

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COMMISSIONERS
Declaration of Interests

Full name : Karel DE GUCHT

1. OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

1.1 Posts in foundations or similar bodies

1.1.1 Posts held over the last 10 years

1.1.1 a) Public posts

- European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid since 17th July 2009.
- Party President of the Flemish liberal party (VLD)
From 12 July 1999 to 15 February 2004, and from 13 June 2004 until 20 July 2004. As a consequence of this mandate, I chaired the following internal party organisations:
 - Chairman of *VZW Centrum voor Maatschappelijke Informatie*,
 - Chairman of *VZW Liberaal Studiecentrum*,
 - Chairman of *VZW Libera*.and this from the 7 March 2001 to 12 December 2005.
- Member of the Bureau of VLD since 1976.
- Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs (2004-2009), as well as Minister for International Trade (2007-2009) and Deputy Prime Minister (2008-2009)
- Member of the Flemish Parliament (1999-2003)
- Member of the House of Representatives (2003-2009)
- Member of the Municipal Council of Berlare (1988-2009)¹, Chairman of the Municipal Council (2006-2009)² and Mayor of Berlare (2006-2009)³
- Member of the Board of Liberaal Vlaams Verbond stichting Arthur Vanderpoorten VZW (1996-2009).
- Member of the Board of Wetenschappelijke steunfonds voor de Vrije Universiteit Brussel VZW (1999-2009).

¹ Mandate suspended pursuant to Article 14, § 5, of the Flemish Communal Decree of 15 July 2005, as amended by the Flemish Decree of 23 January 2009.

² Idem.

³ Idem

1.1.1. b) Posts held in private companies

- Member of the Board of Directors of Merit Capital Group NV, formerly Sequoia International, as representative of NV Immo Degus from 20 October 2000 until 5 October 2004.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Gemeentelijke Holding NV from 2 February 2000 until 1 October 2004.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Dexia Bank NV from June 1999 until 9 February 2000.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Dexia NV from 23 October 1996 until 29 November 2004. As a Member of the Board of Directors of Dexia NV, I served on the Strategic Committee and the Nomination Committee.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Galva Power Group NV from 26 June 1995 until 18 October 2001.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Vista NV from 19 October 2001 until July 2004.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Bricnet NV from 1 April 1998 until April 2000.
- Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Immo Degus NV from 13 April 1987 until 28 November 2004. Member of the Board of Directors of said company until 24 May 2006.
- Chairman of the Board and Manager of Libertate BVBA from 21 March 1992 until 20 January 2005.

1.1.2 Posts currently held

- Minister of State (*Minister van Staat / Ministre d'Etat*) since 2004: this is an honorary title that is conferred by Royal Decree in Belgium to persons who have shown great merits in public service.
- Member of the Bureau of VLD

1.2 Posts held in educational institutions

1.2.1 Posts held over the last 10 years

- Professor at law (European law) at the VUB (Brussels Free University) – part time.
- Member of the Board of Wetenschappelijke steunfonds voor de Vrije Universiteit Brussel VZW (1999-2009).

1.2.2 Posts currently held

- I lecture a number of hours in European Law at the VUB (Brussels Free University). I do this free of charge.

2. FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Shares

| Company | Number of shares | Total current value |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| - Arkimedes-Fonds NV | 20 | 4.060 € |
| - Dexia NV | 6.870 (Strip VVPR) | 35 € |
| - Fortis NV | 2.500 (RTS coupon 42) | ----- € |
| Fortis NV | 1.000 (Strip) | ----- € |
| Fortis NV | 15.000 (Options) | ----- € |
| - Merit Capital NV | 65.056 | 474.908 € (on the basis of the call valuation) |
| - Immo Degus NV | 50% | Assets comprised of real estate |
| - SS La Maccinaia | 50% | Assets comprised of real estate |

Other stock

None

3. ASSETS

3.1. Real estate

- Berlare (private home)

3.2. Other property

- None

4. SPOUSE'S PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Judge.

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I hereby declare that the information given above is correct.

Date: 16 December 2009

Signature