

Candidate Board Members



Stefaan De Clerck

Mr. Stefaan De Clerck has been Chairman of the Proximus Board of Directors since 20 September 2013. He chairs the Proximus Joint Committee, the Proximus Pension Fund and the Proximus Art ASBL/VZW. He is board member of the Proximus Foundation and of Connectimmo. He is also member of the Orientation Council of Euronext, of the BBR (Benelux Business Roundtable) and of the Bureau of Eurometropole Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai. Before Proximus, he served as a Member of the Belgian Parliament from October 1990 until October 2013. From June 1995 until April 1998 and from December 2008 until December 2011 he was the Belgian Minister of Justice. From 1999 until 2003 he was President of CD&V, the Flemish Christian-Democratic Party. He was the Mayor of the city of Kortrijk (Belgium) from January 2001 until end-December 2012. Mr. De Clerck holds a Master's degree in Law from the Catholic University of Leuven.



Karel De Gucht

Mr. Karel De Gucht, State Minister, was the European Commissioner for Trade from February 2010 until 31 October 2014, where he was pivotal in negotiating, concluding and managing several European Free Trade and Investment Agreements worldwide. Previously he served as Belgium's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2004 to 2009, Deputy Prime Minister from 2008 to 2009, and as European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response from 2009 to 2010. Currently he is the President of the Brussels School of Governance at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) – his alma mater (Masters of Laws, 1976) and where he teaches

European Law. He serves as a Director on the Boards of ArcelorMittal SA, Youston (Chair), Sprimoglass and is a Member of the Advisory Board of CVC Capital Partners. He is also the manager of La Macinaia, a family-run wine producing company in the Chianti region (Italy).



Ibrahim Ouassari

Mr. Ibrahim Ouassari is the founder and CEO of MolenGeek. After an atypical and self-taught career in technology, Ibrahim has established himself as an accomplished consultant in the sector since 1999. He then left the consulting industry to launch his entrepreneurial career with several companies and worked with clients from some of the largest and most renowned companies. It was his experience that led him to launch MolenGeek in May 2015, an inclusive international technological ecosystem that makes the "TechWorld" accessible. It is at that moment that Ibrahim took up one of his greatest challenges: to merge two worlds that do not meet. On the one hand, unsuspected talents from working-class neighborhoods and on the other hand, the world of technology. MolenGeek is an international solution that brings new perspectives to thousands of young people. Ibrahim combined his entrepreneurial tech experience and his knowledge of the field to reveal talents by introducing them to new technologies. He is supported by the greatest names in the tech industry, cited in Davos by Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google, after his visit to MolenGeek, and was also selected by the latter in WIRED UK as "innovator who is building a better future for 2021". Google, Facebook, Salesforce, Amazon, Vmware or even Proximus are investing in MolenGeek. In 2018 Ibrahim was part as an expert of Horizon 2020 NMBP Advisory Group for DG Research & Innovation of the European Commission, whose mission is to help us notably to ensure impact of the R&I investments 2021-2027 in the fields of industrial technologies and improve societal involvement.