

Curriculum vitae for Watze de Wolf

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Education and training (abbreviated – more details below)

MicroMasters in International Law, University Louvain La Neuve, Belgium, 2019-2022

EUROTOX Registered Toxicologist, 1998-2020

SMBWO Certified Toxicologist, 1994-1998

Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology, Utrecht University, the Netherlands, 1992

M.Sc. in Biology, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, 1986

Present position (since 1 Feb 2024)

Founder and principal scientist of regulatory Management Services & Consulting (regMSC). regMSC is a service provider with a focus to support EU Member States, industry associations, and non-governmental organisations experiencing environmental safety challenges and regulatory compliance issues.

Some projects:

- 2026: UFZ Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – Regulatory views on the grant challenges in the field of chemicals in the environment in 2040.
- 2026: regMSC – Research project on risks of chemical hazard classification.
- 2025 – 2026: – International business – Expert views on the environmental fate and effects of water-soluble polymers.
- 2024: Dutch Ministry of Agriculture – Independent assessment in the context of the regulatory framework on plant protection products (Regulation (EC) 1170/2009). Main objective was to address how new knowledge and insights on the safe use of pesticides for humans, animals and the environment can be incorporated into the authorisation of PPPs as soon as possible.
- 2024: International business – Assessment of the applicability of the EU definition on synthetic microparticles to a polymer for potential use in down-the-drain applications.
- 2024: International business - Expert opinion on the relevance for real life regarding biodegradation data and methods for a water-soluble polymer.

Other work and employment

2010-2023 European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)

December 2021 – August 2023 (until my statutory retirement age) Head of Unit – Biocidal Products

Daily management (work planning, staff performance, staff learning/development, recruitment, financial planning, budget control) of one of the biocides units dealing with the EU Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR; EC/528/2012). The job also involved the relationship management and advice of EU Commission (DG Sante), Member States and Industry dealing with the regulatory obligations stemming from the regulation.

March 2014 – November 2021 Chairman REACH Member States Committee (MSC)
 Planning of MSC's annual work programme and agendas for each individual meeting (6 meetings per year with an average length of 4 working days each), steering the preparations for the meeting cases, and managing the Member State representatives to reach unanimity in dossier and substance evaluation cases, as well as the identification of substance of very high concern, or to reach consensus for the CoRAP process and Recommendations for inclusion in the candidate list. Representing ECHA in interactions with EU Commission, EU Member States, international (regulatory) agencies, registrants, and other non-governmental stakeholders.

August 2010 – February 2014 Head of Unit – Evaluation III.

Daily management (work planning, staff performance, staff learning/development, recruitment, financial planning, budget control) of the EU Regulation REACH (EC/1907/2006) Evaluation unit performing dossier and substance evaluation. The job also involved the relationship management and advice of EU Commission (DG Grow and DG Env), Member States and Industry dealing with the regulatory obligations stemming from the regulation.

2001-2010 DuPont Coordination Center, Mechelen, Belgium

November 2004 – July 2010 Director Health & Environmental Sciences – EMEA.

Managing a team consisting of (eco)toxicologists, and chemical risk assessors responsible for data gathering, data generation, Chemical Safety Assessments (CSA) and Chemical Safety Reports (CSR). Leading health & environmental sciences activities, including strategic direction on alternative approaches to animal testing.

November 2001 – October 2004 Specialist Environmental Sciences – EMEA.

Environmental sciences activities in the chemical (risk) assessment field of specific substances used in the EMEA region.

1995-2001 Procter & Gamble Technical Center, Brussels, Belgium

2000 - 2001 Section Head Regulatory Affairs (Fabric & Home Care business).

Regulatory compliance for all Fabric & Home Care business products in EMEA, and notification of new chemicals for all business units in the EU.

January 1995 - 2000 Environmental Toxicologist.

Environmental assessments substances used in consumer products. Industry expert on EU environmental classification and labelling for substances and mixtures. Responsible for alternative approaches to animal testing, and perfume raw materials safety assessment.

1992-1994 Haskell Laboratories for Toxicology & Industrial Hygiene, Newark, Delaware

March 1992 – December 1994 Post-doc researcher

QSAR development and toxicokinetics in vertebrates (rodents, teleosts) and invertebrates (daphnids).

Publications

Over 30 peer reviewed publications in scientific journals. Numerous scientific/technical reports and conference presentations.

