



## Europass Curriculum Vitae

### Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Bernhard M.J. van der Meulen**

Telephone

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Nationality

Date of birth

Gender

### Work experience

Dates

Current:

2019 – present Professor of EU Food Law, University of Copenhagen (0.1fte)

2019 – present Contract Professor EU Food Law, UPO University of Eastern Piedmont, Italy

2004 – present Director European Institute for Food Law (0.2 fte)

2018 – present Food Legal Consultant

Past:

2018 – 2022 Professor of Comparative Food Law, Renmin School of Law Beijing through the Program of Top-level Foreign Experts of the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of the Peoples Republic of China (0.1 fte)

2016 – 2018 Professor of Food Law, Wageningen University (0.8 fte)

2001 – 2016 Chair of Law and Governance, Wageningen University

1999 – 2001 Associate Professor Administrative Law, Utrecht University (0.4 fte)

1998 – 2002 Litigation officer Netherlands Competition Authority (NMa – now ACM) (0.6 fte)

1996 – 1999 Associate Professor Constitutional Law, Tilburg University (0.4 fte)

1993 – 1998 Attorney at Law Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn, The Hague

1990 – 1993 Assistant Professor Public Law, Maastricht University

1987 – 1990 Assistant Professor Constitutional Law, VU University, Amsterdam

Main activities and responsibilities Food legal consulting / Full Professor: research and teaching

Name and address of employer Independent

Type of business or sector Food legal services / Academic research and teaching

### Education and training

Dates

1993: PhD Law

1984 – 1986: Masters of Governance

1980 – 1984: Bachelor/Masters of Law

Title of qualification awarded

1993 dr. of law (PhD)

1986 drs of governance sciences (MA)

1984 mr of law (LL.M)

Name and type of organisation providing education and training

VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands

## Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

**Dutch**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (\*)

**English**

**German**

**French**

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Independent user
A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user	A2	Independent user

(\*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

Proven social skills acquired through teaching and research, and extensive memberships of boards

Organisational skills and competences

- Leadership skills acquired as 1) director European Institute for Food Law, 2) head of the Law and Governance Group of Wageningen University, and 3) President & co-founder of the Dutch Food Law Association (NVLAR)
- Acquisition, organisation and implementation of consultancy and research projects
- Supervisor of PhD-researchers and students
- Organisation, quality assessment, mediation and conflict resolution: chair of the exams committee of the Department of Social Sciences at Wageningen University (2002-2012)

PhD Supervision

- Anna Gerbrandy, Convergence in competition law (2010) (cum laude – top 2%)(Utrecht University; co-supervised with Kamiel Mortelmans and Johan van de Gronden)
- Anna Sajkowska, Regulating Food Law: Risk analysis and the precautionary principle as general principles of EU Food Law (2012) (Wageningen University - WU)
- Bart Wernaart, Enforceability of the human right to food, Netherlands and Belgium (2014) (WU)
- Carolina Toschi Maciel, Public morals in private hands? A study into the evolving path of farm animal welfare governance (2015) (WU; co-supervised with Arthur Mol and Bettina Bock)
- Wieke Huizing Edinger, Food Health Law (2016) (University of Copenhagen; co-supervised with Helle Tegner Anker)
- Mohammed Hassena Beko, Seed for change. The making and implementation of seed policies in Ethiopia (2017)(WU, co-supervised with Bram de Jonge, Otto Hospes and Niels Louwaars)
- Lomme van der Veer, Food Online. Food legal and civil law requirements for digital contracts regarding food purchases by consumers in the Netherlands (2017)(WU)
- Peter Gitahi Munyi, Towards a Flexible Plant Breeders' Rights System in Kenya (2017) (WU, co-supervised with Bram de Jong, Bert Visser and Niels Louwaars)

**Projects**

International projects

- FAO, Antimicrobial resistance (2020-2022)
- GFSI, Use of ICT in food safety (2020-2021)
- World Bank / Government of Moldova. Preparing policies and legislation to reduce food waste in Moldova (2019)
- FAO, The Regulation of Food Application of Nanotechnology (2010)

EU evaluations and projects

- Novel Foods (BTSF) (2020-2022)
- Food irradiation legislation (2018-2021)
- Producer Organisations and their activities in the olive oil, beef and veal, arable crops sectors (2018)
- The impact of private labels on the competitiveness of the European food supply chain (2011)
- Study for an impact assessment for the possible EU legal instrument in the area of European Contract Law (2010)
- Assessment of the Impacts of Non-Tariff Measures on the Competitiveness of the EU and Selected Trade Partners (FP7 2010)
- Food legislation and competitiveness in the EU food industry. Case studies in the dairy industry (2009)
- Competitiveness of the European Food Industry. An economic and legal assessment (2007)

