

## **Biography:**

### **Edith Van den Broeck**

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Ms Edith Van den Broeck launched her judicial career at the bar of Mechelen (Belgium) in 1982, after which she began an internship at the public prosecutor's department of Louvain. From 1986 until 1988, her career underwent slightly moved in a political direction when she worked as an attaché for the Belgian Minister of Justice. In 1991 Ms Van den Broeck returned to the judicial world, after she was appointed First Senior Prosecutor in Mechelen.

At the dawn of the 21st century the judicial landscape in Belgium underwent some drastic changes, as may be exemplified in the erection of the federal *High Council of Justice*, Belgium's main supervisory body of the judicial system. Officially established in March 1999 by means of a change in the Belgian constitution, Ms Van den Broeck was one of the four initial Council's co-founders and acted as its president from February 2003 until September 2004 and from September 2005 until August 2006. Within the High Council, she uninterruptedly presided the *Commission of Appointment and Selection* (selection, training and appointment of judges and prosecutors) from February 2000 until November 2007. Her career also gained an international dimension when she was one of the initiators and later appointed president of the *European Network of High Councils (ENCJ)*, from May 2007 until September 2008.

In December 2007, the *Judicial Training Institute* providing essential training and education for the members of the judicial system was founded by Ms Van den Broeck, she was the director until 2015. Between 2000 and 2015 she also played an important (co-founding) role as a member of the *European Judicial Training Network (EJTN)*, member of its Steering Committee and president of its exchange working group.

Since 2016 she is seconded national expert at the International Association of Prosecutors as a senior legal advisor.