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Christiane Kirketerp de Viron is the Acting Director for Cybersecurity and Trust at the European Commission's Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) since July 2024. The Directorate spans a wide range of areas related to cybersecurity, digital identity and trust services. In 2022 she became the Head of Unit for cybersecurity and digital privacy policy with responsibilities for critical infrastructure resilience, product security, cyber defence and international

cooperation in the field for cybersecurity. Between 2019 and 2022, she was Member of Cabinet to the Commissioner for Budget and Administration Johannes Hahn where her portfolio included the digital transformation and cybersecurity of the EU institutions, Bodies and Agencies as well as political advice related to Research and Innovation, Digital policies, Education, Space and Defence. Prior to this, she was a Cabinet member of the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carols Moedas. Christiane is a political scientist from the University of Copenhagen and joined the Commission in 2006.

MEP Bart Groothuis



Bart Groothuis (1981) is a member of the European Parliament on behalf of the Dutch People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD), which is part of the liberal political group Renew Europe. He is a member of both the Industry, Research and Energy committee, the committee on International Trade and the special committee on the

European Democracy Shield, as well as a substitute member on the Security and Defence committee. In Parliament, he focuses on cybersecurity, especially in his role as Rapporteur of the NIS II Directive, disinformation & foreign interference, economic security and security & defence. Before Bart became a member of the European Parliament in February 2020, he was Head Cybersecurity for the Dutch Ministry of Defence.

Commissions and Delegations European Parliament:

- Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (member since March 2020)
- Committee on International Trade (member since July 2024)
- Special committee on the European Democracy Shield (member since February 2025)
- Committee on Security and Defence (substitute member since February 2025)
- Delegation for relations with Iran (Vice President) and with the ASEAN countries (substitute member)

Bart lives in Voorburg with his wife and two children.