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Current function

Brigadier General Kocherhans is the Military Representative to NATO and the EU at NATO headquarters in Brussels. He is responsible for Switzerland's military relations with NATO and the EU. He represents Switzerland's interests in NATO, including in the framework of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) programme. He reports to the Heads of Mission of the Permanent Representations of Switzerland to NATO and the EU.

Career

- 1999 Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, US Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, and National Training Center, Fort Irwin (USA)
- 2000 Lieutenant Colonel GS, class teacher for Logistics, Logistics Officer Candidate School, and head of Traffic & Transportation at the Armed Forces Training Centre
- 2001 Defense Logistics Agency, Battle Creek (USA), and Assigned Staff Officer assigned to the transportation troops
- 2002 Partnership for Peace Logistics Staff Officer, NATO headquarters, Brussels (BEL)
- 2003 Project manager for 'Interoperability, National and International Relations' and 'Logistics Concepts', Armed Forces Logistics Organisation
- 2004 Chief of Interoperability and International Relations, Armed Forces Logistics Organisation
- 2006 Colonel GS, Assigned Staff Officer assigned to the Chief of the Armed Forces
- 2008 Deputy Chief of Staff of the Chief of the Armed Forces and Chief of business affairs of the Chief of the Armed Forces
- 2009 Commander of the Maintenance Schools and Commander of the Military Training Area Lyss
- 2013 Chief of Logistics Requirements and Training (Doctrine, Training and International Relations), Armed Forces Logistics Organisation
- 2014 Assigned Staff Officer assigned to the Secretary General of the DDPS
- 2016 Chief of Staff, DDPS Asylum Accommodation Task Force
- 2017 Executive Officer of the Partner Interoperability Advocacy Group (PIAG), NATO headquarters, Brussels (BEL)
- 2018 Assigned Staff Officer assigned to the Military Representative, Brussels (BEL)
- 2020 Deputy Military Representative to NATO and the EU, Mission of Switzerland to NATO, Brussels (BEL)
- 2024 Brigadier General, Military Representative to NATO and the EU, Mission of Switzerland to NATO, Brussels (BEL)

Functions

- 1993 Commander of a division HQ staff company
- 1996 Substitute judge at a divisional court
- 1998 General Staff Officer in the staff of a territorial division
- 1999 General Staff Officer in the staff of an armoured brigade
- 2000 Commander of a transportation and movement control battalion
- 2003 General Staff Officer of a staff section
- 2004 General Staff Officer in the staff of the Armed Forces Logistics Organisation
- 2006 Assistant Chief of Staff in the Military Strategic Staff