



Ministry of Defence



Curriculum Vitae

Lieutenant General Dick C. van Ingen MA

*Military Representative of the
Kingdom of the Netherlands to the
NATO and EU Military Committees*


Dick van Ingen was born in Oosterbeek, the Netherlands, on 6 November 1966. After serving as a conscripted NCO with a Royal Netherlands Army infantry unit, he transferred to the Royal Netherlands Air Force, where he followed guided missile officer training. During his first operational assignment he was deployed to Israel as a Patriot Tactical Control Officer during the Gulf War of 1991. This was followed by several operational and staff positions, all related to air and missile defence and air command and control. At the Air Force Staff his tasks included writing operational requirements within the air defence and air transport domains.

From 2004 to 2006, Major Dick van Ingen attended the *Lehrgang für den Generalstabsdienst und Admiralstabsdienst National* at the *Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr* (the advanced staff course at the German staff college), after which he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. Subsequently, he served for two years as NATO staff officer for defence planning and as project officer for missile defence policy with Allied Command Transformation. From 2008 to 2011, he was Section Head with the Operational Policy Department in the Defence Staff at the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, where his tasks included reorganising the Netherlands armed forces' ground-based air defence and fire support capability.

After his promotion to the rank of colonel, Dick van Ingen attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London from September 2011 to August 2012. In addition to this course, he successfully completed his Masters of International Security and Strategy at King's College London. From September 2012 to September 2015, Colonel van Ingen was Head of the J5 branch of the Defence Staff's Directorate of Operations. In this role, he was responsible for the operational planning of the foreign missions of the Netherlands armed forces (including the Patriot mission in Türkiye, a multidisciplinary contribution to UN mission MINUSMA, the first operational deployment of HNLMS Karel Doorman during the Ebola crisis and the deployment of F-16s in the Middle East).

From September 2015 to July 2018 Colonel van Ingen was Commander of the Air Operations and Control Station Nieuw Milligen. In this role, he was responsible for military air traffic control and fighter control in the Netherlands airspace.

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While being Commander AOCS, Colonel van Ingen was deployed for six months as the contingent commander of approximately 500 Dutch military personnel within the UN mission MINUSMA in Mali.

As the Director of Integral Policy while in the rank of air commodore, he advised the MoD's most senior administrative and political leaders, while maintaining interdepartmental contacts and contacts with decentralized authorities on behalf of the MoD on a multitude of political administrative topics. In this role, he was also responsible for requirements regarding defence materiel and infrastructure in the Defence Materiel Selection Process. Prior to his current assignment, as Military Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the NATO and EU Military Committees, he was the Deputy Commander of the Royal Netherlands Air Force and also Chief of Staff of the Royal Netherlands Air Force Staff.

Dick van Ingen is married to Bianca, who is a teacher in special secondary education. They have two daughters.