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Status: divorced, two daughters Emmy and Ellen

Languages : Dutch, French, English, German, Spanish

Education:

- Master in Political and Social Sciences, Catholic University of Louvain, 1985
- Diplôme des Hautes Etudes Européennes, College of Europe, Bruges, 1986

Professional Experience:

- 1986-1987: parliamentary assistant, European Parliament, Brussels
- 1988-1989: traineeship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brussels
- 1990-1991: Second Secretary, Belgian Embassy, Bucharest
- 1991: Advisor European Affairs, Cabinet Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brussels
- 1991-1992: desk officer General Development Problems, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1992-1994: member of the secretariat of European Political Cooperation, Brussels
- 1994-1996: administrator security/defence matters, CFSP, EU Council Secretariat
- 1996-2000: coordinator (Mertens) Coreper I, Belgian PermRep to the EU
- 2000-2003: First Secretary, Belgian Embassy, London
- 2003-2004: Director EU external relations department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2004-2007: Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Brussels
- 2007-2011: Belgian Ambassador to the OECD, Paris
- 2011-2014: Secondment as Port Ambassador to the Port of Antwerp
- 2014-2018 Belgian Ambassador to the Netherlands, The Hague

Honorific Distinctions:

- Commandeur in de Kroonorde, Belgium
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- BeNeLux Europa Prijs

Hobbies: Cycling, Modern Art, Architecture, Photography