

Philip Heylen



- Born in Antwerp on 24 June 1968
- Married to Antoinette Dieleman (NL)
- Master (licentiate) of Laws (University of Antwerp)
- **Business Development Manager at Ackermans & van Haaren**
 - Ackermans & van Haaren is a diversified group, active in five key segments:
 - Energy & Resources
 - Marine Engineering & Infrastructure
 - Private Banking
 - Real Estate & Senior Care
 - Development Capital

Bridge builder, networker, inspirer, coach, enthusiastic, creative, eye for detail, loyal, driving force, communicator, versatile, city marketeer, ppp's, local/international, organizer, five-time marathon runner for charity

Enthusiastic speaker and author, in Belgium and abroad, culture, economy, sustainable development, waste and materials policy and energy-related topics

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Achievements:

- **Economy**
 - [Blue Gate Antwerp](#): a public-private partnership on the Blue Gate Antwerp site, a 163 hectares large brownfield, ready for redevelopment,
 - first contracts signed with international companies (Bexco, Exmar Group)
 - public-private partnership signed with Blue O'pen (DEME Group & Bopro)
 - [Antwerp Headquarters](#), a public-private partnership offering independent advice and assistance to companies looking to establish or expand operations in the city of Antwerp
 - Launching new policies towards innovative economy and start-ups, various projects: StartUpVillage, TakeOffAntwerp, [Gate15](#), [Born in Antwerp](#)...

- **Clean Tech Management**
- **Chairman of [ISVAG](#)** (the inter-municipal company responsible for the processing of household waste from one million inhabitants of greater Antwerp, and using it to generate electricity for more than 25,000 households)
 - Chairman of the Board of Directors of ISVAG since 2001
 - From crisis communication to dialogue, from black sheep to best pupil in the class
 - From political discord to consensus
 - From external consultants to their own soundly-based know-how, among the 5% best plants Europe from the environmental/technical viewpoint
 - National and international interest and recognition
 - Preparing the construction of a new Waste-to-Energy Plant

- **Chairman of the ISWA 2015 World Congress** (7, 8 and 9 September 2015 in Antwerp)
 - 1260 participants from more than 90 countries, more than 200 international speakers in 47 sessions, watch the [mood movie ISWA 2015](#).
 - Attended by several ministers, ambassadors, vice-ministers, former ministers, executive directors of national environmental authorities, MP's, mayors...
 - Top level representatives of the World Bank, Clinton Climate Initiative, EU, OECD, UNEP, UNEA...
 - 21 countries and OECD participated in Clean Environment Regulators Roundtable, organized by OVAM (Flemish Waste Administration) and National Environment Agency of Singapore
 - At the ISWA World Congress, the environmental department of the United Nations (UNEP) officially presented the first GWMO (Global Waste Management Outlook) to a wide audience of ministers, ambassadors and other public representatives

- **UNEP Special Envoy for Lebanon**
 - October 2015: UN Fact Finding Mission for the Waste Management Crisis in Beirut, with Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Director United Nations Environment Programme
 - February 2016: Follow-up Mission to Beirut, with UNEP

- **Culture & Heritage**
- **[MAS](#), [Red Star Line Museum](#),**
 - Launch of two new, state of the art Museums in Antwerp in the past five years
 - Funding, fundraising, crowdsourcing (€ 8.5 million private funding for Culture)
 - Design, construction
 - Cooperation with international architects
 - MAS: almost 4 million visitors since 2011, landmark, various awards
 - The Red Star Line Museum on Migration: 500.000 visitors since 2013, various awards, collaboration with Ellis Island, NY.

