

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born Ghent, Belgium, 10 February 1937

### Education

Law degree (Ghent University 1960)

External study grants :

- July-August 1956 : Italo-Belgian Cultural Convention, Florence University ;
- July-August 1957 : Italo-Belgian Cultural Convention, Istituto Dante, Rome ;
- July-August 1958 : Institute of World Affairs (New York);
- July 1960 : Academy of International Law, The Hague ;
- August-September 1969 : US International Communication Agency (International Visitor Program) ;
- September-October 1982 : US International Communication Agency(International Visitor Program).

### Career

- November 1961 - April 1962 : Assistant Legal Adviser, Esso Belgium, Antwerp;
- April 1962 - September 1964 : Attached to Secretariat General of Banking Federation of the EEC;
- From September 1964 : Official of the Commission of the European Communities;
- September 1964-July 1967 : Administrator in Contracts Division of Euratom Directorate-General for Research and Education;
- August 1967-February 1968 : Assistant to Euratom Director-General for Research and Education;
- March 1968-December 1972 : Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Coppé;
- January 1973-December 1976: Member of Cabinet of VicePresident Hillery;
- January 1977-May 1977 : Chief Administrator in Secretariat General Division responsible for Chefs de Cabinet's meetings;
- June 1977-August 1977 : Member of Cabinet of Vice-President Davignon;

- September 1977-March 1980 : Head of Secretariat-General Division responsible for the General Report and other periodical reports;
- April 1980-July 1985 : Head of Secretariat-General Division for Relations with the Council (II);
- August 1985- September 2001: Secretariat-General Director for Relations with the European Parliament, the European Ombudsman, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and trade and industry.
- October 2001 - December 2004: Honorary Director General  
Special Adviser to President Prodi.
- January 2005 - : Honorary Director General  
Special Adviser to Mr. Ján Figel, Member of the Commission.

#### Other professional activities

Commission representative on the Board Council and on the Budgetary Committee of the European University Institute, Florence;

Member of the Executive Board of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe;

Lecturer at the "Scuola Superiore dell'Amministrazione dell'Interno" (Rome);

Lecturer at the Diplomatic School of Spanish Foreign Ministry (course on the European Communities), Madrid (from 1977 to 1991);

Chairman of the Cotignac's committee on Europe (Var, France) (from 1991 to 2001);

Member of the Board of the European Cultural Centre of the Halles de Schaerbeek.

#### Prizes and decorations

Winner of Giorgio Gigli Journalism Prize, Florence, 1957;

Officer of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, 1985;

Médal of honour of the Town of Cotignac, 1997.

*Chambrier de la Légion d'Honneur, 2005.*