

# Jan van den Biesen

Adviser

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## Summary

Educated as a physicist at Leiden University, Jan van den Biesen spent one year as a PostDoc at the University of California in Berkeley before joining Philips in 1983 to work on semiconductor research. Three years later, he was seconded for one year to Hitachi's Central Research Laboratory in Tokyo.

From 1990 to 1992 he was responsible for liaising with Dutch public authorities on Philips' participation in national R&D programmes. In that period he also complemented his education with a joint Executive MBA from University of Rochester, NY, and Erasmus University Rotterdam. As a special assistant to Philips' Chief Technology Officer, he took part in a major corporate strategy study on multimedia from 1994 to 1996. In 1997, Jan van den Biesen became responsible for developing Philips' policy regarding publicly funded programmes for collaborative R&D and coordinating Philips' worldwide participation in such programmes.

Until his retirement from Philips as of April 1, 2017, he was a Vice President of the Steering Board of the ARTEMIS Industry Association and a member of the Management Committee of the AENEAS Industry Association, the Governing Board of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, the Research and Innovation Working Groups of BUSINESSEUROPE and DIGITALEUROPE and the Technology & Innovation Committee of VNO-NCW. From April 2008 to February 2012 he was advising the European Commission as a member of the European Research Area Board (ERAB), and from May 2016 to January 2018 as a member of the Open Science Policy Platform (OSPP).

As a thought leader on European research policy from the industrial perspective, Jan van den Biesen is a regular speaker at conferences, hearings and expert panels. In May 2017 he established himself as an independent adviser under the business name EUROPOLARIS – European Policy Advice and Research & Innovation Strategies.

Jan van den Biesen was born in Breda, the Netherlands, in 1954. He is married and has three children.

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## Experience

### **Director/Owner**

May 2017 - Present

European Policy Advice and Research & Innovation Strategies

### **Vice President, Head of Public R&D programs at Philips Research**

January 2007 - March 2017 (10 years 3 months)

Creating favorable framework conditions for Philips' R&D and innovation

**Vice President, Department Head EuroPartners at Philips Research**

June 2000 - December 2006 (6 years 7 months)

Leading coordination and support of Philips' participation in public programs for R&D

**Manager Corporate R&D - Government Relations at Philips Research**

June 1997 - January 2000 (2 years 8 months)

Promoting Philips' R&D interests with public authorities

**Senior Staff Officer Multimedia Business Office at Philips International**

January 1995 - January 1997 (2 years 1 month)

Ensuring deployment of Philips' strategy for multimedia

**Special Assistant to Chief Technology Officer at Philips International**

January 1992 - January 1995 (3 years 1 month)

Support of Philips' Chief Technology Officer in various tasks

Participation in and organisation of major corporate strategy study on multimedia from 1994 to 1996

Speech writing

**Coordinator External Economic Relations**

January 1990 - January 1992 (2 years 1 month)

Coordinating relations between Philips and Ministry of Economic Affairs in The Netherlands

**Management Office (Directiebureau)**

March 1988 - January 1990 (1 year 11 months)

Improving efficiency and effectiveness of Philips Research

**Researcher**

October 1987 - March 1988 (6 months)

Modeling of semiconductor devices

**Visiting researcher**

October 1986 - October 1987 (1 year 1 month)

Modeling of semiconductor devices

**Researcher at Philips Research**

August 1983 - September 1986 (3 years 2 months)

Modeling of semiconductor devices

**Postdoc researcher**

April 1982 - April 1983 (1 year 1 month)

Molecular beams

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## Education

### **Leiden University**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Physics, 1977 - 1982

### **Erasmus University Rotterdam**

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Business Administration and Management, General, 1990 - 1992

### **University of Rochester**

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Business Administration and Management, General, 1990 - 1992

**Activities and Societies:** Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

### **Leiden University**

Master's Degree, Physics, 1972 - 1977

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## Honors and Awards

member Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society, ERA Achievement Award, ARTEMIS Award, ARTEMIS Industry Association Award 2017

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