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Mag.a Petra Draxl, born in 1960 and originally from Styria, completed a dual degree in Pedagogy/Psychology/Sociology and Psychology/Neurology at Karl-Franzens-University in Graz. Following roles at the Children's Hospital Graz and teaching assignments at the university, she assumed the leadership of the youth employment project „Insel“ in Graz.

Professionally, Mag.a Draxl gathered experience not only as an independent consultant and at ÖSB Corporate Consulting and in the Austrian Public Employment Service, but also during a study visit to the EU Commission in Brussels. As an independent project manager and consultant, she operated in Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Bulgaria, and Serbia. In 1999, she assumed the role of Managing Director at ÖSB Corporate Consulting.

Prior to her appointment as Regional Director of the Public Employment Service Vienna on July 1, 2012, she served as the Head of Department for the European Social Fund, the European Globalization Fund, and the OECD Leed Program at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Consumer Protection. She has been a member of the Austrian PES Board since July 2023.