



Yvan De Mesmaeker



Secretary General
European Corporate Security Association - ECSCA



Yvan De Mesmaeker (born 1963) graduated as a Civil Engineer (academic degree between a MSc and a PhD) from the Free University of Brussels in 1986 and studied Finance and International Marketing at a post academic level (studies in Dutch, French and English).

He started his career in 1987 as Industrial Marketing Manager for the Philips Group, where he was involved in projects for major organizations, including NATO, major banks, the telecom and energy sector, food processing and logistics industry, etc., before becoming a Marketing & Sales Manager for the EU and the US in the Asahi Glass Group.

In 1997 he founded Omega Risk, an independent Audit & Consultancy practice, advising major international corporations and organizations on Security, Resilience & Anticipation and assisting them with Strategic Networking.

In 2005 he was admitted to the geopolitical High Studies Security & Defense, organized by the Royal High Institute for Defense (RHID) and the Royal Institute for International Relations (Egmont).

Subsequently he was appointed Secretary general of the European Corporate Security Association – ECSCA, a non-for-profit Professional Association of Managers and Officials in charge of the Security and Resilience of Corporations and (National, EU and International) Institutions.

As from 2009 he also assumes the pro bono function of Secretary general of ATHENA, the Alumni Association of the High Studies Security & Defense.

He teaches at the BE College for Senior Police Officers and is the Director of the High Studies Police, Justice & Corporate Security, organized by ECSCA, the College for Senior Police Officers, the Judicial Training Institute, the Universities of Gent and Liège and the Federation of Businesses in Belgium – FEB / VBO.

In 2012 he was appointed Vice Chairman of the Board of the Security Office of the Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC), the Foundation that officially represents and coordinates the Antwerp diamond sector and operates in close cooperation with the competent Police and Security Authorities and with the Heads of Security of the diamond industry.

In 2021 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Royal Higher Institute for Defence – RHID.

In 2022 he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Royal Institute for International Relations – EGMONT.

He operates intensively in his home base, Europe, and occasionally in the United States and in Asia, totaling over 30 years of professional experience in assisting Corporations, Organizations and Institutions.

Yvan is fluent in Dutch, French and English. He conducted ad hoc missions in German and is used to operating in a multicultural environment.

He was awarded the following Honorary distinctions by H.R.H. the King of Belgium, in recognition of his professional achievements:

In 2017, Officer in the Order of the Crown
in 2023, Officer in the Order of Leopold