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Arjon has been at the European Commission since 2005 and has worked on various aspects of research related to human health. He has been team leader for infectious diseases during the first one and a half years of the COVID-19 pandemic, policy officer for antimicrobial resistance research and has led a research group that develops and validates analytical detection methods for food allergies.

Prior to joining the European Commission, he was a research scientist at the John Innes Centre (Norwich, UK).

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