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The career of Bernard MAZIEN is developing along two lines. During the past 20 years on the one hand he worked in the academic world and on the other hand he has been involved in policy preparation and evaluation at different levels (from local to international) within the broader context of sustainable development as well focused on the environmental dimension. During his career, he gained experience to manage a multidisciplinary team and together in difficult circumstances to meet the formulated goals within the set time span and budget. At different times he has been chairman of meetings, project manager of a team or negotiator on behalf of the European Union, Belgium, the State Secretary, a department, the University.

By training Bernard MAZIEN is an Agricultural Engineer with a specialisation in hydrobiology. Afterwards he obtained a Master Degree as an Engineer in Environmental Sanitation. A few years later he finished his studies for a Postgraduate Degree in Development Cooperation with a specialisation in Economical Aspects. During almost 15 years he was intensively involved in inter- and multidisciplinary research in the context of sustainable development. He was one of the founders of the Centre for Sustainable Development at Ghent University and up to September 2004 he has been project leader. His own research domain has been focusing on indicators of sustainable development, sustainable consumption and production (inter alia integrated assessment of products and services (cf. Life Cycle Thinking)), issues related to climate changes and more specific on 'development and transfer of environmental sound technologies', strategic advice within the context of investment funds in sustainable development. Transitions through, inter alia, innovation is a central leitmotiv. Since 1998 he is a visiting professor at Ghent University and he was until 2008 - chairman of the Centre for Sustainable Development. He has been teaching also for ten years 'Ecology and sustainable designing and building' to students 'architecture' at a University College.

During his career he has been involved in policy preparation and evaluation at different levels of decision-making (local, regional, national, international) related to sustainable development as well as the environmental dimension. He started his career in the Public Service for Environmental Issues of the City of Ghent (1989-1990), where he was e.g. involved with the preparation of the attribution of environmental permits. Later (1995-1997) he worked as an expert for the State Secretary for Environment (and Sustainable Development) in the federal government. In this function he was in charge of the preparation of decision-making related to multilateral environmental agreements (inter alia UNFCCC) and sustainable consumption and production (inter alia integrated product policy). Next he moved to the Province of West-Flanders (1997-2000) as head of the Environmental Policy Service to prepare the first Provincial Environmental Policy Plan. Afterwards he was asked by the federal government to support the preparation of the Belgian presidency of the European Union especially concerning sustainable consumption and production (incl. integrated product policy) as well as climate change (in particular the 'development and transfer of environmental sound technologies'). From September 1st, 2004, till the end of 2007 he was the head of the Policy Unit in the cabinet of the State Secretary for Sustainable Development and Social Economy in the federal government.

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Now he is an independent consultant on 'sustainable development' with assignments related to 'monitoring and evaluation', 'life cycle assessment', 'technology transfer', 'education in sustainable development', etc. Furthermore he is a visiting professor at the Ghent University (B), Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Department of Third World Studies teaching a course on 'Sustainable Development' in an advanced master, next to guest lectures in other courses.

He has also a mandate as chairman of the 'Task Force on integration of social aspects into LCA' under the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative. During the period 2009-2010, he is the chair of the Annual Meeting of sustainable development experts in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Furthermore he is a member of different committees (sustainable innovation, sustainable higher education, sustainable investments).