



# BRAM DE WISPELAERE

SENIOR ENERGY EXPERT

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Senior energy expert with over 20 years of experience in the energy sector, specializing in market reforms, crisis management, and stakeholder engagement. Proven leadership in both national and international contexts, with a strong focus on sustainable energy, energy markets, and policy development. Since February 2025, working as an independent consultant through 2xU Spark, providing strategic advisory services on energy regulation, market design, and policy implementation. Previously held leadership positions in government and corporate environments, managing teams and implementing complex policy measures.

## LANGUAGES

- **Dutch:** Native
- **French:** Advanced
- **English:** Advanced
- **German:** Basic

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### FOUNDER & INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT – 2XU SPARK

February 2025 - present

- Providing strategic consultancy on energy regulation, market design, and policy implementation.
- Advising public and private sector clients on regulatory compliance, stakeholder management, and energy transition challenges.
- Supporting companies and institutions in navigating European energy policies and market reforms.

### DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Minister Tinne Van der Straeten, Brussels

2021 – February 2025

- Led the "market" team, managing seven advisors focusing on security of supply, market functioning, and consumer protection.
- Successfully implemented all market reforms outlined in the coalition agreement, including the capacity remuneration market and energy price regulation.
- Spearheaded crisis management measures at both national and European levels in response to the energy crisis.
- Engaged intensively with regional, national, and European stakeholders to align energy policies.

## CORE COMPETENCIES:

- **Strategic Leadership:** Experienced in leading organizations and developing long-term strategies.
- **Crisis Management:** Proven track record in handling national and European crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Stakeholder Management:** Strong relationships established with governments and international partners.
- **Policy Implementation:** Expertise in executing complex market reforms and energy standards.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Deep knowledge of regulations and corporate governance.
- **Team Management:** Successfully led multidisciplinary teams.
- **Technical Energy Expertise:** In-depth knowledge of energy markets and sustainable energy.
- **Communication & Negotiation:** Strong presentation and negotiation skills.

## WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

### HEAD OF DISTRIBUTION NETWORK MANAGEMENT, BRUSSELS AIRPORT COMPANY

Zaventem | 2019 – 2021

- **Operational Management:** Responsible for the daily management of a team of engineers and technicians for the Brussels Airport electricity network.
- **Strategic Development:** Developed and implemented a strategy for the sustainable development of the electricity network in line with the airport's economic ambitions.

### SR. REGULATORY MANAGER MARKETS, EDF LUMINUS

Brussels | 2007 – 2019

- **Policy & Strategy:** Coordinated strategic positions in multilateral discussions with market parties and policymakers at regional, federal, and European levels.
- **Regulatory Knowledge:** Managed and translated legislative changes into corporate strategies and operational practices.

### TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR, VREG

Brussels | 2002 – 2007

- **Regulation & Supervision:** Developed technical guidelines and supervision procedures for the Flemish energy market.
- **Publications:** Co-authored technical papers presented at international conferences.

## EARLIER EXPERIENCE

### Proposal Engineer | SEGHERSbetter Technology for Solids+Air | 2001 – 2002

### R&D Engineer | Fabricom N.V. | 1998 – 2001

- Specialized in environmental technology and electromagnetic drives, involved in international projects.

## PERSONAL PROFILE

48 years old, married, father of three children. Passionate runner, cyclist, and CrossFitter with a love for art and music. Active guitarist and trumpeter.

## EDUCATION

### CIVIL MECHANICAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Ghent University | 1998

- **Specialization:** Electrical Energy Engineering
- **Thesis:** "Active Rectifier for High Power" (nominated for SIDMAR TECHNICAL AWARD 1998)

### MINI MBA FOR ENERGY UTILITIES

Management Centre Europe | 2010

### SAFETY FOR OPERATIONAL MANAGERS VCA

ECS | 2019 (valid until 20/11/2029)

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

### **Chairman of the Board of Directors | NIRAS - ONDRAF, Brussels | 2024 – present**

- Lead meetings, steer strategic decisions, and ensure compliance.
- Represent NIRAS in governmental matters and build strong relationships.
- Advise and support the CEO, monitor performance and follow-up.
- Maintain high standards of governance and transparency.

**Government Commissioner | ASEVA N.V. | October 2023 – present :** member of the Board of Directors. ASEVA is responsible for the management of strategic oil reserves.

**Board Member | VZW SAMEN PLANNEN | | 2017 – present**

**Board Member | Society for Energy-Electrotechnics | TI-KVIV | 2003 – 2019**

**Student Representative | Ghent University | 1993 – 1995**

**Holiday Job Programmer | European Community | 1995**