



PROFILE

Interdisciplinary collaboration is my focus: I make connections between people, I quickly see coherence across cultural and disciplinary boundaries, I make a difference by integrating the perspectives of all people involved.

I am a natural organiser; analytical, results-oriented and reliable. I learn quickly, love new ideas and like to pioneer.

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EXPERIENCE

Freelance

April 2022 – present

Facilitating scientific collaboration: as interim research manager, process facilitator and meeting facilitator. Example cases:

- **Topsector ICT** > programme developer.
- **Centre for Unusual Collaborations** > interim coordinator and Board secretary during a transition phase.
- **Hands4Grants** > project manager at the Research Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science, business developer, grant writer.
- **Royal Dutch Visio** > process facilitator building a multi-stakeholder knowledge agenda, consortium builder/liaison for a NWO-KIC application, interim research policy officer.
- **ARMAnI, Radboud University Nijmegen, Wageningen University and Kennis over Zien** > facilitator of workshops on collaboration and "heisessies" Liberating Structures.

University Utrecht

Managing Director & executive secretary strategic theme Life Sciences
Advisor Interfaculty Collaboration
June 2019 – May 2022

Responsible for financial management, building and managing a programme and support team, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and ensuring interfaculty alignment. Also executive secretary to the Life Sciences deans.

University Utrecht

Senior research policy advisor, faculty of Humanities
March 2016 – May 2019

Graduate School secretary; coordinator professor appointments and secretary to appointment committees; strategic research policy and PhD policy advice to the dean and vice-dean.

ABOUT ME

In my spare time, I am a dancer of classical ballet and modern dance. I live in an ecological neighbourhood. I love travelling, getting to know new people and places; but also reading, making puzzles and the peace of nature.



Dutch Research Council (NWO)

Policy officer / Programme Manager,
National Initiative for Brain and Cognition (NIBC)
August 2011 – February 2016

Building (inter)national research programmes (public-public & public-private); policy and strategy development NIBC and NWO International; coordination of junior policy officers.

Radboud University Nijmegen

Researcher
December 2008 – July 2011

Research in the field of Brain-Computer Interfacing; teaching students; chair of PhD council; coordinating and communication activities for the BrainGain consortium and the spin-off company RePhrase BV.

EDUCATION

Courses

2023	Deep Democracy – level 1 and level 2
2022	Systemic Work for Interim Professionals
2021 – 2022	Liberating Structures, the Creators Company
2019	Coaching Leadership, de Academie, with Deep Democracy & de Learning organisation
2018	Adviesvaardigheden, Bestuursacademie Nederland
2013 – 2014	Conversation techniques & influencing, NWO
2013	EU Project Management, College of Europe, Brugge
2009 – 2011	Graduate Courses: Academic Writing, The Art of Presenting Science, Scientific Journalism

Radboud University Nijmegen

2006 – 2008 Research MSc Cognitive Neuroscience (cum laude)
2005 – 2008 MSc Biomedische Wetenschappen (cum laude)
2002 – 2005 BSc Biomedische Wetenschappen

OTHER

2011 – 2013	Member of semi-professional Lindenberg Dance Company, Nijmegen
2004 – 2008	Voluntary work at a primary school in Ecuador, in construction work in Italy and in an elderly home in Croatia
1998 – 2001	Participated several times in Dutch Athletics Championships

Dutch (native), Engels (fluent), Spaans (basis)