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Until 2010 he was working in political positions. Dr. Kökény was elected to the Hungarian Parliament in 1994 and served there between 1994 and 2010. He was working in various government functions including Health and Welfare Minister (1996-98, 2003-4). In the Parliament he was the Chairman of the Health Committee (1998-2002, 2006-2010).

During his life-career his international activities covered a broad field of health promotion, environment and health and health care reforms as WHO, EU, OECD and World Bank consultant and speaker of major conferences. From 2008 until 2011 he served as a Member of the Executive Board of WHO, from 2010 he was the Chairman of the Board.

Dr. Kökény, a Hungarian citizen is a medical doctor specialized for clinical cardiology and has a degree from health care management and political sciences. In 2014 he co-edited the first ever textbook on health diplomacy in Hungarian.