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A national of Belgium, Jan Smets is currently Director of the National Bank of Belgium, the country's central bank. In related fields of expertise, he is also a member of the Belgian Financial Stability Committee as well as member of the Committee of the Belgian Securities Regulation Fund.

As Vice-Chairman of the Belgian High Council for Employment and member of the national Committee for Ageing, he is also an expert in the fields of labour market related issues.

Preparing for the introduction of the common currency, he was General Commissioner for the euro in Belgium from 1999 to 2002.

On an international level, Jan Smets has worked - on behalf of the EU Committee of Governors of the Central Banks - with the Working Party on Monetary Policy. Currently, he is member of the Economic Policy Committee of the OECD, member of the Board of Directors of the International Journal of Central Banking, Alternate Director of the Bank for International Settlements in Basle and Chairman of the Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics.