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Key Competencies:

HR Leadership / Negotiator

- o HR Leadership Roles Interim
- Employee relations
- o Chief Negotiator
- Restructure / Transformation/ Company closure
- Company transfer processes
- Workers council negotiation /Union relations

Integration

- o M & A processes
- Due Diligence / HR processes
- Integration of new businesses
- o Employee relations / company agreements
- Communication
- Talent Management

Tools & HR IS

- o HR Tools Implementation (time tracking, workforce planning, payroll) and related processes
- Payroll & processes

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

since 02/2010

Managing Director joka HR Services Human Resources www.joka-hr.de Cologne, Germany

Project examples:

- 2021-2023 Chief negotiator / HR Project lead to lead the HR Workstream in a plant closure in Germany/nearby Berlin (tier 1 automotive) and transfer the knowledge and production to sister plants in Poland and China. Social Plan and Balance of Interest negotiation with works council and Union IG Metall (2021) and execution of terminations in 5 waves (2022-2024).
- 2020-2023 = **Chief negotiator** for the employer side in a collective bargaining negotiation - Glass industry with IGBCE
- 2020-2021 = **HR Director Germany** (Interim) in an industrial trading company in Halle/Westfalen (800 employees in Germany), workers council negotiations, staff reduction, social plan negotiation.
- 2019 = **HR Expert / Negotiator** within an Integration of a carvedout business unit into a global US company, tools & processes, works council involvement (600 employees in Germany, automotive tier 1 supplier).
- HR Project **Lead Carve out** activities **Transformation**, several carve out activities, Due diligence





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support during a transformation phase, workers council involvement in an international global industrial company (700 employees in Germany, automotive tier 1 supplier).

- 2018 = HR Project Lead Implementation of a new time tracking and workforce planning system in a technology corporation with 6 sites in Germany.
 - 2017 = Acting Plant Manager / Chief negotiator (Norwegian automotive tier 1 supplier) to lead the company closure in Germany and transfer the knowledge and production to a sister plant in Slovakia. Ensuring daily shipments to OEM customers. Leading Operations, Procurement, Sales & Customer Management, Transfer and the company closure, incl. social plan (negotiation with works council and Union IG Metall).
- 2014-2016 = Project Lead Integration (M&A) & Restructuring,
 2 plant closures and partial closures of German sites of an English / American company. Integration into existing structures, partly automotive (Tier 1 supplier), negotiations with the works council/Union IG Metall.
- 2012-2014 = Project Lead Integration (M&A) Interim HR
 Manager in an international global industrial company (120
 employees) integration after merger / acquisition,
 restructuring, negotiations with works council and union.
- 2012 = Support the worldwide roll-out of a **Bonus system / Performance System** in a global German industrial company with entities in 50 countries.
- 2011-2013 = **Workers council negotiations & Transformation** for a global supply chain company / Helathcare in Germany
- 2011-2012 = **Set up new German business** for a global telecommunication company
- 2010-2011 = **Outsourcing and Restructuring** of several departments in a worldwide Logistics Company (2500 employees in Germany)
- 2010 = **HR Transformation Analysis** in a German industrial cooperation with a multinational background (Portuguese parent company). Goal was the centralization or outsourcing of the HR department in the 5 branches in Germany to increase efficiency (1800 employees in Germany)
- 2010 = **Payroll analysis Europe** (Germany, UK, France and 12 other countries) for a global **Insurance** company. Goal was the centralization of the department in one hub in Europe. (app. 1000 employees in Europe)

05/2009 -01/2010

Senior HR Manager Central Europe Human Resources Russia, Poland, Czech, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany Switzerland Austria (appr. 450 employees)





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<u>www.electronic-arts.de</u> Electronic Arts GmbH in Cologne, Germany

- HR Business Partner for the **Management** and member of the **European HR Leadership Team**
- Managing the HR Team with up to 6 direct & indirect reports
- Responsible for all HR issues, mainly:
- Strategic HR decisions and plans
- Restructuring (2 main projects of redundancies and organizational restructuring)
- Responsible for **Planning (Budget and Headcounts)**
- Performance Management, Human Resources Development,
 Management Coaching
- Training & Development, **Leadership** competencies, Talent Planning, **Succession** Planning
- Act in discussion as a coach, conducting discussions
- Labour law issues, workers council
- Partner for HR Europe & International projects
- Extra Projects: Office closures, restructuring and redundancies, creating structure in the new region, local learning & development in the region, European projects, navigate the process of implementing a workers council from the employer side

