

Curriculum Vitae

Luc Van den Brande

Born in Mechelen 13/10/1945

Studies :

- Doctor in Law (KU Leuven) (1969)
- Licence of Notary (KU Leuven) (1969)

Professional Career :

- Lawyer, Bar of Mechelen (1970-1988)
- Extraordinary Professor on Political Institutions at the KU Leuven (2000 – 2005)

Languages:

- Dutch (mother- tongue) / English / French (both fluent) / German (basic)

Political career:

Parliamentarian mandates :

- Member of the Belgian House of Representatives for the district of Mechelen (1977-1991)
 - ✓ Leader of the Christian Democratic group CVP (1985 – 1988)
- Member of the Council of Culture and the Flemish Council (12.05.77-21.05.95)
- Senator for the district of Mechelen-Turnhout (1991-1995)
- Member of the Flanders House of Representatives for Mechelen-Turnhout (13.06.95-04.07.95)
 - ✓ Chairman of the Commission for Foreign and European Affairs (1999-2004)
- Member of the Flanders House of Representatives for the Province of Antwerp (2004-2009)
- Senator of Community – Member of the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs (1999 – 2009)
- Honorary Senator (since 2009)

Governmental functions:

- Federal Minister of Employment and Labour (09.05.88-21.01.92)
- President of the Government of Flanders and Minister for Economic Affairs, Small and Medium-Sized Business, Science Policy, Energy and Foreign Relations (21.01.92-30.01.92)
- Minister-President of the Government of Flanders and Minister for Economic Affairs, Small and Medium-Sized Business, Science Policy, Energy and Foreign Relations (30.01.92-20.06.95)
- Minister-President of the Government of Flanders, Minister for Foreign Policy, European Affairs, Science and Technology (20.06.95-13.07.99)

European mandates and responsibilities :

- Member of the Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions (1992-1994) – Vice- President (1994-1996) – President (1996-2000)
- Member of the Committee of the Regions (since 1994) – Vice-President (1994-1998) (2000-2002) – Head of the Belgian Delegation (2002-2006) – First Vice-President (2006-2008) – President (2008-2010) in this capacity initiating and implementing e.g. several projects: on Multi Level Governance, the European Entrepreneurial Region of the Year, launching of the Assembly of Regional and Local Authorities of the Mediterranean, involvement in the EaP and coordination of European regional and cohesion policy
- * Member of the Benelux Inter Parliamentary Assembly and President of the Christian Democratic Group (2000 -2009)
- Special Adviser Commissioner Johannes Hahn, responsible for Regional policy, to advise on how to strengthen the role of regions and municipalities in cohesion policy, EU2020 strategy with special emphasis on multi level governance, appointed by the EC (October 2011- October 2014);

Council of Europe :

- Effective member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2001- 2009)
- Vice-president (2003-2004) - President of the Group EPP/CD and also member of the Presidential Committee, the Bureau and the Standing Committee (2005- 2009)
- Several times rapporteur on various occasions, e.g. monitoring of Turkey and the Russian Federation and leader of the observatory delegation for the legislative elections and of ad-hoc committees on these countries;
- Representative of the Parliamentarian Assembly at the Committee of Ministers for the negotiations concerning the MOU between the Council and the EU
- Chairman of the Council for Democratic Elections of the Venice Commission (2007-2009)

Western European Union :

- Effective member of the Assembly of the Union of Western Europe (2001- 2009)

Current occupations :

- Member EU Committee of the Regions
- Chairman of the Board of the VRT (Flanders- Belgium Public Broadcasting Company)
- Member of the Board of Vlewa (Flanders-Europe Liaison Agency)
- Chairman of the Board of Flanders Technology International/ Technopolis
- President of the Lemmens Music Institute
- Observer to the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
- Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission Mr Jean- Claude Juncker for “ The outreach towards the citizens”
- Chairman of the Board of the Europäisches Zentrum für Arbeitnehmerfragen (EZA)
- Chairman of COEUR, Centre d’Observation Européen des Régions
- Chairman of the “ Internationale Vriendenkring Anton van Wilderode

Political and social interest :

- European Policy, general politics, economic, scientific and technological policies, State reforms, European and foreign policy

Honorary distinctions :

- **Grand Officer in the Order of Leopold (1999) / Grand Cross in the Order of Leopold II (2007) (Belgium)**
- **Order of Merit (Poland)**
- **Commander in the Order of Oranje Nassau (the Netherlands)**
- **Great Cross Order of Saint Gregorius the Great**