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Birth place: Kortrijk
Nationality: Belgian
Marital status: Married, 3 children



Professional experience

Independent Consultant (SDP-Consult cv , website: www.SDP-Consult.eu)

05/2018 – on-going

Lecturing and offering advice on European affairs, Negotiations, Ocean Governance, Trade matters in general and Trade Defence in particular

SEAFO Swakopmund



Chair (2021-2022) SEAFO is an RFMO (Regional Fishery Management Organisation)

ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna)



Chairman (2014-2015) and **First Vice Chairman** (mandate until 2021). ICCAT is a Regional Fishery Management Organisation with 50+ contracting parties.

Chairman of the Kobe process, through which a better coordination between the five Tuna RFMOs is pursued.

European Commission (retired since 01/06/2018)



2011 – 05/2018: **DG Mare**

Director International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries (2017-2018)

Director International Affairs and Markets (2011-2016)

The directorate manages all International relations of DG MARE, including Multilateral and Bilateral relations and agreements, Strategic partnership relations, Trade agreements (incl. negotiations on tariffs) and the fight against Illegal Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.

2008 - 2011: **DG Trade**

Director of the Directorate for Trade Defence Instruments

This is a large directorate (170 staff) managing the instruments of Anti-dumping, Anti-subsidy and Safeguard Measures. TDI can be considered as a surrogate for international competition rules.

2007 - 2008: **DG Trade**
Director “Resources”, Economic Analysis en Strategic Planning

The existing directorate was expanded by two new functions: a “Chief Economist” and a unit for “Strategic planning”.

2005 - 2007: **DG Trade**
Director “Resources”, Institutional Relations, Communications policy and IT

2001 - 2005: **DG COMP**
Head of unit State Aid Telecom, Broadcasting, Health, Sports and Culture (2003 – 2005)
Head of unit “Resources” (2001 – 2003)

1997 - 2001: **DG External Relations**
Head of Unit Finance and Budget of the Service for External Missions

The Service developed the network of the external missions of the European Union. The unit managed a budget of 250 m €

1994 - 1997: **DG COMP**
Head of a Task Force “Aid in the new Länder” (1996 – 1997)
Deputy Head of Unit International Affairs (1994 – 1996)

Responsibility for negotiating the competition clauses in the Europe Agreements with the Central European Countries. The Task force evaluated the aid aspects of the privatisation cases in the new “Länder” of Germany.

1990 - 1994: **DG External Relations**
Head of Sector Finance and Budget (1993 – 1994)
North South Directorate (1990 – 1993)

1986 - 1990: **DG COMP**
General State Aid measures

National Bank of Belgium



1979 - 1986: **Head of division Department of Credit**

Army Service



1978 - 1979: **Commander of a Tank platoon**

University Antwerpen



1976 - 1979: **Assistant Accountancy, Strategic Management and Finance**

Academic

1991 – 2005: **Lecturer “Relations Monétaires Internationales”**
ICHEC-ISC, Brussel

2010- 2016: **Guest lecturer “Competitiviteit”, “Internationale Relaties” en
“Concurrentiepolitiek” EMBA program**
Universiteit Antwerpen

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nv, Leiden, 2017.

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Programmes Can Help Rationalize the Use of Trade Defence Instruments – An Illustration in the European
Union*, In: *Journal of World Trade* 46, no. 1, 2012 pp.61–82, © 2012 Kluwer Law International BV, The
Netherlands

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Current Economic Downturn*, In: *Global Trade and Customs Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 9, 2009, pp.293-300

S. DEPYPERE, *The Better is the Enemy of the Good*, In: *Global Trade and Customs Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 10,
2009, pp.305-312

Academic training

Short training sessions:

Universiteit Gent (faculty Bio Engineer) 2023 : “Blue science and technology Summer training”

Harvard University 2006 : “The practice of Trade Policy”;

INSEAD 2003 : “International Project Management”;

London Business School 2007: “Strategic Talent Management”;

UAMS 2002 “Change management” 2003 “Onderhandelen met lastige en listige opponenten”

2022-2023: **Postgraduate studies in Blue resources for the Blue Economy** (“Master after master”)
Universiteit Gent and Atlantic Technology University Galway

1981-1982: **Master of Science in Business Engineering (mCL)**
EHSAL, Brussel

1972-1976: **Master in Applied Economics (cL)**
Universiteit Antwerpen

1966-1972: **Secondary: Latin Science**
St Amandscollege Kortrijk

Skills

Languages

Mother Tongue/excellent: Dutch, French (officially bilingual in Belgium), English, German.

Good: Spanish

Understanding: Italian