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Maarten van Dongen, PhD is the founder at AMR Insights (2017), a company that provides global information services and educational and partnering support to professionals in public and private organisations in the sectors Human and Veterinary Health, Agrofood and the Environment. The focus of AMR Insights is on (curbing) Antimicrobial resistance. For more information see www.amr-insights.eu.

Prior to founding AMR Insights, Maarten was the managing partner at InnoTact Consulting, a company that provides innovation management and partnering support to Life Sciences companies and organisations. During his time at InnoTact he designed and developed several large industrial collaborations in the Life Sciences sector. These include the Netherlands Carbohydrate Competence Centre and the India-Europe business platform BioPortEurope. He was directly involved in more than 200 Life Sciences projects for private and public organisations in The Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland, Belgium, UK and USA.

Maarten's main strength is his deep understanding of many aspects of Life Sciences innovation processes. This is coupled with a comprehensive appreciation with regional economic development in biotech hubs. All underpinned by a thorough knowledge of the Life Sciences sector and a large business network. All of this is backed up with over 25 years of practical experience in innovation strategies with small, medium-sized and large, multinational corporations and public organisations.

During his time at InnoTact and in collaboration with the School of Business and Economics of Maastricht University and the University of Warwick (UK) Maarten developed the training program 'Project management in Life Sciences'. This training program was given to biotech companies within and outside The Netherlands.

Maarten is the author of a series of reports on The Netherlands Life Sciences sector ('BioSkyline reports').

Prior to founding InnoTact Consulting, Maarten worked at CIVI Consultancy, Solvay Pharmaceuticals and Pharming Group in The Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland and Belgium. Maarten's first role at CIVI Consultancy (later acquired by PWC) was to assess the progress and effectiveness of industrial Life Sciences innovation projects. Later his role moved to supporting the development of the first Netherlands innovation agency StiPT.

More recently Maarten further developed his international project management skills at Solvay Pharmaceuticals. Within a five year time frame he succeeded in managing the research, preclinical and clinical development and successful registration of the vitamin D analogue calcitriol for the treatment of psoriasis. During the same time Maarten was instrumental in implementing the global Solvay Pharmaceuticals matrix organisation.

During his time at Pharming Group Maarten further strengthened his operational and line management skills. In Kuopio (Finland) he built up, obtained funding for and further developed the research & development company Pharming Oy. After this period in Finland he similarly built up the new and much larger manufacturing company Pharming NV in Geel (Belgium).

Maarten studied molecular/medical microbiology at the University of Groningen and obtained his PhD in biochemistry at the University of Amsterdam/Medical Research Council in Cambridge (UK).

Maarten has lectured part-time on innovation in the Life Sciences at the Universities of Leiden, Amsterdam and Utrecht and at the Hogeschool Utrecht.

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