

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights



Personal information

Surname(s)

First name(s)

Country

Current professional position

Position on the MB

Term of office on MB

Additional Information

Keysman

Els

Belgium

Co-director of Unia, Belgian equality body and national human rights institution

Alternate member

July 2020 - July 2025

Professional activities

2010 – 2016 **General manager, Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen (Flemish Refugee Action)** NGO that defends the rights of asylum seekers and refugees in Belgium

2008 – 2010 **Head of the advocacy & policy department, Oxfam-Wereldwinkels** NGO and democratic volunteer movement that, through its fight for global fair trade, stands up for everyone's right to a dignified life

1999 – 2010 **Policy advisor**, different federal and regional ministers. Focused on climate change issues, fair taxes, energy poverty, equal opportunities, and the budget

1993 – 1999 **Civil servant**, Flemish government administration

International activities

2018 – to date **Member in respect of Belgium, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, Council of Europe (ECRI)**

2017 – to date **Member, Council on Dutch Language and Literature**

National activities

2016 – to date **Member of the editorial board at SAMPOL**

2016 – to date **Board member at SOS-Schulden op school** Organization that strives for debt free mandatory education in Flanders