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Digital in Practice Programme: *Smart mobility: is the EU in pole position in the global race?*

Speaker Bios

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Mr. Hartog has Dutch nationality and was born and raised in Utrecht (the Netherlands). He obtained a degree in political economics at the Erasmus University (Rotterdam) and subsequently a post-graduate degree at the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium). He has worked in the European Commission since 1989, first in Trade policy, then in Regional policy and in Maritime policy and lately in Information Society and Media policy. He is a Head of Unit since 2003. His present responsibility (since July 2016) is Head of Unit for Smart Mobility and Living in DG Communication Networks, Content and Technology. Mr Hartog is married and has two daughters.

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Pierre-Olivier Millette is Associate Director, Automated Driving Technical Policy for Europe at Intel Corporation. He cumulates fifteen years of engineering and policy experience in the automotive industry in North America, in Asia, and in Europe. Having begun with airbags, seat belts, and crashworthiness, his career has been primarily dedicated to vehicle safety and has evolved into being focused on active safety and automated driving. His prior work experiences have seen him assuming roles at vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, and in academic research groups, and he now oversees Intel's contribution to automated vehicle regulation in Europe and at the United Nations. His academic background includes degrees in mechanical engineering and business administration.

▶▶ **Marie-France van der Valk**

Head of Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance Brussels Office



Marie-France van der Valk was appointed European affairs director in the public affairs department of Renault in 2010. Based in Brussels, she is in charge of promoting the interests of Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi to the European institutions on all issues linked with the car industry. Marie-France joined Renault in 1996 in the legal department and spent four years in the manufacturing department in charge of industrial performance for assembly plants. Previously, she worked for the OECD (Nuclear Energy Agency) and for the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

▶▶ **Joost Vantomme**

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Joost Vantomme is the Smart Mobility Director of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA), which represents the 16 major Europe-based car, van, truck and bus manufacturers. Joost serves also as member of the Supervisory Board of ERTICO (advocating intelligent mobility solutions) and of the Board of the Mobility as a Service Alliance (MaaS).

Joost has over 25 years' experience in legal, regulatory and public affairs. He served as legal and regulatory affairs director in the telecommunications, postal, logistics and automotive sector. He had leading policy making roles in European associations such as PostEurop

and FEDMA, as well as at the UN level (UPU). Joost has also been member of the cabinet of the Belgian Minister of Economy and director at Hill+Knowlton Strategies, an EU consultancy firm.

As a frequent speaker at conferences and author of papers, he engages with stakeholders on European and international policy issues in a digital agenda context. Joost holds a Master in Economic Business Law, a Master's in law and a Diploma in Teaching Law (Universities of Leuven, Poitiers and Louvain). He is fluent in Dutch, French, English and German.

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