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Short Curriculum vitae

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Educational history

- Masters Degree in Sociology and Demography, K.U.Leuven university, Belgium, 1985
- Masters Degree in Teaching Social Sciences, K.U.Leuven university, Belgium, 1985
- Masters Degree in Urban and Spatial Planning, K.U.Leuven university, Belgium, 1986
- PhD in Social Sciences, K.U.Leuven university, Belgium, 2002

Professional history

Academic

- Director of a scientific research program in Urban and Regional Planning and visiting Professor in Urbanism at the University of Guayaquil (UCSG), Ecuador, 1990-1994.
- General coordinator of the Planning and Management Research Centre and visiting professor at the Faculty of Architecture and the Higher Masters Education Centre at the UMSS-University, Cochabamba, Bolivia, 1999-2002
- Visiting professor at K.U.Leuven university, Department of Architecture and urbanism (partim), 2002-present

Civil servant

- Director of the Heritage Division of the Flemish Ministry of Urban and Regional Planning, Brussels, Belgium (2003-2007) and representative of the Flemish Government on heritage issues at the Council of Europe (CD-PAT) and UNESCO (World Heritage), 2004-2007.
- Deputy Flemish Government Architect (temporary mandate) and director of the Flemish Government Architect's team, Brussels, Belgium (2008-2010).
- General coordinator Real Estate Policy, Flemish Government, Administrative Affairs Department, Brussels, Belgium (2007-present)
- Transition manager Flemish Sustainable Cities (2011-present)

Private

- Haskoning Engeneering and Architects, expert spatial planning projects in Colombia and Ecuador (1993-1995)
- Regional Government of Liepaja (Latvia): methodological support on regional spatial planning issues 1998-1999.
- Regional government of Klaipeda-Taurage (Lithuania): Visiting expert for the 'Regional Spatial Planning process', 2003.
- UN-HABITAT, Visiting expert for the United Nations Habitat project 'Localizing agenda', 2003 and evaluation expert for the Sustainable cities and Localising agenda 21 programs for the Latin American and African projects, november 2005 - March 2006.
- Interreg IIIC program, expert for the GRIDS-project on Spatial planning guidelines in Wales, Ireland, Lithuania and Latvia, 2003-2005 and of the CULTURED-project on Cultural heritage and regional development (2005-2007).
- Council member (1997-1999) and president (2004-2006) of the Flemish Society of Spatial Planners (VRP).
- Jury member of the 2006 and 2012 European Planning Award (EC-ECTP). Official Flemish Planning Association (VRP) delegate at ECTP Council of European Planners (2005-present).
- President of several - internationally launched - 'Open Call' juries for development projects, organized by local governments in Flanders, including the construction of administrative centers, jailhouses, schools, various sports, cultural and transport infrastructures and spatial development plans.

Languages:

- Mother tongue: Dutch
- Fluent in writing and speaking: English, French and Spanish
- Working knowledge of German