NL evaluations  
& legislative advice

- (Investigation fipronil in table eggs) Lid klankbordgroep Commissie onderzoek fipronil in eieren ('Commissie Sorgdrager')(2018)
- (Administrative appeals procedures) Hoger beroep in het bestuursrecht (2015)
- (Competition law, and sustainability) Mededinging en transparantie: randvoorwaarden voor concurrentie en duurzaamheid (2011)
- (Administrative review procedures) Prorogatie in de Awb. Invoeringsevaluatie rechtstreeks beroep (2006)
- (Freedom of Information) Algemene wet overheidsinformatie (2006)
- (Act on animal experiments) Noodzakelijk kwaad: Evaluatie van de Wet op dierproeven (2005)
- (Commercial activities by public authorities) Rechtsbescherming bij markttoetreding door overheidsonderdelen (2004)
- (Environmental emergencies) Hoofdstuk 17 Wet milieubeheer betreffende maatregelen in bijzondere omstandigheden (2003)

**Additional information**

**Relevant scientific positions:**

**Membership editorial board of scientific journals:**

- European Food & Feed Law Review
- LSN Food Law & Policy eJournal (advisory board)
- Markt & Mededinging (leading Dutch Journal on competition law)
- Jurisprudentie bestuursrecht (case law administrative law)
- Alimenta. Rivista di Diritto e Scienze dell'Agricoltura, alimentazione e ambiente (member scientific committee)
- Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Levensmiddelenrecht (food law) (chief editor)

**Membership editorial board of scientific book series:**

- European Institute for Food Law series (chief editor)
- Sdu Commentaar Wet Openbaarheid van Bestuur (Freedom of Information) (chief editor)
- Nutritional and health aspects of traditional and ethnic foods (Elsevier)(2016-2023)
- Versita. Open Access Books in Administrative Law (until 2014)

**Membership Academies of Sciences and other national of international scientific organisations:**

- Member Dutch Administrative Law Association (VAR)
- Representative of the Netherlands to the Union Mondial des Agraristes Universitaires (UMAU)(2002-2012)
- Member of Comité Européen de Droit Rural (CEDR) (2001-2015)
- Member of Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Lebensmittelrecht (WGL)
- Member Netherlands' Institute for Law and Governance (NILG) (until 2018)

**Board membership national and international:**

- Director European Institute for Food Law
- President & co-founder Dutch Food Law Association (NVLR) (2003-present)
- Member of the Board of the Global Harmonization initiative (GHI) (until 2023)
- Member of the board of directors of the European Food Law Association (EFLA)(until 2018)
- Board member Dutch Agrarian Law Association (VAR) (2001 – 2013)
- Board member International Scientific Conference on Cultured Meat Foundation.

**Position(s) in research/graduate school:**

- Fellow in Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) (2001-2018)
- Chair of SRA (strategic research area)-2 chains (2004-2011)

**Honours and awards:**

- Liber amicorum (Festschrift)<sup>1</sup> (2019)
- Honorary member of Asociación Iberoamericana para el Derecho Alimentario (AIBADA) (2013)
- VAR-Michiels award (Netherlands' Association of Administrative Law) (2011)
- Bronze medal of Unione Mondiale Degli Agraristi Universitari (2002)

**Position(s) in education at Wageningen University:**

- Chair of the exams committee of the Department of Social Sciences (2002-2012)
- Chair programme committee Food Quality Management (MFQ) (2003–2011)
- Member programme committee Food Safety (MFS) (2004–2011)
- Member programme committee MFQ-MFS (2011-2017)
- Chair programme committee MFQ-MFS (2015-2017)
- Ad hoc cum laude review committee (2013)

**Relevant social positions:****Membership national and international supervisory boards or advisory committees:**

- Member of the supervisory board of the Netherlands' Agrarian Law Institute (Instituut voor Agrarisch Recht) (2003–2017)
- NEN policy committee AgroFood (Netherlands' standardisation organisation)
- Curatorium chair facility management Wageningen University (2004–2012)
- Curatorium Cerutti chair agricultural law Radboud University (Nijmegen) (2003–2012)
- Wageningen University, Social Sciences Ethics Committee (2012–2018)
- High Level Expert Group Food Waste (2021-)

**Additional information  
continued****Legal practice**

- Chair review committee supervisory board of charities in the Netherlands (CBF voorzitter bezwaaradviescommissie)
- Consultant Food Legal
- Arbiter (Dispute settlement body SKV Stichting Kwaliteitsgarantie Vleeskalversector – Veal Quality Foundation)
- Arbiter (Instituut voor Agrarisch Recht – Netherlands' Agrarian Law Institute)
- Substitute complaints officer NMa/ACM (Netherlands' Competition Authority) (2005–2016)
- Member of the Committee for notices of objection of the Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Ctgb)
- Advisor Consumenten Autoriteit (Netherlands Consumer Authority; now ACM)(2008–2013)

**Volunteer**

- Food Bank Amsterdam / Distribution Centre Noord Holland/Flevoland

**Annex**

List of publications

See: < <https://www.berndvandermeulen.eu/list-of-publications.html> >

<sup>1</sup> < <https://www.wageningenacademic.com/doi/book/10.3920/978-90-8686-885-8> >.