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My interests lie in (European and international) social law, EU law and the protection of fundamental (social) rights at EU level, EU Member States and in international treaties. Currently, I am working as a social law attorney at Eubelius in Brussels. In my current profession I work in the field of social law, in particular on Belgian and European fundamental social rights, and Belgian and European individual and collective labour law. Previously, I worked as a doctoral researcher and as a research and teaching assistant at the KU Leuven, where my research focused on EU social security law. This research has strengthened my knowledge of the protection of fundamental social rights at EU level, in particular the interaction of these rights with the EU economic monitoring process, as well as my knowledge of the general theory of fundamental rights. I'm a hard worker, with a lot of perseverance. I also enjoy working with others, and if necessary I'm always ready to take the lead in order to achieve a carefully finished product.

#### **Work experience**

##### **Postdoctoral researcher – KU Leuven (15 %)**

October 2020 - ...

- Postdoctoral researcher in the project Work Yet Poor, funded by the EU – Horizon 2020 – program
- In the Working Yet Poor Project the risks at poverty of people who work is being analysed in 7 different EU member states from a legal and socio-economic perspective

##### **Lecturer (Substitute for prof. dr. P. Schoukens) – KU Leuven**

February 2020 – October 2020

- Responsible for the course social security law in the Master Social Work, Master of Nursing and Midwifery, Bachelor Applied Economics and Master Psychology

##### **Collaborator (Content Expert) – Kluwer**

February 2019 – December 2020

- Review case law in the databases of Kluwer concerning EU law and EU and Belgian social security law

##### **Lawyer Social Law – Eubelius**

September 2018 – ...

- Working in Belgian and European social law, where I'm responsible for, among other things, writing conclusions and pleadings for the various courts and tribunals (including the Constitutional Court) and giving advice in social law

##### **Research Assistant – Institute for European Law (KU Leuven – 10%)**

September 2017 – ...

- Responsible for the organisation of Belgian and international conferences (including the preparation of applications for Belgian and international funding)
- Responsible for organising a bi-weekly lecture series and a conference on the European Pillar of Social Rights at the Institute of European Law

**Doctoral researcher and teaching and research assistant - Institute for Social Law (KU Leuven)**

September 2013 – September 2018

- Doctoral research on the right to social security in the EU: a comparative analysis on the basis of the constitutional traditions common to the EU member states, the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Social Charter (supervisor: prof. dr. P. Schoukens, cosupervisors: prof dr. G. De Baere and prof dr. D. Pieters)
- Responsible for teaching in the field of EU, international and Belgian social security law
  - Teaching classes in the following courses: Bachelor and Master of Laws, Master in European Social Security, Master after Master in Tax Law and Master in Social Work and Social Policy
  - Responsible for the seminar “Social Security Law” (Master of Laws): in this seminar a number of +/- 40 students have to write a research proposal in the field of Belgian, international and EU social security law. This class was taught via blended learning.
  - Responsible for the coördination and supervision of the master theses in the field of social security law and healthcare law
- Research in EU social law and policy, in particular as to the impact of the EU economic monitoring measures on the social security systems of the EU member states
- Author of papers published in different international and Belgian peer-reviewed journals; speaker on different international and Belgian conferences, workshops and invited talks
- Research stays during doctoral research: Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy (Munich) en Mykolas Romeris University and University of Vilnius (Vilnius)

**Education**

**2013 – 2018:** Doctor of Law, KU Leuven

**2011–2013:** Master of Laws, KU Leuven (magna cum laude)

Major: International and European Law; minor Social Law

Erasmus NUI Galway, Ireland (Semester)

