

## **GIJS M. de VRIES**

### **General**

Born New York (NY), 22/02/1956  
Civil State married, two children  
Nationality Dutch  
Education MA, Political Science, University of Leiden, The Netherlands (1981)  
Postdoctoral Summer School, European University Institute, Florence (1981)  
Leadership Seminar, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC (1993)

### **Career History**

Current Ambassador of The Netherlands, The Hague  
2002-2003 Representative of the Government of The Netherlands at the Convention on the Future of the European Union, Brussels  
1998-2002 Deputy Minister of the Interior, The Hague  
1994-1998 Leader of the Liberal and Democratic Group in the European Parliament  
1984-1994 Member of the European Parliament

- Chairman of the Atlantic Association of The Netherlands (1991-1997)
- Chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Canada (1989-1992)
- Co-founder of the Transatlantic Policy Network (1992)

1981-1984 Member of the Leiden City Council  
1981-1984 Lecturer in International Relations, Faculty of Law, University of Leiden, The Netherlands

### **Honours**

1996 Commander in the Order of Merit of the Hellenic Republic