



TANJA GONGGRIJP

Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Tanja Gonggrijp took office as Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe on 1 September 2026.

A career diplomat with extensive experience in international relations and senior management, she previously served as Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Council of Europe and as Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Her career with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs includes senior positions in sustainable trade, international cooperation and HR strategy.

LANGUAGES

English: C2

French: C1

German: B1

Swedish: B2

Dutch: Native

EXPERIENCES

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Strasbourg, France | 2022-August 2026

AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS TO SRI LANKA AND THE MALDIVES

Colombo, Sri Lanka | 2019-2022

HEAD OF SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND TRADE AT THE SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Hague, Netherlands | 2015-2019

PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RESSOURCES POLICY RENEWAL

The Hague, Netherlands | 2014-2015

SENIOR ADVISOR AND HEAD OF COORDINATION UNIT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Hague, Netherlands | 2010-2014

DIPLOMAT AT THE EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS IN SENEGAL

Dakar, Senegal | 2007-2010

POLICY OFFICER AT THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE DEPARTMENT

The Hague, Netherlands | 2004-2007

Clingendael Institute for International Relations
PROGRAMME COORDINATOR

The Hague, Netherlands | 2000-2004

EDUCATION

2014-2015

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION DEGREE

School of Management Groningen, Netherlands

Human Resources Strategy

1995-2000

MASTER'S DEGREE

University of Twente, Netherlands

Public Policy and Public Administration,
International relations

PERSONAL DETAILS

Married and two children