



Andries Gryffroy
Senator (Belgium)

**Candidate for Chairperson
of the Twelve Plus Group**



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
BELGIAN GROUP

Ms. Arda Gerkens
Member of the *Eerste Kamer* of the Netherlands
Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Group

Brussels, 22 August 2022

Dear Ms. President,

I am pleased to present my candidature for the position of chairperson of the Twelve Plus Group.

I have been a member of the Belgian delegation to the IPU since October 2014 and have participated in most IPU Assemblies since then.

I think that I can state that I have become very actively involved in the IPU and in the Twelve Plus over the years. I have represented the Twelve Plus Group several times in the drafting committee of the resolution on the emergency item of the Assembly. I have taken on the tasks of Internal Auditor of the 2016, 2020 and 2021 IPU accounts and I have been co-rapporteur of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade twice. I am also member of the Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs since October 2019.

I have been managing director, founder and co-owner of an energy company and I am currently still member of the Board of Directors and the Strategic Committee of a few energy infrastructure companies.

For its part, the Belgian IPU Group will provide me with the necessary support to help me fulfill my duties as Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Group. In accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Twelve Plus Group, I am pleased to inform you that I have the privilege to be sponsored by the national groups of Switzerland and Romania (letters attached).

I hope that the members of our geopolitical group will grant me the honor to become their chairperson.

Kind regards,

Andries Gryffroy,
First Vice-President of the Belgian Senate,
Vice-Chair of the Twelve Plus Group

Andries Gryffroy

First Vice-President of the Belgian Senate – Member of the Flemish Parliament



Born, March 12, 1963, Belgium

Political Experience

Elected offices:

- May 2014 – until today : Member of the Flemish Parliament – Coordinator in the Committee on Economy, Innovation and Work – Member of the Committees on Energy, Foreign Policy, Home Affairs and Climate Policy – Spokesman for the N-VA political group on energy policy
- September 2014 – until today : Member of the Belgian Senate, First Vice-President since July 2019
- September 2014 – until today: Member of the Belgian delegation to the IPU – Internal financial auditor for the 2016, 2020 and 2021 accounts of the IPU – Rapporteur of the Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade 2017-2018 (137th and 138th IPU Assembly) and 2019-2020 (141st and 142nd IPU Assembly) – Member of the Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs
- January 2013 – until May 2014 : Member of the Provincial Council of East Flanders (head of the N-VA political group)

Oversight of public companies:

- December 2015 – until today : Member of the Board of Directors and Strategic Committee of Infrax and Fluvius (distribution grid of electricity and gas)
- May 2015 – until today : Member of the Board of Directors and Strategic Committee of Fluxys SA Belgium (natural gas transmission and storage)
- September 2014 – until today : Member of the Board of Directors and Strategic Committee of Farys (water company)
- January 2012 – until May 2015 : Chairman of the Board of Directors of VEB (Vlaams Energiebedrijf - Flemish power company)

Professional Experience

- September 2014 – today : **Dretti**.
Consultant in the field of engineering and energy
- September 1994 – September 2014: **Erbeko**
Managing Director, founder and co-owner, Erbeko, Oosterzele (Belgium)
- October 1989 – August 1994: **GfE Energy Management** (taken over by: Summit Energy Services)
Project manager, GfE Energy Management, Waregem (Belgium)
- July 1989 – September 1989: **Siemens AG**
Trainee in the Energy Techniques Department, Siemens AG, Berlin