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Past President of the NAT Section of the European Economic & Social Committee (Brussels) dealing with issues relating to Rural development, Agriculture and the Environment. Brendan is a self-taught entrepreneur. He started his first business when he was nineteen years old. Since then he has developed and sold a variety of successful businesses. Presently, a partner with his son operating and managing their forestry harvesting and extraction business in the North of Scotland, he also owns and manages an export business specialising in Scottish products.

Over the past thirty years he has also represented the businesses sector on a variety of UK Government and EU committees. His special interests are in Tourism, operating businesses in rural remote and mountain areas, Vocational education and training and all aspects of the Environment especially the circular economy and how micro and small businesses engage in developing their operations to meet the changing needs of customers and legislation.