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Working visit to Portugal
and Spain by a delegation
of the Standing Committee
on European Affairs of the
House of Representatives of
the Netherlands

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Dear reader,

A delegation of seven members (of four political parties) of the Standing Committee on European Affairs of the Dutch House of Representatives is enjoying your hospitality in the frame of its working visit to Portugal and Spain. We look forward to interesting discussions and visits and we hope you will find this short description of the delegation members useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a long, horizontal stroke that tapers to the right.

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Delegation leader
Deputy chairman of the Standing Committee on
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Committees

- Contact group Germany
- Defence
- European Affairs
- Economic Affairs
- Infrastructure and the Environment
- Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
- Housing and Kingdom Services

Education

- Development economics and environment, Agricultural university Wageningen, until 1994

Career

- Brandmanager (marketing strategy), NV Unilever, 's-Hertogenbosch 1998-2002
- Advisegroup manager environment and durability, Advise and engineering bureau DHV, Amersfoort 2002-2006
- Director/owner and advisor public affairs and corporate communication, EPPA 's-Gravenhage since 2004
- Chief commercial officer, AgroFair, Barendrecht 2006-2007 (e.g. sales under the brand Max Havelaar)
- Member of the committee election programme, city council 's-Hertogenbosch 2001-2002
- Chairman VVD-committee Environment and Durability 2002-2007
- Member of the board VVD department Amersfoort 2003-2006
- Personal secretary of mr. Bolkestein 1994- 1998



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Committees

- Contact group Germany
- Finance
- Public Expenditure committee
- Kingdom Relations
- The Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council
- European Affairs
- Economic Affairs
- Social Affairs and Employment

Education

- Pre-university education
- Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam (not completed)

Career

- Member of city district council for VVD Kralingen-Crooswijk, municipality of Rotterdam 1992-1998
- Communication consultant, BIKKER Communication, Rotterdam 1997-2000
- Communication consultant, Dröge&Van Drimmelen, The Hague 2000-2004
- Member and vice-chairman of the board, VVD 1999-2005
- Member of city council for VVD, municipality of Rotterdam 2002-2007
- Head of Communication, Knowledge Centre for Large Cities/NICIS Institute 2004-2006
- Political assistant to Minister Zalm of Finance 2006-2007
- Alderman (economy, seaport and environment), municipality of Rotterdam 2007-2009



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Committees

- The Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council
- Foreign Affairs
- Contact group Belgium
- Defence
- European Affairs
- Economic Affairs
- Finance
- Public Expenditure committee
- Dutch parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe
- Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Education

- History and Philosophy, Catholic University Nijmegen 1994-2000

Career

- Member of city council for VVD, municipality of Grubbenvorst (later Venlo) 1998-2000
- Management consultant, Deloitte & Touche 2000-2005
- Member of city council and fraction chairman for VVD, municipality of Venlo 2001-2006
- Member of Provincial States Limburg 2003-2007
- Alderman economic affairs and finance, and deputy mayor, municipality of Venlo 2006-2011
- Member Provincial Executive Limburg 2011-2012



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Committees

- Foreign Affairs
- Defence
- European Affairs
- Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
- Public Expenditure committee, Security and Justice

Education

- Doctorate political science, University of Amsterdam 1994
- MBA, European University 1996

Career

- Intern European Commission 1994
- Assistant CDA fraction, European Parliament 1994-1996
- Employee at embassy in San José, Costa Rica and Beijing, China and Head of Consular affairs and Head of Migration policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1996-2012



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Committees

- Finance
- Public Expenditure committee
- Social Affairs and Employment
- Housing and Kingdom Services

Education

- Pre-university education, Wessel Gansfort College, Groningen 1995-2001
- Doctorate general economics (cum laude), University Groningen 2001-2007

Career

- Weekend- and holiday assistant, nursing home Innersdijk 1998-2002
- Member of Provincial States for PvdA, province of Groningen, portfolio physical infrastructure, Zuiderzeelijn, tourism and recreation 2003-2007
- Student-assistant, research project 'Reforming Social Security' (graduation essay), University Leiden 2006-2007
- Coordinating policy officer, direction General Financial and Economical Politics (AFEP), Ministry of Finance 2008-2012
- PhD research, research project 'Reforming Social Security', University Leiden 2007-present (unpaid since Sept 2012)



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Committees

- Finance
- Foreign Affairs
- Defence
- European Affairs
- Public Expenditure committee
- Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

Education

- pre-university education, Atheneum College Hageveld, Heemstede 1981-1988
- Highschool, American Highschool, Bangkok 1982-1983
- Economics, University of Amsterdam 1988-1994

Career

- NZH internship 1993-1994
- IBM Credit Card Billing Development 1995-1997
- Employee at Vrije Universiteit bookstore 1995
- IBM Global Services Deployment 1997-1998
- Advisor, Bortiboll Communications 1998-1999
- CSC 1999-2002
- Policy officer Finance, SP Tweede Kamerfractie 2006-2012



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Committees

- The Benelux Interparliamentary Consultative Council
- Interior
- European Affairs
- Petitions committee
- Security and Justice
- Housing and Kingdom Services
- Foreign Affairs
- Economic Affairs
- Procedure Committee
- Kingdom Relations

Education

- Primary school, Poeldijk
- Agricultural secondary school, Gouda 1982-1985
- Business administration, Hogeschool Delft 1985-1989
- Public administration, University of Amsterdam 1989-1991
- PhD, University of Leiden 1992-1996

Career

- Policy officer D66 fraction, House of Representatives 1988-1990
- Member of city council, municipality of Dordrecht 1990-1998
- Alderman municipality of Dordrecht (safety & security, regional cooperation Drechtsteden, arts, personnel & organisation, governmental development, Large Cities Policy (GSB), media) 1994-1998
- Project leader, Public Domain (developing and implementing learning tracks for administrators and civil servants) 1998-2001
- Advisor and project leader, Boer & Croon management consultants 1999-2001
- Managing director, Large Cities Knowledge Centre 2001-2007
- Member of the Senate 2003-2010
- Chairman of the Board, Nicis Institute (Dutch Institute for City Innovation Studies) 2007-2010
- Chairman D66 fraction, Senate 2007-2010

STAFF



Mendeltje van Keulen

Secretary to the delegation

Clerk of the EU affairs committee, EU-staff co-ordinator

Education:

- PhD University of Twente, dissertation on Dutch EU policy making, 'Going European Going Dutch' (Amsterdam University Press, 2005)
- MA EU Politics and Administration, College of Europe, Bruges
- MA EU Politics and Administration, University of Twente

Career:

- EU advisor/ clerk EU Affairs Committee Tweede Kamer 2009 - present
- Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) 2007-2009
- Netherlands Institute for International Relations Clingendael 2001- 2009

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