

# BACKGROUND

## Personal:

Family name: Richelle  
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Born: 05-01-1949 in Bandung (Indonesia)  
Status: Married with two children

## Education:

University: 1968-1972 Graduated in Dutch Constitutional and Public Law at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam

## Career:

1970-1972: Assistant to a professor in constitutional and public law at the University of Rotterdam

1972-1981: Ministry of Education and Sciences; various functions, from policy staff member to Deputy director for the directorates "Adult Education" and "Vocational Education and Training"

1981-1985: City of Leiden, co-ordinating director and deputy town clerk

1985-1995: Ministry of Welfare and Health; since 1987 as Director-General for Welfare (portfolio included youth care, care for the elderly, care for the disabled, minority policies, reception of asylum seekers, care for the civil victims of war (including pensions), sports, general social policies and "social action")

1995-2000: Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Director-General for International Co-operation (portfolio included development co-operation and international cultural relations)

2000-feb 01: Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour; Project Director-General for the Change Management in the field of Social Security.

Current position: Director-General of DG AIDCO at the European Commission