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Top Skills

Engineering
Construction Disputes
Dispute Avoidance

Languages

Spanish (Elementary)
English (Full Professional)
French (Native or Bilingual)
Dutch (Native or Bilingual)
German (Elementary)

Certifications

Certified Mediator for Civil and
Commercial Matters
Advanced Management Programme
Advanced Management Programme

Honors-Awards

Officer in the Order of the Crown
(Ordre de la Couronne/Kroonorde)
Associated Member of the
Universitary Foundation

Publications

Towards a more environment-
friendly way of producing electricity
Insuring technical installations:
classic policies
Simulation of the Dynamics and the
Control Systems of a PWR Power
Station on a Microcomputer

Didier De Buyst

Value Creator in Industry ("ad veram aestimationem creandam")
Antwerp Metropolitan Area

Summary

Didier De Buyst combines his engineering background with a thorough knowledge of corporate finance, a knack for strategic thinking and a clear vision of the technological future. He is able to analyze and decode problems swiftly and accurately, and has the tenacity and courage to subsequently implement the right solutions. This unique combination has been a crucial factor in all of his professional achievements.

For 30 years, Didier has served as a board member for various organizations, including large commercial companies, public institutions and research centers. He has guided them through some of the most critical phases of their existence. As a board member of Belgacom (now Proximus), he helped the company successfully tackle several profound challenges, including the liberalization of the telecom market, the advent of broadband and the company's IPO. He focuses on long-term assignments, either as a member of the board itself, or as part of an advisory board or strategic committee.

His own company Veritas per Scientiam resolves industrial disputes. He has built a strong reputation in this field and is particularly known for his ability to look beyond the purely legal perspective. The aim is to provide companies with a solution that is timely, correct and economically sound, always keeping a keen eye on the business side of things. Didier has been a certified mediator since 2013.

Didier specializes in complex engineering projects in the domain of civil engineering, building, infrastructure and large industrial installations. His experience in strategic business management and corporate finance allows him to take a holistic view on project management. He is able to align the different disciplines toward a common goal and understands the impact of crucial factors to anticipate problems before they escalate.

Finally, Didier is active as visiting professor at Hasselt University.

Experience

Veritas per Scientiam

31 years 6 months

Creating Value during Business Conflict Resolution

January 1993 - Present (31 years 6 months)

Veritas per Scientiam assists industry in avoiding and resolving industrial and technical disputes. Our unique combination of technical and business expertise enables us to look beyond the purely legal perspective and find a timely and economically sound resolution.

Focus on technical and industrial disputes

Veritas per Scientiam focuses on avoiding and resolving technical and industrial disputes—typically those related to engineering—which involve property damage or business interruption. We combine a thorough engineering background with long-standing experience in business matters, including Corporate Finance.

We handle disputes between companies and their suppliers, contractors and other business partners, or within the company itself, including disputes between business units, departments, shareholders and other stakeholders.

Keeping a keen eye on business

Legal disputes create financial and economic uncertainty for all parties involved. More often than not, they lead to long, drawn-out procedures and large legal fees, with a result that benefits neither party. Considerable time and economic value are wasted. Perhaps more importantly, future collaboration between parties is often severely jeopardized.

Veritas per Scientiam helps to resolve disputes in a more effective manner. We always keep a keen eye on the business side of things and take into account all economic consequences. We provide companies with a solution that is timely, correct and economically sound. Our aim is to create true value during the business conflict resolution: *ad veram aestimationem creandam*.

Certified Mediator

October 2013 - Present (10 years 9 months)

Certified mediator in Belgium for civil and commercial matters. See www.mediation-justice.be/ (French and Dutch).

SCK CEN

15 years 4 months

Chairman of the MYRRHA Supervisory Group at Belgian Nuclear Research Centre

October 2021 - Present (2 years 9 months)

Brussels Metropolitan Area

Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Belgian Nuclear Research Center

October 2021 - Present (2 years 9 months)

Brussels, Brussels Region, Belgium

"Do not underestimate the power of atoms: nuclear applications can make a difference. Now and in the future. This is why as one of the biggest research centres in Belgium we continue to perform research into them"

Director (Member of the Board of Governors) of the Belgian Nuclear Research Centre

March 2009 - Present (15 years 4 months)

Mol/Brussels

Appointed as Director (Member of the Board of Governors) of SCK-CEN, the Belgian national nuclear research facility, one of the world leaders for material testing, research on Generation IV nuclear reactors, production of radio isotopes (mainly in the BR2 reactor). See: www.sck.be/en

Member of the MYRRHA Supervisory Group at Belgian Nuclear Research Centre

December 2010 - Present (13 years 7 months)

Brussels Area, Belgium

The MYRRHA Supervisory Group is a subgroup of the SCK•CEN Board of Directors that periodically reviews and assesses the status, related risks and strategic opportunities of the MYRRHA project in co-operation with the MYRRHA Management Team. The MYRRHA Supervisory Group provides recommendations to the Board of Directors on project management, organisational and technological issues related to MYRRHA.

