

## Biography Dr. Béatrice SULKA



Béatrice Sulka earned her PhD in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology in France and completed postdoctoral research in epigenetics in Belgium. She joined the Belgian Defence in 2011 as a Staff Officer, managing pharmaceutical and medical equipment procurement in compliance with public procurement regulations. In 2016, she became Technical Responsible at the Biological Laboratory of Belgian Defence (DLD-Bio), where she helped develop multidisciplinary capabilities for detecting, identifying, and characterizing biological agents and toxins. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as Head of the DLD-Bio Laboratory, leading the rapid implementation of diagnostic tools to safeguard operational readiness. Since 2023, she has been

Coordinator of the biological research activities of the Belgian Defence Laboratories (DLD), defining research strategy and building collaborations with Belgian military units and NATO CBRN partners. These partnerships aim to make research outcomes available whenever and wherever needed, while identifying and addressing capability gaps. Her efforts have driven numerous regional, European, and international projects and fostered a strong network with academic, military, clinical, and industrial stakeholders to develop dual-use solutions that protect both force health and public health.