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She studied Law at KU Leuven where she had her first job at the Law Faculty. Prior to her political career, she was working for UNIZO for more than 10 years (SME representative organisation). After that, she served as a member of the European Parliament (1991-2014) and as vice-chair of the Economic Committee. She was also the party leader of the Flemish Christian-Democratic Party (CD&V) and the Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament.