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<p>Professional experience before joining the European Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 03/1985 – 12/1990: Advocate, Member of the Amsterdam Bar, practising consecutively in the banking & corporate law, intellectual property and EU law departments of the international law firm NautaDutilh, co-managing its Brussels office from 1988 – 1990 and elected partner in June 1990
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<p>Language Skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dutch (mother tongue) ➤ English – French ➤ German, Italian