



Born in 1950, Mr. Franz W A S C O T T E, Belgian nationality, studied law, and before he joined an insurance company with main activities in international trade (1974), he completed his expertise in the fiscal and tax domains. In 1976, he passed the competition to join the Belgian Court of audit. During his career as an auditor (1976 – 1998), he obtained secondments to different external activities. From 1982 to 1985, he participated in the external audit of the United Nations. His duties encompassed mainly the examination of the activities of UNRWA. This required several missions in countries in the Near-East, as well as audit activities in Vienna, at the HQ of the organisation. He was authorized in 1986 to serve as collaborator in some ministerial cabinets, and was appointed in 1990 as deputy director in the private office of the Vice-prime minister and Minister of Justice. In 1991, he was recruited to be an auditor by the International Board of auditors for NATO (IBAN). Besides his assignment to the verification of the NATO Security and Investment Programme, and the completion of financial audit missions, he actively participated in several performance audits. In 1997, he was appointed as principal auditor in the Belgian Court of audit. In July 1998, he was elected member of the Belgian Court of audit by the House of Representatives (Federal parliaments). He served more than 22 years as a member of the Court. He was admitted to retirement by the Parliament with effect 31 October 2020.

During his mandate as a member of the Belgian Court of audit, he was appointed as member or Chairperson of some European and international agencies and organisations: Organisation Conjointe de Coordination en Armements – OCCAr, Western European Union, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), European Defence Agency, as well as many national public enterprises: French speaking broadcast company (RTBF), cooperation and development Agency (ENABEL), ASTRID, BOZAR ...

He also participated in peer reviews in Romania and Hungary, as well as to the activities of the Contact Committee of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the European Union (2010 – 2018), and the Association of French speaking Supreme Institutions (AISCCUF).

He completed several technical missions in Africa (Benin, Burundi, Mauritania), and in some Balkans countries (Serbia, Bosnia). He organized and participated in numerous activities, commissions, and working groups, as well as several education sessions. He was in charge of the organisation of sessions with delegates of Parliaments, audit offices and technicians of foreign countries.

From 2000 to 2003, he served as Secretary General of the “European Evaluation Society”. He acted from 1994 to 1997 as an invited lecturer at the university St Louis in Brussels. He joined IBAN after his nomination by the Council, with effect from 1st December 2020.