



BARTJAN WEGTER

Bartjan Wegter started as the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator in March 2024.

Bartjan Wegter (56) is a Dutch national and senior diplomat. Raised in Brussels where he attended the European School, he studied in The Netherlands, Italy and Belgium and holds degrees in political science from Leyden University and in European affairs from the College of Europe in Bruges.

Bartjan joined The Netherlands MFA in 1998. During his 25 years as a diplomat he held various multilateral and security related positions. Notably, he covered political and Security Council affairs at The Netherlands Mission to the UN in New York; he was Head of Division at The Netherlands' defence intelligence agency; and recently served as Minister Plenipotentiary at The Netherlands Delegation to NATO. He also headed the Division for North America at the MFA and earlier in his career was the speechwriter for a number of ministers of Foreign Affairs and EU affairs. He has worked at UNHCR where he was a member of the cabinet of High Commissioners Ruud Lubbers and Antonio Guterres, respectively.

Bartjan started his career in the private sector. He is an experienced negotiator and public speaker with expertise on a wide range of issues in the field of security and defense, as well as EU integration; UN affairs; transatlantic relations; peacebuilding; and migration. He speaks Dutch, French, English, German, Italian and Spanish.

Bartjan currently lives in Brussels, where his wife is also working as a diplomat, and has three children.

