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Nationality	Danish
Academic qualifications	▶ 1987 - 1990: Master of Science in International Business Administration and Modern Languages, COPENHAGEN BUSINESS SCHOOL. Political science, business, communication, languages. Specialised in European affairs and communication. Thesis on European Identity - the impact of cultural factors on European political co-operation.
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Professional experience in the European Institutions	➤ Since 16/09/2023: Director General – DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (EAC)
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	> 11/2009 - 10/2014: Chief Spokeswoman of the European Commission. Spokespersons' Service - DG Communication
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	> 07/2004 - 11/2004: Spokeswoman - Transition team of President-designate José Manuel Barroso.
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Professional experience before joining the European Institutions	1992 – 1995: MARKET ACCESS EUROPE - EU Public Affairs consultancy - Senior Consultant, Associate Director, member of the Board. Public affairs strategy, political communication. Media, international development and personnel
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