10/2007 -04/2009

Senior HR Manager Human Resources Germany Switzerland Austria (appr. 350 employees) www.electronic-arts.de

Electronic Arts GmbH in Cologne, Germany

- HR Business Partner for the **Management** and member of the **European HR Leadership Team**
- Managing the HR Team with 5 direct & indirect reports
- Responsible for all HR issues, mainly:
- Strategic HR decisions and plans
- Restructuring (2 main projects of redundancies and organizational restructuring)
- Responsible for **Planning (Budget and Headcounts)**
- Performance Management, Human Resources Development, Management Coaching
- Training & Development, **Leadership** competencies, Talent Planning, **Succession** Planning
- Act in discussion as a coach, conducting discussions
- Labour law issues
- Landmark decisions in tax and social insurance, supervising the payroll
- Extra Projects: Restructure projects, Lay -offs, European harmonization strategies, implementing local learning & development in the region





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10/2005 -09/2007

HR - Advisor Human Resources Germany Austria (appr. 200 employees) www.electronic-arts.de Electronic Arts GmbH in Cologne, Germany

- **Substitute** for the HR Manager
- Full responsibility for the complete Recruiting for all positions
- Performance Management, Human Resources Development
- Administrative Support for all employees
- Act in discussion as a coach, conducting discussions
- Support in **Planning (Budget and Headcounts)**
- Support for HR projects
- Leaver support (interviews regarding the reasons for leaving, writing references)
- **Supervising the payroll** regarding general tax or social insurance matters and having an overview over the daily work
- Extra Projects: building a modern HR Structure in Germany, implementing payroll internally (ADP), implementing HR planning and control

09/2004 - 09/2005

Professional for International Assignment Services /**Human** Resources Solutions

www.deloitte.com

Deloitte & Touche GmbH in Düsseldorf, Germany

- Tax and social insurance advice for expatriates (inbound & outbound) in international companies
- **Expertise** regarding general tax or social insurance matters
- Reviewing employment contracts and relocation policies
- **Implementing expatriate systems** for international companies
- Extra Projects: building expatriate systems, advices

05/2001 - 06/2004

Experienced Payroll Accountant/Human Resources- Part time during my studies

www.bcg.de

The Boston Consulting Group GmbH in Düsseldorf, Germany

- Payroll advisory service and administration service for about 1300 employees
- **Implementing** several **Compensations & Benefit** Projects
- Intensive Cooperation with the departments **Career Development** and **Recruiting**

01/1998 - 02/2001

HR Generalist

Sachtleben Chemie GmbH, today Venator https://www.venatorcorp.com/ in Duisburg, Germany





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- Full responsibility for staff planning (Headcount) and budgeting
- Payroll advisory service for about 350 employees
- Implementing several Compensations & Benefit Projects
- Intensive cooperation with the workers council/union
- Tariff handling
- Recruiting
- Projects
- Human Resource Development
- Extra Projects: building a modern HR Structure, implementing new payroll (HRIS system (from Paisy up to SAP HR), creating Business Units, implementing HR planning and control

Education

10/2007 - 05/2008	Certification Thomas International /Thomas System: Business Assessment Tools
04/2000 - 08/2004	University studies: Economics with the main subjects Human Resources, Tax and Macroeconomics (international economic relations) Diploma / Master degree in economics at the University Essen, Germany
03/2003 - 04/2003	Internship with Yokogawa Corporation of America www.yokogawa.com/us/in Phoenix, Arizona/USA
09/1995 - 01/1998	Apprenticeship: clerk in an industrial company with the main part in Human Resources Sachtleben Chemie GmbH, today Venator Duisburg, Germany
1995	High School Diploma, general qualification for university entrance

Language & technical competencies

- **German**: native / **English**: fluent (C2)

- PC: MS-Office, various HR systems and tools