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Markku got his MSc in environmental protection at the University of Helsinki in 1994 and a PhD in environmental economics (institutional/ecological economics) at the University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France, in 2005. While carrying out his doctoral research, he also worked as a consultant, notably for the OECD Environment Directorate. Between 1995 and 2000 he worked for the Finnish Ministry of the Environment with climate negotiations and evaluation of environmental policies as his main areas of responsibility. In 1995, working as an intern at the UNEP Environment and Trade Unit, he carried out a study of the criteria used in eco-labelling schemes.