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## What did you do before joining the Commission?

I have a PhD in economics from the University of Leuven and have published papers in peer-reviewed international journals, such as the Journal of Applied Econometrics, Review of World Economics, European Financial Management. I have continued to teach a few courses at the University on the advanced Masters' programme and I occasionally speak at lectures and international conferences.

## What are you currently working on?

About a year ago, I moved to the directorate responsible for the Internal Market, where I am currently employed as an economist in the area of financial regulation. I'm working on the impact assessment of potential future regulation on the structure of large universal EU banks to increase the stability of the financial system. This is one of the most important projects for my directorate this year and in my career so far. It's truly a unique project, which requires a lot of consultation with contacts in EU Member States, as well as with the European Central Bank, the European Bank Authority and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

## Why did you choose an EU career?

Because it's challenging, rewarding and interesting, because you work with bright, hard-working and witty colleagues, because it's a unique experience, and because I think the EU project is a good one and I would like to be a part of it.