

## Coomans Michel-Charles



Born: Brussels,Belgium: April 5, 1945

Married (spouse: Muriel)

Citizen: belgian

### LANGUAGES

French	mother language	English	very good
Dutch	very good	Italian	good

### UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1990-1991	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Institut d'Etudes Européennes.
1991	Association pour l'Etude de l'intégration européenne. Luxembourg.
1985	Université Catholique de Louvain. Institut d'Administration et de Gestion. Certificat de direction d'entreprise.
1971-1972	Université Libre de Bruxelles. Institut du Travail. Graduat en Economie et Organisation d'entreprise.
1968-1970	Research Fellowship
1964-1968	Université Libre de Bruxelles. Faculté des Sciences. Licence - Agrégation en Sciences Mathématiques Appliquées option Physique-Mathématique.

Publication: « Où vont les autoroutes de l'information? », 1997, Ed Descartes & Cie, Paris

### EMPLOYMENT

After research activities, Michel C. Coomans has spent more than 15 years in the Information Technology industry, where he held various responsibilities, from systems designer to managing director and board member in major Corporations, in the USA, Canada and several parts of Europe as well as the initiator of a start-up company in office automation in Benelux.

He joined the European Commission in 1989 in the frame of the Industrial Research programme ESPRIT, in charge of multimedia and microprocessor systems areas till 1994.

He then moved to the Industrial Policy Directorate of DG Industry as Head a.i. of Unit « Links Research/Industry », Head of Sector « Industrial aspects of Information Society », deputy Head of Unit « Research and SMEs, Innovation and Industrial Changes ».

From 2000 to end 2002, M. Coomans became Head of Sector «Industrial co-operation and Business Dialogue with third countries» and Head a.i. of Unit in DG Enterprise “Enterprise Policy with third countries”, in particular with China and Japan.

He became Manager of the Unit “Human Ressources” in DG Enterprise (staff of 1100) between 2003 and 2005.

He was then appointed Head of Unit “Agro-Food Industry” in DG Enterprise and Industry till 2010, in charge of bilateral and multilateral Trade negotiations with third countries, of policies related to the competitiveness of the industries in the agro-food chain, and of the set up and follow up of a High level Group/ Forum composed of major public, institutional, private and societal executives stakeholders (Commissioners, Ministers, CEO, Chairmen of Associations).

He is member of several Clubs and Associations for Business, Art Support and Youth / Intergeneration and social integration in Belgium. He is co-founder in 2008 of a think tank on European policy matters. He joined the Rotary Club Brussels in 2001 where he hold several functions in Committees and the Board. He was elected President of the Club for 2008-2010 and is actually, President of the “Commission Music”. He is since 2013 Rotary International Prime Representative to the EU.

## **CONTACT**

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