

# Angeline EIJSINK (Netherlands)

## Vice-President of the NATO PA



Angeline Eijnsink has been a member of Parliament in the Netherlands for the Labour Party since 2003. She has focused on defence and security since her entry into Parliament. She has been the chair of the standing committee on Foreign Affairs since 2012, of which she had been the deputy-chair since 2011. As a parliamentarian, she initiated the "Veteran's law", which was adopted by the Dutch Parliament in 2011. In addition to the committee on Foreign Affairs and the committee on Defense, she is also a member of the committees on European Affairs, Public Expenditure, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Housing and the Central Government Sector and Kingdom Relations, making her an all-round parliamentarian.

Ms Eijnsink has been a member of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly since 2007. She was elected as a vice-president at the Annual Session in The Hague in 2014. Before that she served as the vice-chairperson of the sub-committee on Future Security and Defence Capabilities (DSCFC) since 2011. Over the past years she has actively participated in numerous activities of the Defence & Security Committee. A highlight was the visit of the ISAF mission in Afghanistan with the SACEUR in 2008.

As a parliamentarian, she has always been actively involved in a broad range of initiatives linked to defence, foreign affairs and international security. Currently she is a member of the board of directors of the Netherlands Atlantic Association and a member of the Board of Recommendation of the Association of Active Veterans. Formerly, she has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Centre for European Security Studies, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the BUC (Benelux University Centre) professorship "Armed Forces and Society". In 2012 she participated as a member of COSAC (Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of the European Union).

Ms Eijnsink was educated as a nursery teacher and fulfilled various teaching positions from 1979 until 1991. During this period she worked in the Philippines from 1985 until 1987 as a coordinator of an education project. She also holds a graduate degree in Cultural Anthropology and Sociology of Non-Western Societies from the University of Leiden. Before her parliamentary career she worked in various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, among others as deputy head of the International Cultural Policy Division. From 2002 she was the head of the directorate Sub-Saharan Africa.