Governor Carina Van Cauter

Tasks and powers

The Governor is situated at the meeting point of different administrative approaches: bottom up and top down. She represents the federal and Flemish government in East Flanders. This means that the Governor is a mediator and bridge-builder between the various authorities in the province: the federal government, the Flemish government, the provincial administration and local authorities.

Flemish tasks

As the Flemish Government Commissioner, the governor oversees the correct operation of the local authorities. She deals with all complaints from citizens about these authorities. The Flemish Government also assigns tasks to the Governor for the strategic development of the province.

Federal tasks

As the Federal Government Commissioner, the Governor is also jointly responsible for overall safety in East Flanders. The fire service, police and firearms permits are her main tasks. She is also a member of the provincial safety consultative committee. In the event of serious disasters, she coordinates the emergency response. In addition, she has roles representing the province and established by protocol. For example, she accompanies the royal family when they visit the province.

International affairs

The Governor is jointly responsible for cross-border cooperation on behalf of the Province of East Flanders. She hosts international dignitaries, such as foreign governors and ambassadors, to implement international relations and put the province on the (world) map. Moreover, the Governor is also involved in international cooperation agreements.

Provincial tasks

The Governor chairs the East Flanders Deputation, without a voting right. She attends the meetings of the Provincial Council.

Who is Carina Van Cauter…

September 2020 – present
Governor of the Province of East Flanders

2007 - May 2019
Member of the Chamber of Representatives

June 2019 – August 2020
Member of the Flemish Parliament

2019 -2020
Member and Chair of Political Group in the Senate

2006 – 2007
Delegate for sport, town planning and personnel for the Province of East Flanders

2004 – 2006
Delegate for the environment, communication and tourism for the Province of East Flanders

2000 – 2007
Member of the Provincial Council for East Flanders

2019 – present
President of Cycling Flanders, East Flanders section

2017 - present
Member of disciplinary commission and Arbitration Panel of Union Cycliste internationale (UCI)

2014 – 2020
Member of the day-to-day management of Belgian Cycling, President of the Women's Cycle Racing Commission

1986 – 2020
Lawyer at the law firm of Van Tittelboom – Van Cauter

26 September 1985
Married Johan Van Tittelboom

12 April 1987
Mum of Nathalie, and now grandma of Cécile and Raymond

29 July 1990
Mum of Frederik, and now grandma of Marie and Julie

30 June 1985
Law degree (Catholic University of Leuven)

27 June 1962
Born in Merchtem, daughter of champion racing cyclist Emiel Van Cauter and Josée Dooms

How to contact the Governor?

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