

Matthias Altmann

Matthias Altmann has 20 years of experience in business and development with deep interest and understanding of how both can combine to help people escape poverty. Trained as an economist, he started his professional career in development cooperation as Business Development Manager at KPMG. He has worked with Fairtrade International as Head of New Markets, before joining the European Commission in 2011 as Policy Officer for private sector policy and engagement, where he developed, among others, the Commission's first private sector engagement strategy in EU development cooperation. He has advised major companies, development agencies and NGOs on sustainability strategies and private sector engagement before returning to the European Commission in 2019. He holds a PhD in development economics and has authored a book, "Contextual Development Economics".