Eke Folkerts



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Experienced public administrator and agricultural professional with a strong background in finance, governance, and stakeholder engagement. Currently serving as Regional Minister (Gedeputeerde) of the Province of Fryslân, responsible for finance, organizational management, heritage, and the Frisian language. Combines hands-on international agricultural experience with strategic leadership and public policy.

Professional Experience

Regional Minister (Gedeputeerde) – Province of Fryslân (2023 – Present)

Portfolio: Finance, Organizational Management, Heritage, Frisian Language

Chair & Advocate – Young Farmers (Netherlands) (2018 – 2022)

Represented interests of young farmers at national level

Office Manager – Dairy Campus (Wageningen University & Research) (2012 – 2022)

Financial Advisor – Friesland Bank (2007 – 2012)

Agricultural Worker – International (2007 – 2023)

Education

HBO Animal Husbandry (propedeuse obtained)

MTRO Tourism Education (2002 – 2006)

Languages

Frisian – Native

Dutch – Native

English – Professional working proficiency

German – Intermediate