**2008–2011:** Bachelor of Laws, KU Leuven

Minor: Economics, law and business

**Languages**

**Dutch:** mother tongue

**English:** C2: listening, reading, writing and speaking

**French:** B2: listening and reading

B1: speaking and writing

<b>Computer skills</b>	Good knowledge of the most commonly used MS Office applications (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) Basic knowledge Video Editing
<b>Personal skills</b>	Perseverance, strong analytical skills, caring, sense of responsibility, self-discipline, I work well with others, but I am also able to start up a project/research on my own
<b>Extracurricular activities</b>	2018 – Vereniging Sociaal Recht 2019 -... - member BSLSL (Belgian Society for Labour and Social Security) 2017-2018: Member Lean in Law Leuven 2017: Legal Advice EU Public Interest Clinic (HEC Paris - New York University, School of Law) 2010-2013: Legal advice, Wetswinkel Leuven July 2012: Summer internship, Altius (Department Employment) 2011-2012: Member Tax and Legal Sagio.be VZW, a non-profit online platform for tutors 2011: Legal advice start-up Sagio.be VZW, a non-profit online platform for tutors September 2011: Internship, Justice of Peace, Tienen
<b>Hobbies</b>	Baking, travelling, running and hiking
<b>Publications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- De Becker, E. (2019), Het recht op sociale zekerheid in de Europese Unie: een rechtsvergelijkende analyse van het Europees Sociaal Handvest, het Europees Verdrag voor de Rechten van de Mens en de constitutionele tradities gemeen aan de EU-lidstaten, doctoraatsonderzoek, die Keure</li> <li>- De Becker, E., Schoukens P. (2017), De Europese Pijler van Sociale Rechten: een eerste evaluatie, BTSZ</li> <li>- De Becker, E., Schoukens P. (2017), De Europese Pijler van Sociale Rechten, TRA</li> <li>- De Becker, E., (2016), The Possible Role of the Right to Social Security in the EU, GLJ</li> <li>- Schoukens, P., De Becker, E., Beke Smets, J., (2016), Fighting social exclusion under the Europe 2020 strategy: Which legal nature for social inclusion recommendation?, Comparative Jurisprudence</li> <li>- Buttiëns, S., De Becker, E., De Weyer, J., Marocchi, N., Schoukens, P., (2016) Evoluties in wetgeving en rechtspraak binnen het Europees socialezekerheidsrecht in J. Put, Y. Stevens, Ontwikkelingen van de sociale zekerheid 2011-2016, die Keure</li> <li>- De Becker, E., (2015), The Constraints Of Fundamental Social Rights On EU Economic Monitoring: collective complaints no. 76-80/2012, IKA-ETAM, Panhellenic Federation of Public Service Pensioners, ISAP, POS-DEI, ATE v. Greece, EJSL</li> <li>- De Becker, E., Pecinovsky, P., “EU economische governance vanuit arbeids- en socialezekerheidsrechtelijk perspectief, VRG Alumni, Recht in beweging</li> <li>- Schoukens, P., De Becker, E., Beke Smets, J. (2014), Ontwikkelingen van het sociaal Europa: de socio-economische monitoring van de EU juridisch afgetoetst aan het grondrechten op sociale zekerheid (Europees Sociaal Handvest), BTSZ</li> <li>- Schoukens, P., Ceuppens, N., De Mars, B., De Becker, E., (2014), De ziekteverzekering in F. Dewallens en T. Vansweevelt, Handboek gezondheidsrecht volume I. Zorgverleners: statuut en aansprakelijkheid</li> </ul>

**(Invited) Talks**

- Seminar ETUI and KU Leuven, Posting of Workers (round table moderator), workshop, 5 March 2020
- Seminar University of Antwerp, “The role of fundamental social rights in the EU in combating social exclusion and poverty”, workshop, Eleni De Becker, 5 December 2019
- Seminar Eubelius Summer Master Class, The Social Inspection?”, Eubelius, Maaiké Cornelli, Eleni De Becker, Véronique Pertry en Filip Van Beirendonck, 4 July 2019 (Dutch)
- Workshop ACV (Christian Trade Union – Belgium) on a social Europe: the European Pillar on Social Rights, Eleni De Becker, 9 May 2019 (Dutch)
- Seminar The European Pillar of Social Rights: Workshop – KU Leuven: The fundamental social rights in the CFEU and the European Pillar of Social Rights, Eleni De Becker, 1 June 2018
- Seminar, Values and principles in multilevel governance: challenges and opportunities: Studiedag – University of Antwerp: Mainstreaming fundamental social rights in the EU, Eleni De Becker, 25 May 2018
- Seminar KU Leuven (Institute for European Law) What role for the right to social security in the EU, 22 January 2018
- Seminar Actualia Social Security Law – Brussel: Reaction to F. Vandamme: the right to social security in the case law of the Belgian constitutional court, 15 March 2018 (Dutch)
- Seminar Centrale Raad van Beroep Nederland - Utrecht: What role for the right to social security in the EU, Eleni De Becker, 22 January 2018 (Dutch)
- Seminar Levenbach Institute, The right to social security in the EU: a comparative analysis, Eleni De Becker, 17 January 2017 (Dutch)
- Seminar Ius Commune Conference 2016 – University of Maastricht: The role of the social OMC in the Europe 2020 strategy and the EU economic monitoring process, Eleni De Becker, 24 November 2016
- Seminar EISS Conferentie 2016 – Oslo: The right to social security in the EU member states, Eleni De Becker 22 September 2016
- Seminar FOD Sociale Zekerheid – Brussel: The right to social security in the EU-member states, Eleni De Becker, 14 September 2016 (Dutch)
- Seminar Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy - Munich: The right to social security in the EU: the relationship between general principles of Union Law and the CFEU, Eleni De Becker, 17 March 2016
- Vrg Alumni, Leuven, EU economic monitoring from a labour and social security law perspective, 6 March 2015 (Dutch)
- University Copenhagen Seminar WELMA: The right to social security as a general principle of the law of the EU: an analysis on the basis of the constitutional traditions common to the member states, the ECHR and the ESC, 22 January 2015
- Workshop LSE, London, EU economic monitoring and the safeguards for the protection of social security rights, Eleni De Becker, 21 May 2015
- Workshop ESPA-net, Utrecht, The constraints of fundamental social rights on EU economic monitoring: a case study of the right to social security in Article 12 of the European Social Charter and the Greek austerity measures, Eleni De Becker, 28 November 2014
- Conference ACCA, The socio-economic monitoring of the EU and the European Social Charter, Eleni De Becker, 28 May 2014 (Dutch)