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## AEROSPACE NETWORKING RECEPTION



# PROGRAMME OF EVENT

*Networking evening on Future Collaborations  
between the UK & the EU Aerospace*

The Residence of the Ambassador of Belgium,  
36 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB  
Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# AGENDA

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2023 | 16h00 – 19h00

16h00 - 17h00

**Registration & networking drinks**

17h00 - 17h10

**Opening Address by His Excellency, Bruno van der Pluijm**  
Ambassador of Belgium to the United Kingdom

17h10 - 17h25

**Belgium Industry Overview by Mr. Georges Heeren**  
Director, Senior Business Group Leader, Agoria

*Focus – Key information on Belgium's Aerospace sector – Global challenges for aviation sector, Aerospace Industrial landscape of Belgium, Belgium-UK collaboration opportunities.*

17h25- 17h40

**Keynote Address by Ms. Sophie Lane (TBC)**  
Chief Relationships Officer, Aerospace Technology Institute

*Focus – Key information on the Aerospace Technology Institute.*

17h40 - 17h50

**UK Industry Overview Remarks by Julie Marionneau**  
Head of International Relations, ADS Group

*Focus – Key information on ADS – Facts & Figures UK aerospace sector, Importance of BE-UK partnership & collaboration, Business opportunities for BE-UK companies at Farnborough.*

17h50 - 18h00

**Q&A**

18h00

**Networking reception**

# MEET OUR SPEAKERS



## Mr. Georges J. A. Heeren

### Director, Senior Business Group Leader, Agoria

Georges HEEREN is trained as engineer and a formal naval officer. He twice held command at sea and ended his naval career as flag officer commanding the Belgian Navy. He runs a privately owned consultancy office and works since 2017 for the federation of the Belgian technology industry, Agoria. He leads their division of Aerospace, Security & Defense Industry, responsible for the sector's government and international relations and overseeing the business development activities. Georges is also board member of the Aerospace, Security & Defence Industries association of Europe (ASD) and Belgian Head of Delegation at the NATO Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG).



## Ms. Sophie Lane

### Chief Relationships Officer, Aerospace Technology Institute

Sophie joined ATI in September 2021 as our Chief Relationships Officer. She has over 15 years' experience working in Central Government on defence, security and trade primarily and 5 years in industry. Most recently, Sophie was the CEO of a Saudi-British joint venture growing engineering expertise in the Kingdom.



## Ms. Julie Marionneau

### Head of International Relations, ADS Group

Julie was a Senior Research Fellow and Head of Business Engagement Policy for the UK's most influential think tank, Policy Exchange. Prior to that, she was a Major and Legal Advisor in the French Air Force and NATO Commands where she specialized in Law of Armed Conflict, Operational law and Air law. She was recently Director of Communications working for the office of Under Secretary General Ms. Jane Holl Lute at the United Nations Secretariat in New York, and a Deputy Legal Advisor in NATO at the Joint Force Command in Naples. During her career, she assumed responsibilities of Legal advisor to the Air Defense Operational Command in France as well as in various military deployments (Libya, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kosovo). She was also appointed outside the realm of the military institutions to work for the General Secretariat for National Defense and Security (Prime Minister) in Paris where she develops an expertise in armament export control regulations and policies.