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Brief description of his activities and responsibilities in water related associations and projects :

- president of Inland Waterways International (IWI)
- chair of PIANC WG 219, with the task of realizing a report with 'guidelines for inland waterways infrastructure to facilitate tourism'
- expert in the World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization (WCCO)
- president of the Flemish Committee of Sailing Heritage
- promotor water tourism city of Ghent
- representative of the 'Flemish cities of art' in the core team 'platform water recreation, -sports & -tourism' and of the subteams 'Inland Waterways' and 'Water recreation' (Flemish authorities)
- secretary of NautiV, the Professional Association of Flemish Nautical SME's
- secretary of the Flemish Federation of Passenger Transport
- NIWE member (Network for Inland Waterways in Europe)
- PIANC-Belgium member
- member of the High Council for self-employed persons and SME's – section tourism
- project member of Escaut/Schelde2050
- member of Water Heritage Flanders
- council member in the regional Tourism Boards 'Toerisme Leiestreek' & 'Toerisme Scheldeland' on behalf of the city of Ghent
- project leader for Ghent in the European Interreg-project 'Golden Lys'
- author of several articles in water-related publications

- organizer of the WORLD CANALS CONFERENCE 2015 in Ghent, together with NautiV
- former project leader European Interreg 2 Seas 'Yacht Valley' - Masterplan Snepkaai marina
- former project member European Interreg II 'sustainable canal restoration'
- former project member European Interreg IV 'the river Lys, from source to mouth'
- former project member European 'Detour' : Compact Cities and Tourism - Developing Tourism in Urban Europe
- former ICOMIA representative on behalf of Portus Ganda Marina - Belgium
- founding board member of Gandavum (association promoting the cultural heritage along the waterways in Ghent and in the province of East-Flanders - association on hold)
- Belgian representative and delegate in AEMA (European Association of Municipalities with Marina/Yachting Harbour) (association on hold)