

Biographical Sketch



Since July 2004, Philippe LACHAPELLE is Director of Business Development and Partnerships in the Wallonia Foreign Trade and Investment Agency (AWEX). Prior to his actual position, he was in charge of the same department inside the Office for Foreign Investors of Wallonia which merged in 2004 with AWEX. He works directly under the supervision of the Director of the Agency. He is in charge of attracting in Wallonia new flux of High-Tech Companies and establishing partnerships both in Wallonia and abroad.

From 1995 to 2003, he was Economic Counsellor for eight years, in the Parliament of Wallonia first and thereafter for the Minister of Economy of Wallonia.

Prior to 1995 and returning to Belgium, he was a Research Fellow in the Business School of George Mason University in Virginia.

He holds a Bachelor Degree in Human Resources management and a specialized degree in European Affairs from the Catholic University of Louvain as well as a Master in International Trade of George Mason University and a PhD in European Law from the University of Lyon in France.

He is married and Father of three.