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Paul Maier joined the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs), now EUIPO, in May 1995 as chief advisor to the President of the Office.

From 2000 until 2005 he has been responsible for the preparations of EUIPO in view of the enlargement of the EU and the coming into force of the Regulation on Community Designs.

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Since January 2013, Paul Maier has been appointed as the Director of the EUIPO Observatory. The department incorporates not only the EU Observatory on IPR Infringements, but also the service of the Chief Economist who is in charge of economic studies.