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After studies of Law and Economics at the University of his hometown Würzburg and Bonn, Mr. Strohmeier started his career in 1979 as teaching assistant at the department of Civil and Commercial Law at the University of Würzburg. In 1980, he joined the Bavarian Liaison Office to the Federal Government in Bonn. Following a 2- years detachment to the Development Policy department of the European Commission, he established the Bavarian Information Office in Brussels and became its first director.

From 1987, he served in the three cabinets of Commissioner Peter Schmidhuber (Macroeconomics and Regional Policy, later Budget and Budget Control), helping implementing the 1. Delors-Package and establishing UCLAF, the predecessor of today's Antifraud Office OLAF. In 1995, Agriculture and Rural Development Commissioner Franz Fischler appointed him Deputy Head of his Cabinet. His main function was to prepare the inter- institutional ground for the 1. Fischler reform package for the Common Agricultural Policy.

Following a term from 2000 onwards as head of Division in DG Agriculture and Rural development during which he established a sustainable relationship with the Court of Auditors, he joined in 2003 the Cabinet of Commission President Prof. Romano Prodi as Adviser i.a. for industrial, agricultural and environmental policies. His main achievements have been closing the dispute on the REACH Regulation as well as the establishment of the European Defence Agency. From 2005- 2010, he served as Head of Commissioner Viviane Reding's 2. Cabinet (Telecommunication and Media). In this function he was instrumental for the adoption of roaming regulation and the successful negotiations of the 2. Telecom package.

Rudolf Strohmeier is alumni of the German Marshall Fund of the US, founding member of the Belgian- Bavarian Society, member of the Scientific Society for Middle Classes (Munich), editor of two books and author of various articles dealing with European policies.

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