industries. As of 1 January 2020 he transferred to the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space. Within unit A.2 Paul is coordinating various outreach actions in support of defence SMEs, including the activities of the network of National Focal Points of the European Defence Fund as well as the European Network of Defence-related Regions.