

Short biography of Willem van Eekelen

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- Born on 5 February 1931 in Utrecht, Netherlands
- Nationality: Dutch
- Official in the Netherlands Foreign Ministry (1957–1977)
- Member of the House of Representatives (1977–1978)
- State Secretary for Defence (1978–1981)
- Member of the House of Representatives (1981–1982)
- Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (1981–1982)
- Member of the Assembly of Western European Union (1981–1982)
- State Secretary for Foreign Affairs (1982–1986)
- Member of the House of Representatives (1986)
- Minister for Defence (1986–1988)
- Secretary-General of Western European Union (1989–1994)
- Member of the Senate (1995–2003)