- **Middelheim Museum:**
 - Continuous investment in open-air museum for contemporary art

- Numerous successful exhibitions in the past years in Antwerp,
 - Solo exhibitions of internationally acclaimed artists such as *Anselm Kiefer, Paul McCarthy, Kader Attia, Jan Fabre, Luc Tuymans, Panamarenko,...*
 - [Bonaparte at the Scheldt](#) (MAS, 2013)
 - *Flemish Masterpieces from Antwerp from the 17th Century: Rubens, Van Dyck and Jordaens*, travelling exhibition in Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya Museum, Mumbai, India in 2013
 - [Sacred Places, Sacred Books](#) (MAS, 2014)
 - [Rubens in Private](#) (Rubenshuis, 2015)
 - [Istanbul-Antwerp. Port City Talks](#) (MAS, 2015)
 - [Body Art](#) (MAS, 2016)
 - *The Story of the Image* (travelling MAS exhibition in Shanghai Art Museum & National Museum of Singapore, 2009)

- **Tourism Antwerp, 2006-2012:**
 - City marketing
 - Increasing professionalism, expansion of team
 - Number of sea cruises up 275%, number of passengers up 842%
 - Total overnight stays up 20%
 - Cooperation New York, Singapore, Shanghai
 - International recognition, awards

- **Key Note Speaker on numerous international congresses and meetings**
 - Beacon Conference Kuala Lumpur 2016, *on Clean Tech and Waste Management*
 - Tel Aviv – the Conservation International Exhibition and Conference 2016,
 - ISWA World Congress 2015, *on Clean Tech and Waste Management*
 - The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy 2015, *on Culture*
 - City Nations Place Forum London 2015, *on City Branding*
 - Shanghai Forum 2014, *on Economy and Clean Tech*
 - Eurobest Helsinki 2014 & Eurobest Antwerp 2015, *on Creativity*
 - MIPIM Cannes 2014-2015-2016, *on City Development*
 - World Cities Summit Singapore 2014, *on City Development*
 - World Outgames Human Rights Conference 2013, *on Human Rights*
 - Historical Lecture Philadelphia 2012, *on Culture & Conservation*
 - Hermitage Amsterdam 2011, *on Culture & Conservation*
 - Eurocities 2011, *on City Development*
 - Berlinale 2010, *on Culture*

Professional Career:

- 1993 Sky Systems
- 1995 Antwerp City Council for the Flemish Christian Democrats party, Advisor to the Vice Mayor for Communications, Administrative Organization and Decentralization
- 1998 – 2004 Staff member of the Flemish Christian Democrats fraction and Advisor to the national chairmen of the Flemish Christian Democrats party
- From December 1st 2016 on: Business Development Manager at Ackermans & van Haaren
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Political Career:

- January 2001 till today: City Council member in Antwerp
- 2004-2006: Vice mayor for Culture, Libraries and Historic Monuments in Antwerp
- 2007-2012: Vice mayor for Culture, Tourism, Libraries, Historic Monuments and Public Worship
- 2012- November 2016: Vice Mayor for Culture, Economy, City Maintenance, Property Management and Public Worship.

Mandates:**Cultural mandates**

- Chairman, Board of Directors, AMUZ (*International Center for Ancient Music, hosting cultural, educational and research activity*)
- Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, vzw Antwerpen Kunstenstad (*Center of Art Communication of Antwerp*)
- Board member Kunsthuis, Opera Ballet Vlaanderen (*Royal Ballet and Opera of Flanders*)
- Board member deFilharmonie (*Filharmonic Orchestra of Flanders*)
- Board member of the Muhka (*Museum of Contemporary Art Antwerp*)

Prudential mandates

- Board member, Elia (*Belgium's electricity transmission system operator*)
- Chairman, ISVAG (*inter-municipal waste management company in Antwerp*)
- Chairman, Blue Gate Antwerp (*BGA is a public-private partnership for the Blue Gate Antwerp site, a 163 hectares large brownfield ready for redevelopment*)
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- Board member AG VESPA (*Autonomous municipal company for real estate and urban projects Antwerp*)
- Board member Water-Link / INDUSS NV

Social Commitment

- Founding President Lions Club Anthony Van Dyck Antwerp
- President VZW Commemoration 1st V-bomb Antwerp
- Board Member of Aldegonde Foundation (Cultural Cooperation Antwerp - Zeeland)
- Honorary President volleyball club Topvolley Antwerp
- Marathon runner for charity
- Organizing annual Winter Concert to aid projects, such Jeanne Devos Foundation / SignUp vzw / Madosa / Dosporta (integration of deaf and hard of hearing into socio-cultural and sports life) and (W)onderweg (young people with autism spectrum disorder)