

# Gijs M. de VRIES



Date of birth: 22 February 1956  
Place of birth: New York (USA)  
Civil State: married, two children  
Nationality: Dutch

Education: MA, Political Science, University of Leiden, The Netherlands (1981)  
Postdoctoral Summer School, European University Institute, Florence, Italy (1981)  
Leadership Seminar, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC (1993)

## Career History

Current: Counter-Terrorism Co-ordinator, European Union, Brussels

2004: Ambassador of the Netherlands (special assignment: creation of European Foreign Service), The Hague

2002-2003: Representative of the Government of the Netherlands at the Convention on the Future of the European Union, Brussels

1998-2002: Deputy Minister of the Interior, The Hague

1994-1998: Leader of the Liberal and Democratic Group in the European Parliament

1984-1994: Member of the European Parliament

- Chairman of the Atlantic Association of the Netherlands (1991-1997)
- Chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relation with Canada (1989-1992)
- Co-founder of the Transatlantic Policy Network

1981-1984: Member of the Leiden City Council

1981-1984: Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

## Honours

1996: Commander in the Order of Merit of the Hellenic Republic