

# **Curriculum Vitae**

### Family life

- Born in Hasselt (Belgium) on 10 August 1958
- Married with Christine Verdingh since 1979 and father of two children: a daughter (\*1981) and a son (\*1983)

#### **Education**

- Social sciences (Genk, Belgium)
- Labour and social consultant at Syntra (Hasselt, Belgium)

## Military career

- Joined the Belgian Armed Forces in March 1979 as a short term soldier NCO training in 1981 (Field Artillery)
- Served in the 17<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion in Altenrath (Germany)
- Transferred in 1984 to the General Headquarters in Brussels until 1991
- Nominated in the different NCO ranks and nominated Chief Warrant Officer in March 2006
- Off duty as of 1 April 2012

## Former professional occupation

- Advisor Human Resources and Education at the cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Defence Pieter De Crem from January 2012 till October 2014
- Administrator delegated by the MoD at the Belgian Veteran Institute from January 2012 till October 2014
- Policy Officer at the cabinet of the Belgian Secretary of State for Foreign Trade Pieter De Crem from October 2014 till December 2018
- Advisor at the cabinet of the Belgian Minister for Home Affairs and Security Pieter De Crem as of December 2018 till October 2020

#### **Association career**

- Delegate in 1987 and spokesman in the "national advisory council"
- National Secretary of the Belgian NCO trade union in May 1989
- Founding member of the Belgian all ranks trade union ACMP-CGPM in 1991
- Secretary General ACMP-CGPM from 1991 till end of November 2011
- Administrator and former Vice President of the "Central Service of Social and Cultural Action" from October 1999 till April 2003 and from June 2009 till end of November 2011
- Administrator and former Vice-President of the Belgian Veteran Institute from April 2003 till April 2007 and from April 2009 till end of November 2011



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- Presidium Member for ACMP-CGPM from 1998 till his election as Board Member in 2000
- Elected Board Member of EUROMIL in 2000 (Nyborg, Denmark) and 2004 (Budapest, Hungary)
- Elected President of EUROMIL (September 2006 in Berlin, Germany)
- Re-election as President of EUROMIL (November 2008, October 2012 and October 2016 in Brussels, Belgium)