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**DATE OF BIRTH:**


20/06/1969


## CONTACT

Nationality: Belgian

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**15/07/2018 - CURRENT** – Oostende, Belgium

### Community Manager

De Blauwe Cluster (Blue Cluster) vzw

Daily operational management of the cluster organisation

Stakeholder management

Business development

Communication

Events planning and organisation

International relations

**01/01/2014 - 15/07/2018** – Brugge, Belgium

### General coordinator maritime economy

West-Flanders Economic Development Agency

- Member of the management team.
- Representation of the organization in the board of innovation and incubation centers, knowledge institutes, science parks, etc. (for instance GreenBridge, the Flanders Marine Institute, Flanders' Maritime Cluster, VLAKWA, ...).
- Develop and implement provincial economic policy with regard to stimulating the maritime economy. Coastal defense in combination with renewable energy, storage and aquaculture is seen as an important opportunity for the economy of West Flanders (cf. Vision West Flanders 2030).
- Cluster manager of Flanders 'Maritime Cluster, network organization for the Flemish marine and maritime industry. The cluster had 120 members, 90% of whom were private companies. Financial management, strategy development, cooperation with local and foreign partners, organization of activities for cluster members, initiating and applying for projects, representation of the cluster and team management. This cluster has merged with the Blue Cluster in 2018.

**01/04/2007 - 31/12/2013** – Brugge, Belgium

### Head of innovation department

West-Flanders Economic Development Agency

- Member of the management team.
- Representation of the organization in the board of innovation and incubation centers, knowledge institutes, science parks, etc. (for instance GreenBridge, the Flanders Marine Institute, Flanders' Maritime Cluster, VLAKWA, ...).

- Responsible for the implementation of the organizational objectives of the knowledge, innovation and technology department, through own activities, cooperation agreements with external partners and participation in European projects.
- Managing and following up of the team within the department.
- Initiate, prepare and implement projects within the Interreg programs.
- Networking with relevant actors in West Flanders and beyond.
- Organization of various strategic fora, such as the Innovation Council West Flanders.
- Follow-up of cross-border innovation platforms Euregio Scheldemond and Eurometropolis Kortrijk-Lille-Tournai.

01/02/2006 - 31/03/2007 - Brugge, Belgium

## ● **Project manager sustainable business parks**

West-Flanders Economic Development Agency

- Project manager of the Interreg IIIA project "Business park management".
- Coordination of the team working on sustainable business parks and the start-up of a consultation group with other Flemish actors active in this domain.

Publications:

- C. Block, B. Van Praet, T. Windels, I. Vermeulen, G. Dangreau, A. Overmeire, E. D'Hooge, T. Maes, G. Van Eetvelde, C. Vandecasteele, Toward a Carbon Dioxide Neutral Industrial Park, A Case Study, Journal of Industrial Ecology. Vol 15, issue 4, p. 584-596 (2011)
- "Addressing the barriers of sustainable business cooperation: the alternative triple P", in: Proceedings of "Innovation for sustainable production (i-sup)", 25 april 2008, Brugge.

01/12/1999 - 31/01/2006 - Gent

## ● **Senior environmental, health & safety advisor**

Aecom Belgium

- Coordination of soil and groundwater investigations and supervision of soil remediation.
- Conducting environmental due diligence audits and conformity audits.
- Coordination of (international) audit teams. Training followed in Atlanta (USA).
- Business development, incl. preparation of quotes and invoices.
- Project management, training and management of project staff.
- Prevention advisor of URS Belgium.
- Teacher of the 3-day course "(Personal) Safety at Soil remediation", Lucina (postgraduate education KU Leuven), November-December 2003.

01/10/1995 - 30/11/1999 - Antwerpen, Belgium

## ● **Project manager**

Arcadis Belgium

Project manager of soil and groundwater investigations

01/02/1995 - 30/09/1995 - Gent, Belgium

● **Quality manager**

Centraal Laboratorium

Implementation of a quality control system in a clinical laboratory

01/11/1992 - 30/11/1994 - Gent, Belgium

● **Research engineer**

Ghent University

Scientific staff member at the Center for Microbial Ecology and Technology, led by Prof. dr. Dr. ir. Willy Verstraete

Publications:

- Overmeire A., P. Lens en W. Verstraete. Mass transfer limitation of sulfate in methanogenic aggregates, Biotechnology and Bioengineering. Vol. 44. p. 387 - 391 (1994);
- De heyder B., A. Overmeire en W. Verstraete. The removal of ethene from a synthetic waste gas using a dry activated carbon biobed, Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Vol. 44. p. 642 - 648 (1994).

01/01/2010 - CURRENT - Oostende, Belgium

● **Board member**

Flanders Marine Institute

Active member of the governing board of the Flanders Marine Institute. The Flanders Marine Institute promotes marine knowledge creation and excellence through sound interdisciplinary research about the ocean, seas, coast and tidal estuaries.

01/01/2011 - 24/09/2018 - Oostende, Belgium

● **Board member**

Flanders' Maritime Cluster

Member of the governing board of Flanders' Maritime Cluster

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/10/1987 - 30/06/1992 - Gent, Belgium

● **Master in Chemical Engineering (ir.)**

Ghent University

01/01/2002 - 30/06/2002 - Brugge, Belgium

● **Basic Safety Advisor**

Syntra West

- **Microbial ecology**

Ghent University

- **Environmental law**

Ghent University

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

**MOTHER TONGUE(S):** Dutch

### English

Listening  
**C1**

Reading  
**C1**

Spoken  
production  
**C1**

Spoken  
interaction  
**C1**

Writing  
**C2**

### French

Listening  
**B1**

Reading  
**B1**

Spoken  
production  
**B1**

Spoken  
interaction  
**B1**

Writing  
**B1**

### German

Listening  
**A1**

Reading  
**A1**

Spoken  
production  
**A1**

Spoken  
interaction  
**A1**

Writing  
**A1**

## DIGITAL SKILLS

Outlook | Google Drive | Social Media | Zoom | Microsoft Teams | DropBox | MS Office suite (Word Excel PowerPoint Outlook SharePoint)