



# Tweede Kamer

## DER STATEN-GENERAAL

to  
Mr Gediminas Kirkilas  
Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs  
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania  
Gedimino pr. 53, LT-01109, Vilnius

date 16 October 2013  
re. Nomination of Dutch candidate for post of permanent member of COSAC  
Secretariat  
registration 13-EU-B-036  
page 1/2

Dear Colleague,

With this letter I would like to inform you that the Dutch House of Representatives has decided to propose **Mr Jos van de Wiel** for the post of permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat.

Let me first of all offer you my sincere apologies for sending you this nomination in such a late stage. As a result of internal procedural delays, we were not able to finish the formal decision process by the Presidium of the House of Representatives in time to meet the deadline, which we also tried to explain in our previous letter to you. Although I am fully aware that the deadline of nominating candidates has expired, I would on behalf of the Dutch House of Representatives kindly request you to still allow our candidate to participate in the selection procedure. I herewith attach Mr Jos van de Wiel's curriculum vitae and his motivation letter.

I firmly believe Jos van de Wiel is an excellent candidate to successfully support the COSAC Presidency and the other Members of its Secretariat in the upcoming period. One of the key issues for us parliamentarians today is the discussion on the strengthening of the democratic legitimacy of the European Union, and the role national parliaments play here. COSAC can play a vital role in this discussion, as the key platform for ideas and meeting venue for interparliamentary cooperation.

Jos van de Wiel is a committed, enthusiastic and experienced professional who has worked in several positions in the area of international politics over the past eight years. He has worked as the assistant to the Permanent Representative of the Dutch Parliament at the EU in Brussels, after which he became deputy clerk for several parliamentary committees in the Dutch House of Representatives. He was secretary of the Benelux Assembly's committee on sustainability and territorially bound issues. He has organized an Interparliamentary Conference on improving national accountability of EU-funds and has been active in several interparliamentary EU and OECD conferences.



date 16 October 2013  
re. Appointment of Permanent Member of COSAC Secretariat

In his function with the recent Inquiry Committee on the Financial System, Jos van de Wiel proved to have excellent analytical skills that enable him to assess information swiftly and accurately and reproduce it in a concise and accessible report.

I am confident that his experience and skills make Jos van de Wiel a very well suited candidate for the post of permanent member of the COSAC Secretariat. I therefore sincerely hope that you, as Chairman of the COSAC, will be willing to include his candidacy in the selection procedure.

If more information is needed, I will by all means be ready to provide it to you. Mr René Leegte, deputy chair of the European Affairs Committee in the Dutch House of Representatives and head of delegation at the next COSAC-meeting, will arrive in Vilnius on Sunday morning 27 October and will be more than willing to give more information before the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC.

Thank you very much for your reply in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Knops

Chairman of the Committee of European Affairs in the House of Representatives  
The Netherlands

Mr Gediminas Kirkilas  
Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs  
Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

16 October 2013

Dear Chairman,

During the coming L COSAC Meeting in the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania in Vilnius the Chairpersons of COSAC will appoint the Permanent Member of the COSAC Secretariat. With this letter I would like to inform you about my application for this post.

Since six years I have been working as deputy clerk for the Dutch House of Representatives. In this period I proved to be a versatile advisor who is proactive, understands administrative relations and has political sensitivity. These are qualities of great importance in parliamentary affairs, both at the national and the EU-level.

With my experience in the day-to-day environment of parliament and politics, I am convinced that it is of great importance to not only focus on the national and European level, but also to make the interconnections between those two work in practice. The EU provides a unique platform where common goals can be set and achieved, also – and ever more often so - by national parliaments.

I believe that strengthening interparliamentary relations in the EU is key to making our new competences work. This belief comes from, amongst others, my experience with the EU and in Brussels, as the assistant of the Permanent Representative to the EU of the Dutch Parliament. Also I have been involved in several interparliamentary conferences and I know that these venues – if organised efficiently and with great care – can be essential for information exchange and building and fostering personal contacts and networks between our EU parliaments. For example: in 2010 I organised an IPC on Improving National accountability of EU funds. A conference paper was one of the results of this conference, it was sent to amongst others, COSAC. Besides this conference I regularly support members of Parliament when participating in IPC's in other EU member states and of the OECD.

In addition to my experience at the EU level, the knowledge and expertise I obtained working at the national level demonstrate my skills and abilities to successfully operate at the post of permanent member of the COSAC secretariat. As follows from my Curriculum Vitae I have had different positions during these last years. In all my past professional positions I showed that I am flexible, open minded, fast learning and innovative and will deliver results.