MYRRHA project (> 1 billion € investment): <https://myrrha.be/>

Member of the Finance Committee at Belgian Nuclear Research Centre
November 2009 - Present (14 years 8 months)

Brussels

The Financial Committee reviews annual accounts of the company and performs regular audits concerning financial and other risks. The Committee

does also preparatory work to assist the Board of Governors in all aspects of Corporate Finance (investments, acquisitions, disposals, write-offs, etc.).

Hasselt University

Visiting Professor

July 2014 - Present (10 years)

Hasselt, Belgium

Visiting professor (10%) at the Faculty of Architecture for the course "Management 5" (integration of architectural design with engineering taking into consideration financial, social, sustainability and other constraints) in the second Master of Architecture

ie-net ingenieursvereniging

Member of the Board of Directors of ie-net Society of Engineers

January 2023 - Present (1 year 6 months)

Antwerp Metropolitan Area

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture UGent

Member of the Industrial Strategic Advisory Council

December 2019 - Present (4 years 7 months)

Ghent, Flemish Region, Belgium

See <https://www.ugent.be/ea/nl/faculteit/raden/isar>

essenscia

Member Strategic Committee Essenscia Vlaanderen (Federation Chemical & Life Sciences Industries)

September 2017 - September 2023 (6 years 1 month)

Brussels Area, Belgium

Essenscia vzw/asbl, the Belgian Federation for Chemistry and Life Sciences industries, is a multisectoral umbrella organisation that represents the numerous sectors of activities in the field of chemicals and the life sciences.

For more details: http://www.essenscia.be/en/about_essenscia

European Expertise & Expert Institute EEEI

Member of the Executive Committee

June 2021 - December 2022 (1 year 7 months)

Paris, Île-de-France, France

ie-net Ingenieursvereniging (Society of Engineers)

6 years 7 months

Member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer/Chairman Finance Committee

January 2016 - December 2019 (4 years)

ie-net Society of Engineers is the community that brings together all engineers and all other people inspired by technology

Chairman of the Finance Committee of the ie-net group

January 2014 - December 2015 (2 years)

The Finance Committee reviews the annual accounts and makes a budget proposal to the Board of Directors

Member of the Board of Directors

June 2013 - December 2015 (2 years 7 months)

PHL Department of Architecture

11 years 8 months

Professor (lecturer)

September 2007 - June 2014 (6 years 10 months)

Hasselt

Part-time professor (lecturer) at PHL Department of Architecture (since 2013 Faculty of Architecture at Hasselt University), as coordinator of the course "Introduction to Management" in the second Master in Architecture. Founder of the "Business Game for Architects" (2012) in co-operation with BDO and Matexi (see <http://www.bdo.be/nl/news/bdo-news/2012/eerste-editie-van-de-business-game-for-architects/>).

Professor (lecturer)

November 2002 - August 2007 (4 years 10 months)

Hasselt

Part-time professor (lecturer) at PHL Department of Architecture (now Faculty of Architecture at Hasselt University) for the course "facilities in buildings taking into account energy, ecology and economy" in the first Master in Architecture.

Vlerick Business School

Guest Speaker

January 2006 - December 2007 (2 years)

Ghent (Belgium)

A full session "Understanding the strategic context of an organization (how industry evolution drives strategy" is presented to students of the international full-time MBA and of the part-time MBA training courses at the Vlerick Leuven

Gent Management School, allowing for an interactive and in-depth discussion, based on the case “Belgacom & Telindus: a One Way Love Affair?” published on the ECCH (authors: K. Verweire, G. Greef and D. De Buyst see: http://www.ecch.com/casearch/product_details.cfm?id=87208).

Belgacom

Board Member

March 1996 - December 2006 (10 years 10 months)

Belgacom is the incumbent Belgian telecom operator (fixed, mobile and broadband). The company was successfully transformed from a monopolistic situation into a high-performance enterprise within a highly competitive market. On March 22, 2004, the company was introduced on Euronext Brussels. See: www.belgacom.com

Inter-Eco Group

Chairman & CEO

March 1996 - June 2003 (7 years 4 months)

Foundation and further development of a multidisciplinary consultancy business with offices in four major cities, structured in departments (Civil Engineering, Assessment & Loss Adjusting, Corporate Finance, Process & Structure Management and Environment).

Belgian Federal Agency for Nuclear Control (FANC - Federaal Agentschap voor Nucleaire Controle)

Board Member

April 1997 - March 2003 (6 years)

The FANC is to be compared to the NRC; it is the regulator for the civilian nuclear sector in Belgium.

Education

INSEAD

Advanced Management Program · (2016 - 2016)

Universiteit Gent

Ph.D. in Engineering, Engineering · (1989 - 1993)

Harvard Business School

Certificate, Negotiation · (2006 - 2006)

Vlerick Business School

Certificate, Master Class in Corporate Finance · (2005 - 2006)

Universiteit Gent

M.Sc. in Engineering, Engineering · (1984 - 1989)