

Dr H.P.M. (Ben) Knapen

Place of residence	Amsterdam
Date of birth	06 January 1951
Nationality	Dutch

Position

2020 – present	Member of the Supervisory Board, ProCredit General Partner AG
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Professional history

Sept 2021 – mid Jan. 2022	Interim Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
2019 – present	Parliamentary leader of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA), Senate (1st Chamber), Netherlands
2015 – present	Member of the Dutch Senate (1st Chamber) for the Christian-Democrat Appèl (CDA) party
2014	Chairman of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA) Programme Committee during the European Parliament elections
2013 – 2016	Director General of the European Investment Bank
2010 – 2012	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs – European Affairs and Development Cooperation
2008 – 2010	Member of the Scientific Council for Government Policy
2008 – 2010	Endowed Professor for Media and Quality at the Radboud University, Nijmegen
1999 – 2006	Member of the Board (Book Division) of PCM Publishers (now part of De Persgroep Nederland)
2006 – 2008 and 1997 – 1999	Editorial and correspondent activities for the NRC Handelsblad Internationaal (NL)

Education

Advanced studies, financial and operational accounting, Catholic University of Tilburg (NL),
PhD (Arts), Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

Scholarship, International Economics, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy,
Medford/Somerville (USA)

Studies and PhD, Modern History, Catholic University of Nijmegen (NL)

Mandates

Statutory supervisory boards and similar bodies:

- Member of the Supervisory Board of the Leiden Asia Centre