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Currently, Gerben is Executive Director of European Investors / Dutch Shareholders Association (VEB). In this position he ultimately represents the voice of the retail investors in Europe. He is actively promoting shareholder rights, organizing engagement with listed companies and, from a financial regulation and corporate governance angle, supporting the important transition towards a sustainable society. Up to and including 2020, Gerben completed two four-year terms as member of the Executive Board of the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM). He had the ultimate responsibility for supervision of capital markets, financial infrastructure, asset management, audit firms, corporate governance and financial reporting. Furthermore, he has been a member of the Board of Supervisors of ESMA (EU market regulators), IOSCO (global market regulators) and IFIAR (global audit regulators). Throughout his career, Gerben has always worked at the cutting edge of business, specifically in the financial sector, and the broader public interest. In his view, optimal functioning of the capital markets is essential for economic growth and prosperity. Before joining the AFM, he worked at the largest asset manager for pension funds in Europe, APG, where he was an enthusiastic proponent of sustainability in asset management. From 2002 to 2006 he worked on EU financial markets and services integration in Brussels at the European Commission. Everts studied law (with a post-Master in securities law) and business economics (with a post-Master in accountancy) in Groningen and qualified as a registered accountant in 1998.