

Biography

WILLEM-JAN VAN SLOBBE

Special Assistant to Sicco Mansholt,
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Willem-Jan Van Slobbe is one of the European Community's foremost authorities on agricultural and political policy.

Born in The Hague, Netherlands, in 1925, he received his degree in economics from the University of Tilbourg in 1954 -- after first spending four years in military service -- and then went on to post-graduate work in Rotterdam in 1954-55. During the same period he served in the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs.

In 1956 Mr. Van Slobbe was an economist dealing with nuclear energy in the Ministry of Economic Affairs. Two years later he was named to his present position as Chef de Cabinet Adjoint to Sicco Mansholt, vice president of the Common Market Commission in charge of agriculture. He has been closely concerned with the formation of a common agricultural policy in the Common Market.

He is a member of the directing committee of the Catholic Party (K.V.P.) in the Netherlands and a member of several K.V.P. commissions and of the Center of Political Formation.

Mr. Van Slobbe has written numerous articles on economic, social and political matters. He is married, with four children.

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