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As Vice President Public R&D Programmes of Philips Research, he is coordinating Philips' participation in public programmes for R&D partnerships in Europe. In addition, he is representing Philips' R&D interests with public authorities in Europe. In this context, he is a regular speaker at conferences, hearings and expert panels. He is a member of the FP7 Advisory Group on International Cooperation, the JTI Sherpas Group, the Special Interest Group on European Relations of EIRMA, the Research and Technological Working Group of BUSINESSEUROPE and the R&D cluster of DIGITALEUROPE. In April 2008, he was appointed by the European Commission as a member of the new European Research Area Board (ERAB).