

Curriculum Vitae - Philippe De Backer

Personalia

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Married to Marie-Elisabeth Bellefroid, 2 children

Education

- PE Executive course – Wharton Business School (2019)
- MBA - Solvay Business School (2012)
- PhD in Biotechnology, Ghent University (2009)
- Postgraduate Biosafety in Plant Biotechnology, Ghent University (2010)
- Master in Molecular Medical Biotechnology, Ghent University (2005)
- Master in Biotechnology, Ghent University (2004)

Professional career

Minister in the Belgian Federal Government (2018-2020)

Responsible for Digital Agenda, Telecom and postal services charged with administrative simplification, fight against social fraud, privacy and the North Sea.

Responsible during the COVID-crisis for the Belgian Taskforce on medical supplies and testing

State Secretary in the Belgian Federal Government (2016-2018)

Responsible for fight against social fraud, privacy and the North Sea.

Realisations:

- Re-building the strategic stock of medical equipment and allowing Belgium to increase test-capacity 30-fold
- Reducing state subsidies by 5bn Euro for offshore windfarms
- Setting up a Marine Spatial Plan for the North Sea through stakeholder management and participation
- Reform of Social inspection services and doubling income from fight against social fraud
- Implementation of GDPR and reform of Belgian DPA

Member of the European Parliament for Open Vld - Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (Alde) - 2011-2016

Committees in Parliament:

- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
- Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
- Committee on Transport

Delegations in Parliament:

- Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China
- Delegation for relations with Latin America

Realisations:

- Reports on access to finance for SMEs, Capital Markets Union, Horizon2020 and EU fund for strategic investment.
- Reports on liberalising railway market in Europe, access to port services and improving road transport
- Reports on VC- and long-term investment funds, green-growth strategies for SMEs and international trade relations
- President of the IPO Task Force delivering report on the role of IPOs in the EU Capital Markets approach of the EU commission

Analyst - Vesalius Biocapital - Luxemburg (2009-2011)

Market, scientific and IP research during due diligence process. Writing of business plans. Involved in fund raising and deal flow management.

Technology Transfer Officer - CRP-Santé - Luxemburg (2009-2011)

Setting up of technology transfer capabilities for CRP-Santé and international cooperation. Scanning and securing IP from research. Valorising IP through licensing and start-up venturing.

Languages

Dutch – mother tongue

English – fluent

French – fluent

Other

Coach and advisor for PEP VZW – coaching of Antwerp based youngsters

Member of the Board of De Singel, Antwerpen (2015-2017)

Guest Lecturer at Oxford University on “Innovation in European politics”

President Jong VLD National, 2007-2010

Member of the Municipal Council of Kapellen, 2006-2009

Member of the Board, Ghent University, 2002 - 2004

Member of the Board, Associatie Ghent University, 2003 - 2004

Harvard Worldmun Diplomacy Award (2004)