

Adeline KROLL

Adeline Kroll was born in Brussels (19/10/1966). She is a marine biologist with a M.Sc. thesis from the University of Washington (Seattle, Fullbright Fellow) on the ecology, behaviour and population of harbour seals on Protection Island (Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington, US). While working on her thesis, she worked at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA, Seattle). She worked in various marine research stations in Belgium, France, Italy and in the Antarctic aboard the R.V. Polarstern to survey marine mammals and seabirds populations. She first joined the EC in 1994 at DG Environment and initiated the policy work on the Water Framework Directive. In the IPTS, a research centre from the EC (Sevilla, Spain), she worked on research projects related to socio-economic and ecological aspects of water management for agriculture and mining. With a team, she elaborated the first European data base on research and innovation (RI) policies in the Member States ("ERA Watch", now labelled the Research and Innovation Observatory). In 2007, she joined DG RTD (now RI) to work on the European universities policies and on the professional status of European researchers. Under Framework Programme 7 (2007-2013), she drafted the first funding programme for less performing countries in obtaining RI European funding ("widening" countries). In parallel, she organised seven annual presidency conferences Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE) involving networks to exchange best practices on research and innovation activities at the regional level. She now works on involving National Contact Points (NCP) to help researchers from widening countries to submit higher quality proposals for RI funding, while continuing to work on research and innovation widening policies.