To the COSAC Secretariat I can bring my personal experience with the interconnection between national parliaments, the EP and their interplay. I know what MP's want, what drives them and how we can make them co-operate in venues which offer both political appeal and

substantial discussions. I am convinced that I am a perfect candidate for the post of permanent member of the COSAC secretariat and look forward to contribute to the central goal of COSAC: to strengthen the role of national Parliaments by connecting Members of Parliament and staff in challenging times for the European Union and its member states.

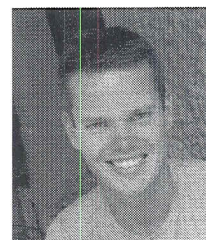
Yours Sincerely,  
Jos van de Wiel



## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name Jos VAN DE WIEL  
Nationality Dutch  
Date of Birth 4 April 1981  
Place of residence The Hague  
E-mail [j.vdwiel@tweedekamer.nl](mailto:j.vdwiel@tweedekamer.nl)  
Phone +316 1830 5903



### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### *House of Representatives of the Dutch Parliament*

- Deputy clerk for the committee on Economic Affairs (2012-present); the committee on Public Expenditure (2007-2010 and 2012-present); and the committee on Social Affairs and Employability (2007-2010).

#### *Main activities and responsibilities:*

- To advise members of Parliament on substantive and procedural matters, prepare meetings and advice the chair of the committee, organise relevant working visits for the committee and draft policy analysis briefings on different topics.
- To prepare debates for specific European Councils (Competitiveness (internal market, industry, research and space) and Transport, Telecommunications and Energy); support and accompany members when attending Interparliamentary Conferences and prepare relevant papers and reports for the meetings.
- Give presentations to incoming delegation about the work of the Dutch Parliament and exchange on best practices on the field of public expenditure (budget and accountability).
- Organisation of the IPC "Improving National Accountability of EU funds" in January 2010.

- Deputy clerk for the Committee Parliamentary Inquiry Financial System (2010 – 2012)

#### *Main activities and responsibilities:*

- To support the committee in its work and inquiry, to prepare meeting and public hearings the committee has held.
- To conduct a part of the inquiry (specifically the financial support which the Dutch Government gave to two companies in The Netherlands) and draft the relevant chapters in the report.

- Secretary of the Benelux Assembly's committee on sustainability/territorially bound issues (2010-2012)

#### *Main activities and responsibilities:*

- To prepare and attend the committee meetings, support members of the committee and draft resolutions for the plenary sessions.
- To organise working visits for the committee.

### ***The Ministry for Social Affairs and Employability (Young Professional - traineeship)***

- Policy advisor at the directorate Employment, division Labor&Care (2007)

#### ***Main activities and responsibilities:***

- To design, advise, report and analyse (within a team and after consultation of stakeholders) on three policy areas: regulations for child care, life-cycle saving scheme and product/industrial boards
- Assistant of the Permanent Representative of the Dutch States-General in Brussels (2006)

#### ***Main activities and responsibilities:***

- To support the Permanent Representative in its work, attend committee meetings and report on EU topics relevant for the House of Representatives and the Senate of the States-General in the Netherlands.
- Exchanging information between with other offices from the Permanent Representations of National Parliaments, the Representation of the Dutch Government and other relevant EU actors.
- Consultant Agentschap SZW (subsidies relating to socio-economic policy) (2005-2006)

#### ***Main activities and responsibilities:***

- To prepare and implement (in a team of two) a new subsidy scheme on Childcare. I also designed and executed a customer satisfaction research.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Language course – Netzwerk Deutsch; Goethe Institut in Düsseldorf (2013)

VOFHA - Financial Management - Public Finance for civil servants; National Academy for Finance and Economics in The Hague (2009)

Education 'central government trainee program'; Leiden University / campus Den Haag (2005-2007)

- Modules on Constitutional law, legislation; organization of government; policy- and decisionmaking; administration, politics and media; orientation on the European Union; future of public administration; crisis simulation.
- Modules on negotiating, presenting and debating.

Master in Political Science; Radboud University in Nijmegen (2000-2004)

Gymnasium, Lycee - Jacob-Roelands Lyceum in Boxtel (1993-1999)

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Dutch	mother tongue
English	active/passive
German	active/passive
French	passive

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Interests            Debate/politics, fitness, travel, cooking.

ICT knowledge    Protos and Office

Competences     Social, flexibility, result oriented, analytical and committed to the job .