



**Karin Metzloff**

Karin Metzloff is executive director of the European Plant Science Organisation since its creation in 2000.

She works with the EPSO members and other partners to promote plant research in the European science policy agenda by providing advice and recommendations to politicians at European and national level. In addition she organizes conferences and workshops to bring together top scientists discussing cutting edge science and ideas for future research. Karin is a member of ELSF (European Life Sciences Forum) and ISE (Initiative for Science in Europe).

She is member of the Steering Council and the Executive Committee of the European Technology Platform “Plants for the Future”, which she coordinated from 2004 to 2008. She works together with her colleagues from industry, such as individual companies and ESA (the European Seed Association) and from the farming community (CopaCogeca, the European farmer organizations) who jointly published a vision and a strategic research agenda for the plant sector in Europe in the coming 20 years. Karin is now coordinating a joint initiative of nine technology platforms in the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy (KBBE) area to foster collaborations of all stakeholders across the food and feed and the non-food chains.

Karin has post-doctoral research experience at the John Innes Centre Norwich (on developmental biology and photorespiration), the Federal Health Office in Germany (on molecular biology of animal pathogen bacteria), the Martin-Luther University Halle (on molecular biology and plant species on natural and contaminated biotopes). She obtained her PhD and diploma at the Martin-Luther University Halle (plant genetics and molecular biology) and studied biochemistry there.