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Biography Ms Gertruda (Gertie) ARTS



Gertie ARTS has built a career at the Netherlands Ministry of Defence since 1990 with a focus on international defence materiel collaboration, procurement, innovation and professionalization. She held executive, policy and management positions. She served among others as Defence Cooperation Attaché at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington DC (2005-2009); she was the Chief of the Procurement Support Division supporting over 425 procurement professionals, in 5 procurement centres in different geographical locations in the Netherlands and the Netherlands

Antilles (2009-2019). Since 2019 she works innovation full time at the Innovation Centre of the Netherlands Chief of Defence, first as Strategic Advisor Resilience, since 2023 she has been working as the Programme Manager International Innovation & Collaboration. A large part of her work is focussed on operationalizing technology innovation in NATO and the EU, with a special focus on rapid adoption of innovative solutions into military capabilities. Ms Arts holds a master in Cultural Anthropology (Middle East) and Public Administration. She is an experienced facilitator and practitioner of complex adaptive action.