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Marijke has been practicing EU environmental law for 22 years. Between 2008-2021 she worked in the private sector, where she held leadership positions at European and global level related to REACH, sustainability, environmental, climate and trade law. She started her career in private practice at the Brussels Bar assisting ministerial cabinets on issues of public law, constitutional law, environmental law and climate law. Although she spent most of her career in Brussels, she experienced several secondments to company offices in Singapore, Washington DC, London and Sheffield.

She has served for more than twenty years as a part-time academic researcher and/or a visiting professor at KU Leuven, University of Malta, Sustainability College Bruges and other academic institutions, specializing in EU environmental, chemicals, energy, climate and sustainability law. She has published several articles on these topics. She is an associate editor of the European Energy and Environmental Law Review and the International Encyclopedia on Environmental Law. Furthermore she is an honorary member of the Belgian Association on Public Law and a member of Cambridge Society in Belgium.

Marijke holds a Master degree in Law from KU Leuven (Belgium), where she graduated with honors in top ten of a class of 424 students. She studied EU environmental law with great praise at Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (France). In addition, she has read for a Master degree in International Relations at University of Cambridge (UK), where she researched EU, German and Danish climate laws from a constructivist point of view. She gained additional training in negotiation skills (Harvard Law School), competition law (University of Cambridge) and completed several enterprise leadership programs.