

Shelly DE GROOTE

Highly motivated professional, eager to bring a global perspective and flexibility to your team



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Work experience

Chamber of Representatives

Nov 2021 – Present

The duties of the Chamber concerns the control of the Federal Government, the budget and the State accounts.

Advisor migration and home affairs, Brussels

- Advisor within the research department of Open Vld – a liberal political party in Belgium.
- In each policy area, we keep in mind the central idea that markets are efficient mechanisms for allocating resources and generating economic growth, potentially leading to increased global business opportunities and trade agreements.
- Besides that I am also involved in the planning of projects and organizing meetings with various partners.

Federal Public Service Justice

Oct 2020 – Oct 2021

The Federal Public Service Justice organises the whole justice system, ensures that conflicts are settled, organises the application of criminal law and the management of prisons.

Attaché of the Criminal Justice Policy Service, Brussels

- Involved in intensive courses on project management, which provided me with a comprehensive set of skills essential for effectively leading and executing complex projects.
- Responsible for the preparation of evaluation reports based on qualitative and quantitative research or case studies. Whether through written documentation, presentations, or interpersonal interactions, my capacity to articulate project goals, progress, and potential obstacles became one of my most critical assets.

Europe External Policy Advisors

Feb 2020 – Jun 2020

EEPA is an NGO that emphasises the core principles enshrined in the EU's Treaties to promote democratic governance and accountability, adhere to the rule of law including human rights obligations, and enable societies to live in dignity free from discrimination of any kind.

Research and advocacy assistant, Brussels

The key responsibilities consisted of researching migration issues in North Africa, the Horn of Africa and the EU. In relation to this, articles were published weekly on international policies on migration, human trafficking, sustainable development goals, and international politics.

Embassy of Belgium in Malaysia

Oct 2019 – Dec 2019

Intern political section, Kuala Lumpur

- Monitored and addressed political, economic and cultural issues in close cooperation with the EU delegation.
- This experience cultivated my deep understanding of international relations, trade dynamics, and financial diplomacy.

Education

Master International Relations and Diplomacy – University of Antwerp, Belgium 2018 – 2020

- Cum Laude
- Thesis: “*A descriptive study on the development and effectiveness of multilateral security organisations in Asia*”.
- Erasmus Programme: International Relations - **University of Ljubljana, Slovenia** (January - June 2019).

Master Criminological Sciences – Ghent University, Belgium 2014 – 2018

- Cum Laude
- Thesis: “*A comparative study of the penitentiary drug policy in Belgium and the Netherlands*”.
- Erasmus Programme : Criminological Sciences and International Law - **University of Bologna, Italy** (January – June 2018).

Languages

- **Dutch:** mother tongue
- **English:** fluent in speaking, reading and writing
- **French:** basic in speaking and reading

Projects & Activities

- **Member of Association for International Relations (VIRA), Brussels**
 - VIRA provides a forum where policy and business leaders, academics, diplomats, international officials and journalists exchange information and practical experiences on geopolitical and European issues.
- **Model United Nations simulation** - University of Antwerp (2018)
 - MUN is an educational simulation to give students the opportunity to learn about diplomacy and international relations within a UN context.
- **Volunteer Chiro Youth Flanders** (2013-2017)
- My personal interests include reading, cooking and travelling. I love immersing myself in other cultures whether in the form of a story, discovering world cuisine or meeting new people abroad.