



Stephan's career in pharmaceuticals and biologicals spans 25+ years and since 2021, he is the Global Quality Lead for Supply Chain Projects at Lonza.

He holds a Master in Chemistry from the University of Leuven (Belgium) and started his career in pharma business at Janssen Pharmaceutica (J&J), where he held various QA positions in different domains with increasing responsibilities. Since 2000, Stephan has been dealing with suppliers and contract manufactures both in quality and operations.

His first position related to suppliers was at Janssen Pharmaceutica, where he started as an auditor. He then took more and more responsibilities, and became the Head of the Global Supplier Quality organization for small and large molecules. After Janssen Pharmaceutica, he was also leading the Global Supplier Quality Organizations at GSK Vaccines and at Lonza. In between he was the Director External Supply operations managing the operational activities for all contract manufactures for the global vaccines network at GSK.

During Stephan's career, he created several global organizations, developed, optimized and implemented several key corporate processes and managed international and virtual teams.

He emphasizes on meeting expectations for both suppliers and customers, by giving visibility throughout the whole supply chains, collaboration, and continuous improvement.

He has been involved since the first years of Rx-360, and has been supportive in the initial phase of the consortium by redacting and sharing already the first existing members' reports in 2009 – 2010. He was also the moderator of the observers working group at that time, and since the last few years in co-host the Supplier Quality working group.

He brought all companies he worked for on board of Rx-360, by demonstrating the added value of the consortium.

Due to Stephan's experience dealing with all contributors in the supply chain and his early involvement in Rx-360, he is in favor of information sharing concept as well as developing and harmonizing the processes to guaranty the supply chain integrity and quality / compliance of the provided materials.