



## **Mr Gerald Renner**

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Dr Gerald Renner was born in Graz (Austria) in 1967. His basic scientific training was in engineering chemistry at the Technische Universität Graz, where he graduated in 1993. After that he specialised in biochemical engineering and worked for his PhD at the Technische Universität Graz, and the Ecole Polytechnique de Montréal. He finished his doctoral studies on the bacterial production of biodegradable plastics in 1996.

After additional courses in animal cell culture techniques and immunology at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, he joined the Colipa scientific department at the end of 1996.

Since 2001 he is Cosmetic Europe's Director of Technical Regulatory & International Affairs.

Main areas of responsibility:

- Management of Cosmetics Europe's activities in the implementation of the new EU Cosmetics Regulation (having previously co-developed and co-ordinated Cosmetics Europe's technical input to the legislative codecision process).
- Application of the EU Cosmetics Regulation and its technical adaptations with an emphasis on ingredient defence and borderline of cosmetics to other EU legislations (e.g. REACH, Biocides, RAPEX).
- Responsibility for Cosmetics Europe's international alignment activities (China, Russia ICCR, ISO) and implementation of international dimension as a key component into all technical regulatory activities.

### **Keynote Speaker**

Thursday, 14 May 2020

**Topic:** Africa – Barriers to Trade from a Business perspective

### **Panel Discussion: Where to from here for Africa Harmonization and "Breaking Barriers in Africa"**

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**Topic:** Practicalities of global harmonized regulations/standards