

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE

Energetic and powerful personality, holding a balance between political, administrative and commercial skills. Concerned with content and morally driven. Balance between reflection and action. Quick if needed, but patient when that is required. Pragmatic, result driven professional. Strong in networking. Strong analytical insights. Structured time manager. Nevertheless, also a hedonist.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Current Consultancy, chairmanships, commentary, supervision.
- 2008-2017 House of Representatives, Dutch Parliament (VVD Party)
Position: MP
- Portfolios: Economic affairs, Education, Infrastructure (roads), Aviation, Media.
 - Chairman: Temporary commission ICT; Contact group France; Construction supervision group.
 - Vice-chairman House of Representatives; member of the Presidium.
 - Secretary VVD Party.
 - Member Parliamentary investigation committee Fyra.
- 2000 – 2008 Elias Advies - Elias Communicatie
Position: Founder / Director
- Elias Advies: Strategic assignments concerning communication and coaching top directors business community.
 - Elias Communicatie: Implementation of communication tasks.

- 1995 – 2000 Aegon
 Position: Director of Communication
- Leading Direction of Communication: leading several Directions, including sponsoring, advertisement and public relations.
 - Responsible for a budget of approximately 40 million guilders.
- 1990 – 1995 Freelance journalist and communications professional
 Journalist for several Dutch newspapers and broadcast corporations, including RTL, Parool, Elsevier and NOS radio. Furthermore chairmanships, interview coaching.
- 1989 TV-10 / Joop van den Ende
 Position: Chief Parliamentary editorial staff.
- 1982 -1989 NOS (Dutch Broadcast Foundation)
 Position: Parliamentary journalist and editor for TV Show concerning Politics in The Netherlands
- 1977 – 1982 University of Amsterdam
 Position: Journalist and editor University magazine Folia Civitatis

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1974 V.W.O.-certificate The Hague (Atheneum;Dalton Voorburg)
- 1974 – 1980 Political Science University of Amsterdam (BA, not completed)
- 1996 INSEAD (short business course via Aegon-University)

OTHER

November 2016: Decoration ‘Chevalier dans la légion d’honneur’, high and honourable decoration handed out by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of France (Ayrault) because of extraordinary merits concerning the Dutch-French relationship

FURTHER INFORMATION

In conclusion I am of the opinion to have had three interesting careers: a journalistic career (varied, both writing and making radio/television for 18 years), a business career (also in two parts: manager at Aegon and director of my own companies; 13 years) and a political career (again two themes: various portfolios in the spotlights, but also a lot of work to improve the functioning of the House of Representatives behind the scenes; 9 years).

I started in 1977 at Folio Civitatis, the independent weekly magazine of the University of Amsterdam, giving me a solid 'education' in the journalistic profession. Quickly afterwards, I became the chief editor, and as a result I had to keep watch over the yearly budget of 3 million guilders and the human resource department.

At Den Haag Vandaag ('The Hague Today', 1982) I built up an enormous network and was responsible for the daily television coverage of the Dutch Parliament.

The period (1989) at Joop van den Ende was especially character building, as he set up TV-10, a television channel that did not succeed due to political opposition.

Afterwards, being a freelance journalist that followed until 1995 was an interesting and particular varied time. For instance, I look back with great pleasure to the election debates that I led in 1994.

At Aegon an extraordinary informative period of my life (1995-2000) started, especially in the field of management and refining my business sense. Every year I was in the top-5 of the Balanced Score Card of Aegons' Management top-40. Furthermore, I was able to solve the very delicate question of the 'Jewish insurance contracts', a remainder of World War II.

I have very much enjoyed the entrepreneurial life during the times I founded, expanded and sold my companies (2000-2007).

The Dutch House of Representatives was a worthy end to my career, in which I have used my qualities consciously for the public good. It is no secret that I would had liked to continue my membership of the House of Representatives.

PRIVATE INFORMATION

Raised in a liberal, intellectual environment with a strong societal commitment.

Married to Monique de Vos, director of Chasse, an executive search company based in The Hague; two grown-up children (Suzanne 25 and Erik 22).

Hobbies: ocean sailing, sporting (including cycling), wine, cooking, reading (biographies and fiction), visiting concerts and theatre; playing piano, our second home in France.