



Embassy
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Brussels



Dear friends and colleagues,

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium, in partnership with the Federation of Belgian Enterprises VBO FEB, is delighted to announce a new event series focused on **Women in Economic Policy**. Please join us for the opening session on

Thursday, 12 January 2023 at 17:30

at The Nine (Rue Archimède/Archimèdestraat 69, 1000 Brussels)

with a **panel discussion and networking dinner**

RSVP by 09/01/23 at wi-s1-di@brue.diplo.de

How is the participation of women essential to responding to the economic challenges of our time while upholding sustainability and innovation? In this new Brussels event series on **Women in Economic Policy**, we will put the spotlight on female leadership in different industries, which need to be included in the broader debate on economic transitions as well as on gender equality. Together, we will discuss these industries, the challenges they face today, and the broader economic implications with the aim of policy recommendations to support women's economic empowerment.

The opening event on 12 January will focus on the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sector and will include the following distinguished panelists:



Nathalie van Ypersele, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer as well as General Manager Communications at the science company Solvay. She was previously partner at *akkanto*, a consulting firm in communication, based in Brussels and Editor in Chief of *Trends-Tendances*, the number one business weekly magazine in Belgium and has been the recipient of press prizes. Nathalie also leads a family foundation with social projects in the Philippines, India and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Jan Remeysen, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO at BASF Antwerpen as well as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of *essencia vlaanderen* (Flemish chemical federation) as well as Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Industry Platform *Voka*. Jan has a PhD in Chemistry and has been with BASF since 1996, starting in the Environmental Department. He was nominated CEO of BASF Antwerpen, the second largest BASF site in the world, in January 2020.

This series is part of the **Women in Economic Policy Network** founded a year ago at the German Federal Foreign Office, within the context of Germany's Feminist Foreign Policy. The network brings together over 500 international decision-makers in the field of economic policy.

About the location: **The Nine** is Belgium's first female-focused private member's club, building a community that believes in making equality reality.

Please feel free to share this invitation within your network.

We look forward to seeing you there!