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Short bio

Jan Kerkhofs is a **Federal Magistrate** at the Belgian Federal Prosecutor's Office in Brussels. From 2013 until 2018 he was deployed in the **Counter-Terrorism Unit** as a **cybercrime specialist** and specialized counter-terrorism magistrate. He has built up an extensive experience in federal and international terrorism and cybercrime cases, with a special focus on online investigation techniques and trans-border gathering of digital evidence and traces. Currently he is the **Head of the** **Cyber Unit of the Belgian Federal Prosecutor’s Office**, created in 2018 within the Organized Crime Division of the Belgian Federal Prosecutor's Office. He leads alpha-case cyber investigations and coordinates national and international cybercrime investigations, and he leads a team of 4 specialized high tech crime prosecutors and 6 legal attachés.

He holds a Master of Laws degree from the KULeuven, Belgium (1996) and a Diplôme d’Études Approfondies (DEA) en Droit Pénal et Sciences Pénales, from l’Université Panthéon-Assas-Paris II, Paris, France (1997). He also holds a **SANS GSEC401 certification in Cyber Security** and is a certified cyber security professional with technical knowledge and expertise.

Jan Kerkhofs is a **national and international recognized cybercrime expert**. He is a board member of the Belgian Expertise Network on Cybercrime. He is a government expert and advisor in matters of cybercrime, counter-terrorism and special investigation methods. He is also assigned as **expert** of the Belgian delegation in the Convention Committee on Cybercrime **(T-CY)** of the Council of Europe, and is a national representative of Belgium in the European Judicial Cybercrime Network (EJCN) at Eurojust.

Jan Kerkhofs is a Belgian Federal Police and Judiciary trainer and is co-responsible for the **training in cybercrime**, handling electronic evidence and online investigations of newly appointed magistrates and specialized cybercrime magistrates at the Belgian Judicial Training Institute (IGO). He also gives training in counter-terrorism and cybercrime matters for several law enforcement agencies, bar associations and international institutions (Council of Europe, IAP/GPEN, OSCE, TAIEX, ERA, EJTN, ICCT). He is a trainer of trainers in cybercrime and electronic evidence matters and trained magistrates in Europe, South Asia, Southwest Asia, the Pacific and Africa.

He **publishes** regularly on the subject of cybercrime and counter-terrorism and is co-author of the Belgian standard work and field manual on cybercrime "*Cybercrime*" (2013) and its successor “*Cybercrime 3.0*” (2019), the book “*Comparative Analysis of the Belgian and Dutch Substantive Terrorism Legislation*” and the book “*Counter-terrorism: the judicial approach of terrorism in Belgium*”.