

## Personal data

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Nationality: Dutch  
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Drivers' licence: Yes (car, motorbike)

## Education

Sept. 2000 – Sept. 2004 Business Administration,  
Field of expertise: finance and investment management  
Erasmus University Rotterdam (NL)  
Graduated: September 2004

Sept. 1996 – July 2000 Technical Business Administration,  
Field of expertise: technical commercial and technical organizational  
University of Professional Education 's-Hertogenbosch (NL)  
Graduated: July 2000

Sept. 1989 – June 1996 University Preparatory Secondary Education,  
Liemers College Zevenaar (NL)  
Graduated: June 1996

## Profile

I am a professional and ambitious young man. Over the years I developed a great interest in the fields of renewable energy. I strongly believe that our society can and must operate more sustainable. To be an excellent translator between various disciplines like finance, engineering, legal is one of my strengths. I have a broad network (government, developers, engineers, manufacturers, law firms) and insight knowledge of the wind energy sector. Key words that would be applicable to me are: endurance, pragmatic, enthusiastic, resolute, to the point, commitment and entrepreneurial. In my future career I would like to face the following challenges:

1. Increase the level of renewable energy in society.
2. Develop leadership; manage projects, processes and people;
3. Continuous personal improvement and development and share knowledge with others in the renewable sector.

## Relevant experience

*January 2011 – now: Blue Bear Advisory Africa bv, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

Function description: partner – managing consultant. Blue Bear Advisory Africa is an independent executive consultancy firm that is available for hiring for financing, financial analyses, project development, contract management, project management, stakeholder management, procurement and business analysis for wind farms. Blue Bear Advisory Africa is focused exclusively on southern Africa (see also: [www.bluebearadvisoryafrica.com](http://www.bluebearadvisoryafrica.com)).

*January 2008 – now: Blue Bear Energy bv, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

Function description: founder/partner – managing consultant. Blue Bear Energy is an independent executive consultancy firm that is available for hiring for contract management, project management, stakeholder management, procurement and business analysis. Blue Bear Energy is also a wind development company in The Netherlands. Currently Windpark Goyerbrug is being developed by Blue Bear Energy (see also: [www.windparkgoyerbrug.nl](http://www.windparkgoyerbrug.nl)). Some highlights:

- As advisor hired directly and indirectly by governments and top end developers and utilities.
- As entrepreneur involved in developing sustainable energy supply for almost 18.000 people.

*March 2008 – April 2009: Eneco, Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

Function description: business developer. Responsible for developing on-shore wind energy projects. Key functionalities to the job are green field development, mergers and acquisitions, partnering, contracting and contract management and business analysis. Some highlights:

- Advisor/representative for the Dutch Wind Association. Together with national and local government working on subsidy schemes, rules and regulations.
- Project manager on the biggest acquisition project in history of Eneco concerning wind energy development.

*December 2005 – January 2008: Vestas Benelux, Rheden, The Netherlands*

Function description: project manager. Responsible for managing on-shore wind energy projects in the Benelux. Key functionalities to the job are contracting (till 5 mln euro), contract management (till 50 mln euro), managing people (indirect till 50 persons) and processes, time and budget. Some highlights:

- Responsible for the realization of Koegorspolder, the biggest onshore windfarm of The Netherlands at that time.
- Despite tremendous technical challenges, all projects were realised on time and within budget.

*May 2005 – November 2005: Ecofys, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

Function description: consultant. Responsible for managing consultancy projects for customers. Key functionality to the job is advising on financial topics concerning renewable energy.

*April 2003 – June 2003: Shell Wind Energy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Function description: finance associate. Responsible for advising on valuation techniques. Key functionalities to the job are theoretical analysis, processing data and reporting.

*April 2001 – April 2003: Shell Nederland Verkoopmaatschappij, Capelle aan den IJssel, The Netherlands*

Function description: management accountant. Responsible for establishing budgets. Key functionalities to the job are analysis, managing investment reviews, processing data, reporting.

*February 2000 – June 2000: Industrial Automation, Perth, Australia*

Function description: marketing developer. Responsible for developing a new mid-long term marketing strategy. Key functionalities to the job are strategy development, marketing and communication and product orientation.

*August 1998 – February 1999: Honeywell Inc., Houston, USA*

Function description: trainee. Responsible for analyzing the financial performance on projects executed by Honeywell SMS Houston. Key functionalities to the job are processing data and analysis.

## **Relevant Courses**

November 2006: CROW, *Integrated contracts*, Zwolle  
October 2006: FIDIC, *The FIDIC contracts*, Amsterdam  
June 2006: Microsoft Projects; graduated June 2006  
June 2001: Business Objects; graduated June 2001  
May 1998: Microsoft Access; graduated May 1998

## **Languages**

Dutch: Native  
English: Fluent  
German: Advanced  
Afrikaans: Normal

## **Sidelines**

*August 2007 – December 2010:*

Established R&R Handelsonderneming. Trading company in classic vines.

*October 2004 – March 2005*

Travelled through southern Africa.

*July 2004 – August 2007:*

Developed a 1.0kW wind turbine together with two other engineers.

*June 2003 – July 2004: Thesis - Erasmus University Rotterdam*

Developed a simulation tool that can predict possible values of wind energy projects.

*May 2002 – June 2003:*

Treasurer of the Rotterdam Student Rugby Club.

*January 1998 – January 2000:*

Secretary of the students union Business Society (Bedrijfskundig Genootschap) in 's-Hertogenbosch.

## **References**

Available on request. See also linkedin: [www.linkedin.com/ruben\\_berendts](http://www.linkedin.com/ruben_berendts)