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Peter Dröll is a lawyer by training with a PhD in German constitutional law and European law. After two years as lawyer in a regional law firm specialised on the law of contracts, he joined the European Commission where he held several positions.

He started as member of financial control, responsible inter alia for the Environment Institute of the Commission's Joint Research Centre in Ispra (IT). He continued in the legal unit of the Commission's Environment Department, with the remit to monitor and ensure transposition and implementation of EU environmental legislation. In the Environment Department he also worked on voluntary "Environmental Agreements".

With the opening of accession negotiations in 1998, he joined the Commission's negotiation task force as member of the Poland team. In this function, he was coordinator of the environment negotiations with all accession countries. At the end of the negotiations in 2002, he joined the Cabinet of Commissioner Günter Verheugen and was later on appointed Assistant to the Director General for Enlargement. In 2004, he was appointed as Head of Cabinet of the Science and Research Commissioner Janez Potočnik. In May 2008, he was appointed Head of the Innovation Policy Development Unit in the Commission's Enterprise and Industry Department.