



**Barbara Visser**  
State Secretary,  
Netherlands Ministry of Defence

**High-Level Interview**

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blueprint for European multinational partnerships**

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**Personal details:**

Full name: Barbara Visser

Place and date of birth: Sibenik (Croatia), 16 August 1977

Place of residence: Zaandam

**Education:**

1989-1995 : Secondary education, Pascal College, Zaandam

1995-2001 : Business Administration for the Financial Sector, Vrije  
Universiteit Amsterdam

**Career:**

After graduating, Ms Visser joined the Fiscal Information and  
Investigation Service/Economic Investigation Service of the Tax and  
Customs Administration as a senior policy officer.

From 2006 to 2010 she worked as an executive business consultant  
for Atos Consulting NV.

In 2010 Ms Visser was appointed member of the municipal  
executive for the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD)  
in Zaanstad.

She became a member of the House of Representatives in 2012.

On 26 October 2017 Barbara Visser was appointed State Secretary for  
Defence in the third Rutte government.

**Party political positions and outside activities:**

Barbara Visser was a member of the Zaandam municipal council  
for the VVD from 2006 to 2010. For part of the same period she  
also served as leader of the VVD group, and headed the list of VVD  
candidates in the 2010 municipal elections. She has also served as  
a member of the advisory committee to the Monet Foundation in  
Zaandam and as a member of the board of Stichting Amsterdam  
2013, which coordinated various events promoting the city of  
Amsterdam and marking historical milestones