

# Dr H.P.M. (Ben) Knapen

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

## Position

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2020 – present        Member of the Supervisory Board, ProCredit Holding AG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
                               Until the change to a joint stock company on 27 September 2023  
                               Member of the Supervisory Board, ProCredit General Partner AG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
                               Member of the Supervisory Board, ProCredit Holding AG & Co. KGaA, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

## Professional history

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09/2021 – 01/2022    Interim Minister of Foreign Affairs  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

2019 – 06/2023        Parliamentary leader of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA)  
                               Senate (1st Chamber), the Kingdom of the Netherlands

2015 – 06/2023        Member of the Dutch Senate (1st Chamber) for the Christian-Democrat Appèl (CDA)  
                               party  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

2014                      Chairman of the Christen-Democratisch Appèl (CDA) Programme Committee during  
                               the European Parliament elections  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

2013 – 2016            Director General  
                               European Investment Bank, Luxembourg, Luxembourg

2010 – 2012            State Secretary for Foreign Affairs – European Affairs and Development Cooperation  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

2008 – 2010            Member of the Scientific Council for Government Policy  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

2008 – 2010            Endowed Professor for Media and Quality at the Radboud University  
                               Nijmegen, the Kingdom of the Netherlands

2006 – 2008            Editorial and correspondent activities for the NRC Handelsblad Internationaal  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

1999 – 2006            Member of the Board (Book Division) of PCM Publishers (now part of De Persgroep  
                               Nederland)  
                               Amsterdam, the Kingdom of the Netherlands

1997 – 1999            Editorial and correspondent activities for the NRC Handelsblad Internationaal  
                               Kingdom of the Netherlands

## Education

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Advanced studies, financial and operational accounting  
 Catholic University of Tilburg, Kingdom of the Netherlands

1983 – 1984	Scholarship, International Economics Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford/Somerville, USA
1971 - 1975	PhD (Arts) Catholic University of Nijmegen, Kingdom of the Netherlands
1971 – 1975	Studies and PhD, Modern History Catholic University of Nijmegen, Kingdom of the Netherlands

### **Mandates**

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Statutory supervisory boards and comparable bodies:

- Chairman of the Foundation Stichting Integrity Initiatives International Europe
- Chairman of the Foundation Continuity Novamedia, Amsterdam, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Member of the Supervisory Board of ProCredit Bank (Bulgaria) EAD, Sofia, Bulgaria
- Chairman of the Integrity Initiative International, The Hague, Kingdom of the Netherlands

### **Relevant knowledge, skills and professional experience**

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Knowledge in the field of international relations, experience in working with international financial institutions, investor relations, marketing and communication, competence in negotiating with international financial and EU institutions.