

Reto Dürler Short bio

At the Universities of Basel and Geneva, Dr. Dürler studied Law, Contemporary History and Languages. In 1988 he passed the federal examination to the diplomatic service of his country. Subsequently he served in South Africa, Germany and in various functions at the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bern. Between 2000 and 2002, Dr. Dürler served as Head of the Division of International Affairs in the Federal Ministry of Health of Switzerland.

Dr. Reto Dürler has been the Head of the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office since 2005. In 2009 the Swiss Government appointed him Ambassador and Head of Delegation to the Central Commission of the Navigation on the Rhine which is the oldest international organization in Europe based on the so called Mannheim Convention which came into force in 1868. The Commission has its seat in Strasbourg/France. It stipulates the free navigation on the Rhine river for all its members (Switzerland, Germany, France, Netherlands and Belgium).