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Studied textile art in Holland and Finland in the 60s; initiated Workshop Hannover - Creativity Center in Germany in 1971, started Textilforum as an association and magazine in 1981; publisher of Textilforum magazine in 1986. Setting up of the European Textile Network (ETN) in 1990 (formal established under the patronage of the Council of Europe in 1993) with a Newsletter and annual (now bi-annual) meetings in 14 different European countries. Since 1999 organizer of the European Textile Routes. Today Secretary General of ETN and publisher of Textile Forum magazine (published in English since 1994). Jury member in many textile art exhibitions a.o. the Kaunas Biennial 2011 and lecturer in textile culture worldwide, a.o. in 2009 in Buenos Aires for the World Textile Art Biennial and in Costa Rica 2010 for the Red Textil Iberoamericana meeting in San Jose.