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Dr Christa Wirthumer-Hoche studied biochemistry and graduated at the Technical University, Vienna in 1981, she did her doctoral thesis at the Institute for Medical Physiology, graduating in 1983. She joined the Austrian National Institute for Quality Control of Drugs in 1983 until May 1998, focusing on the assessment of quality documentation. From June 1998 until December 2005 she was the Head of the Licensing Division for medicinal products, in the Unit for Pharmaceutical Affairs in the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women. Since the founding of the new Austrian Agency 1 January 2006 her position was Head of the Unit for Marketing Authorisation and Lifecycle Management of Medicinal Products and her current position is Head of the Austrian Medicines and Medical Device Agency at AGES Austrian Agency for Health & Food Safety. Since 1994 she has been involved in different European committees and working groups (CPMP/CVMP Quality Working Party, the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products (CPMP), MRFG, Notice to Applicants Group, in the PERF project). She was the Austrian delegate for the Coordination Group – Mutual Recognition and Decentralised Procedure human (CMDh), and also the chair of the Joint Working Group on ASMF-procedures, as well as a member of the European Risk Management Strategy Facilitation Group (ERMS). In Dec. 1999 she was appointed by the European Commission as Co-ordinator for the CTD Implementation in Europe (ICH-IWG). Currently as Head of the Austrian Agency she is a member of the Heads of Medicines Agency Group (HMA), Vice-chair of the EMA-Management Board and a member of the AGES Management Board. Together with EMA she is co-chairing the EU- Network Training Centre. She is a frequent speaker at numerous international and European meetings. Further she is a lecturer for post-graduate studies “Master of Regulatory Affairs” at the University in Vienna (Austria), in Bonn (Germany) and Copenhagen (Denmark).