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Profile

- Generalist, environmental policy. Areas of expertise: waste, natural resources, horizontal (monitoring & reporting, EU accession, EU governance)
- Creative, analytical, strategic thinker.
- Networker, inspiring and motivating.
- Politically sensitive, keen on noticing significant developments and opportunities.
- Good at switching between different levels of influence and decision-making, at home in different cultures.

Experience

Foxgloves Consultancy (founder/owner)

January 2014 –present: Policy analysis and advice. Specialties: circular economy/natural resources management, sustainable procurement, EU institutions and EU policy-making.

Projects

Participation in EU governance project Make it Work (2015).

My contribution consisted of analysis, advice, organization of a workshop with European Commission, and presentation of results at conference. <http://www.ieep.eu/work-areas/environmental-governance/better-regulation/make-it-work>

Impact assessment of the United Nations-hosted International Panel on Resources.

I delivered a major contribution to the team, supplying analysis and conducting interviews.

Publications

Cuno van Geet, with Nathalie Evans, Mervyn Jones, Laura Turley, and Ilia Neudecker, Using Product-Service Systems to Enhance Sustainable Public Procurement, UNEP/10YFP, 2015. (Can be downloaded at UNEP Clearinghouse, www.tinyurl.com/oyzltry)

Ilia Neudecker, Duurzaam ontwerp in de kunststofketen, Report for the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, The Hague, 2014. (Can be downloaded in Dutch at <http://www.kunststofkringloop.nl/duurzaam-ontwerp-en-de-kunststofkringloop-waar-staan-we/>)

Workshops

Organisation of a series of workshops on sustainable procurement for the Dutch Infrastructure & Environment Agency, Rijkswaterstaat (March-June 2015)

Facilitation of workshops on circular economy for several ngos in the Netherlands (January-March 2015)

Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science, the Netherlands Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment (VROM), The Netherlands

November 2011 - December 2013: Policy advisor for the Topsector Creative Industries:

Temporary career switch for widening my horizon. Working together with businesses, scientific institutions, high schools and universities, as well as other government officials, to identify opportunities for strengthening of this sector and setting them in motion.

Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment (VROM), The Netherlands¹

January 2009 - November 2011: Team leader Natural Resources / Sustainable Consumption & Production, International Affairs Directorate:

- Formulation of the policy vision on sustainable use of natural resources, through internal brainstorming sessions and discussions with other parties (national, international, governmental, non-governmental).
- Engagement with other policy-making and research institutes in the field of sustainable resource management: EU, OECD, UNEP-IRP, WRF.
- Organisation and preparation of an international workshop aimed at policy development, with scientists, representatives of EU member states, EU Commission.
- Chair of the working group and responsible for commissioning of a study on biodiversity criteria for product chains.
- Agenda-setting for Minister Jacqueline Cramer, influencing the international agenda on sustainable management of resources.
- On the Dutch delegation to the Environmental Policy Committee of OECD: Preparation of negotiating position, speaking notes, input for studies etc.; Successful lobby for gaining the chairmanship of this Committee for the Netherlands (at level of Director-general).

August 2001 - December 2008: Advisor/negotiator, International Affairs Directorate:

- Developing the vision on EU agricultural policy; participating in discussions on national governmental position;
- On the 2004 EU presidency team, achieved common positions on several directives (Batteries, Mining waste);
- Formulating Dutch position and negotiation strategy on several European environmental dossiers (soil, pesticides);
- Organising workshops with European participants, for policy development; participation in workshops, seminars, and conferences as speaker, chairperson; guest lecturer for international audiences (students, local governments).

¹ From October 2010: Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment

1997 – 2001: Project leader waste policy:

Working on recycling issues, waste taxation; Commissioning policy studies; Coordinating European and international waste policy, participation in EU and OECD waste expert groups, EU technical waste committee.

Before 1997: Several jobs, including bookseller, video maker, secretary. Grass roots activism.

Education

Social & Economic History, Development Sciences (MA, Leiden University, 1988)

Nature, Environment & Soil (Short higher scientific education diploma, Open University, 2001)

Professional courses (selection): Leadership (de Baak), Lobbying (EIPA, Maastricht), International negotiation (Clingendael, EIPA), Project management (Licht & Gadellaa), French conversation

Languages

Dutch (mother tongue)

English (near-native competence in speech and writing)

German (fluent in speech and writing)

French (good passive ability, reasonable active ability)

Turkish, Swedish (basic knowledge)

Other skills:

Karate (teaching and training)

Chairwoman of the association of owners of my apartment block

Management of local arts projects (including finance, planning, publicity)