



**Annemie Turtelboom**Born in Ninove, Belgium, in 1967.

## **Education:**

Annemie Turtelboom graduated from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in 1993 with an MA in Economics, having previously obtained a Teaching Certificate from the Guardini Institute in Antwerp in 1988.

## **Professional experience:**

Annemie Turtelboom started her political career as a member of the Belgian Federal Parliament (2003-2007), after teaching marketing for 10 years as a lecturer in Leuven. She served as Minister of Migration (2008-2009) and Minister of the Interior (2009-2012) in the Belgian federal government. She then served as Minister of Justice (2012-2014), overseeing the abdication of Albert II, King of the Belgians, and the investiture of King Philippe. While holding these positions, she represented the Kingdom of Belgium in the EU's Justice and Home Affairs Council, over which she presided in 2010.

After serving as Deputy First Minister and Minister of Budget, Finance and Energy in the Flemish regional government (2014-2016), she returned to the Belgian Federal Parliament, where she was an active member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs until April 2018.

Annemie Turtelboom has spoken extensively on topics related to security and migration in Europe at the United Nations, in Washington, D.C. and in various European capitals.

## Other activities:

Until April 2018, Annemie Turtelboom held a number of offices in the Antwerp area, including as a member of the City Council of Antwerp and of the Port of Antwerp's Board of Directors since 2012, as well as in the Municipality of Puurs. In 2010, Annemie co-authored a book entitled "De toekomst kan elk moment beginnen" (The future can begin at any time).