Education and training

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| 2026 ongoing courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Finnish Red Cross – To become a trainer in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) b) Åbo Akademi (Open University) – 100700.1-3041 Introduction to Intercultural Communication, 5 ECTS |
| 2025 | Finnish Red Cross – IHL Basic Course |
| 2023-2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online EDx or Coursera courses a) Arab-Muslim History: From Tribes to Empires, Tel-Aviv University (via EDx) |

	platform) b) Social Norms, Social Change II, University of Pennsylvania-Unicef (via Coursera platform; certificate earned). c) Rhetoric: The Art of Persuasive Writing and Public Speaking, Harvard University, AESTHINT15, (via EDx platform)
2019-2022	<p>Université Louvain La Neuve, Belgium – MicroMasters International Law Certificates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Lawc (5 CSE; LOUV5x; passed); • International Human Rights Law (5 ECTS; LOUV2x; passed); • Humanitarian Law (5 ECTS; LOUV16x; passed); • International Investment Law (5 ECTS; LOUV20x; passed); • Refugee Law (5 ECTS; LOUV; passed) <p>MicroMasters programs are a series of online graduate level courses from top universities on edX.org. They provide deep learning in a specific career field. Students may apply to the university offering credit for the MicroMasters certificate and, if accepted, can pursue an accelerated Master's Degree.</p> <p>Other online EDx or Coursera courses finished with certificate are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Globalization: Past and Future, SDG Academy; b) Us vs Them: Why people polarise and how to bring them together, Jesus College Cambridge, c) Classical Sociological Theory, University of Amsterdam, d) Social Norms, Social Change I, University of Pennsylvania-Unicef, e) Operational Research for Humanitarians, University of Geneva, f) Internal Displacement, Conflict and Protection, University of London, and g) A Law Student's Toolkit, Yale University.
1998-2020	Included in the Eurotox Register of Toxicologists (ERT). The European Register of Toxicologists is a service of EUROTOX. It constitutes a list of toxicologists who excel by high standards of education, skills, experience, and professional standing.
1994-1998	Certification as toxicologist by the Dutch SMBWO (Stichting Medisch Biologisch Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek).
1986-1992	<p>Utrecht University, the Netherlands – Ph. D.</p> <p>Fate and effects of chlorinated anilines in aquatic organisms were studied. Obtained additional skills in organic & analytical chemistry and biochemistry.</p>
1985-1986	Utrecht University/Wageningen University, the Netherlands – Post-graduate education in toxicology (PET). A modular training programme, which builds upon MSc-level skills and competences in toxicology. The PET programme provides the theoretical basis required for recognition and registration as a professional expert in toxicology.
1979-1985	Utrecht University, the Netherlands – Doctorandus Biological Sciences (current day equivalents are the combination of a Bachelor and Masters of Science) - Environmental toxicology, Ecophysiology, Management Sciences, Computer Sciences
1972-1979	Eindhoven's Protestants Lyceum – Atheneum B (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Dutch, English, German)

Other activities of potential relevance

2025-	Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Europe - Member of the Board of Directors
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2019-	Volunteer with the Finnish Red Cross
2018-2020	Health and Environmental Science Institute (HESI) – Member of the Board of Trustees
2004-2010	European Center on Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC) - Member of the Scientific Committee
2004-2010	CEFIC-LRI – Member of the Planning and Steering Committee
2009-2010	CEFIC - Chairman CEFIC Support Group REACH Implementation Projects (RIP-oN 1&2)
2008-2010	Plastics Europe – Chairman working group APFO Toxicology
2007-2009	SETAC – Founding member and Chairman Nano Advisory Group
2006	SETAC - President SETAC World Council
2003 - 2007	SETAC – Member of the SETAC World Council
2003-2005	SETAC Europe - Treasurer
2002	SETAC Europe – Acting Executive Director
1998 - 2004	SETAC Europe – Member of the SETAC Europe Council
1998-2001	OECD/BIAC – Member environmental expert working group on the development of GHS classification criteria
1984-1985	Utrecht University, Faculty of Biology, the Netherlands - Student member Board of Directors

Languages

Dutch	Mother tongue
English	Understanding C2, Speaking C2, Writing C2
German	Understanding C1, Speaking B2, Writing B1
Swedish	Understanding B2, Speaking B1, Writing B2
French	Understanding A2, Speaking A2, Writing A1

Personal references & Literature List

Upon request