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Date of birth 1951
Nationality Dutch

Professional history

2019 - present Parliamentary leader of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA),
Senate (1st Chamber), Netherlands

2015 – present Member of the Dutch Senate (1st Chamber) for the Christian-Democrat Appèl (CDA) party

2014 Chairman of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA) Programme Committee during the
European Parliament elections

2013 – 2016 Director General of the European Investment Bank

2010 – 2012 State Secretary for Foreign Affairs – European Affairs and Development Cooperation

2008 – 2010 Member of the Scientific Council for Government Policy

2008 – 2010 Endowed Professor for Media and Quality at the Radboud University, Nijmegen

1999 – 2006 Member of the Board (Book Division) of PCM Publishers
(now part of De Persgroep Nederland)

1977 – 1999 Editorial and correspondent activities for the NRC Handelsblad Internationaal (NL)
and
2006 – 2008

Education

Advanced studies, financial and operational accounting, Catholic University of Tilburg (NL),
PhD (Arts), Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

Scholarship, International Economics, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,
Medford/Somerville (USA)

Studies and PhD, Modern History, Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

Supervisory and management board positions held outside the group

Member of the Supervisory Board of the Leiden Asia Centre

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Nuclear Research and Consultancy Group (until
April 2020)

Chairman Novamedia Foundation