

Kris Peeters

Belgium

Born May 18th, 1962



POLITICAL CAREER

- 2019 - Member of the European Parliament (EPP):
- Head of the Belgian Delegation EPP
 - Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection
 - Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
 - Committee on Foreign Affairs
 - Subcommittee on Security and Defence
 - Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China
 - Convenor of the Hong Kong Friendship Group
- 2014-2019 Deputy Prime Minister, federal Government (Belgium)
- 2018-2019 Minister of Employment, Economy and Consumer Affairs, in charge of Foreign Trade, Combating Poverty, Equal Opportunities, and Disabled People, federal Government (Belgium)
- 2014-2018 Minister of Employment, Economy and Consumer Affairs, in charge of Foreign Trade, federal Government (Belgium)
- 2009-2014 Minister-President, Government of Flanders (Belgium)
- 2009-2014 Minister for Economy, Foreign Policy, Agriculture and Rural Policy, Government of Flanders (Belgium)
- 2007-2009 Minister-President, Government of Flanders (Belgium)
- 2007-2009 Minister for Institutional Reform, Administrative Affairs, Foreign Policy, Media, Tourism, Ports, Agriculture, Sea Fisheries and Rural Policy, Government of Flanders (Belgium)
- 2004-2007 Minister for Public Works, Energy, Environment and Nature, Government of Flanders (Belgium)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1999-2004 Managing Director, UNIZO (Organisation of Self-Employed and SMEs)
- 1994-1999 Secretary General, UNIZO, Brussels
- 1991-1994 Director Research Department, UNIZO, Brussels
- 1989-1991 Lecturer, Limburg University Centre, Hasselt
- 1988-1991 Counsellor fiscal matters, UNIZO, Brussels

1986-1988 Lawyer, Storme, Leroy, Van Parys and Doolaeye, Ghent

EDUCATION

Special degree in Accountancy and Tax Law, Vlerick School of Management, Ghent

M.A. in Law, University of Antwerp, Antwerp

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Antwerp, Antwerp

MILITARY SERVICE

Army Reserve: Officer

HONORARY TITLES

2018 Commander of the Legion of Honour (France)

2017 Grand Cross of the Order of Independence (Jordan)

2016 Grand Cross of Merit with Star (Germany)

2009 Order of Leopold, Grand Officer (Leopoldsorde Grootofficier De heren), Belgian National Orders

2008 Honorary Degree, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

2005 Honorary Managing Director, UNIZO

2005 Honorary Secretary-General, FVIB (Federation of self-employed professionals)

2005 Honorary President, FBS (Flanders Business School)