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Philip was, until his retirement on 31 May 2007, a senior partner in Deloitte LLP in the UK and specialised in providing advisory and assurance services to a number of the firm's most significant audit clients. During his 30 years as a partner he also advised numerous SMEs and professional practices. In 2002, Philip was responsible for integrating the business, partners and staff of Andersen UK into the Deloitte practice. He was the head of Quality and Risk Management for the UK audit practice of Deloitte from 2002 until 2007 where he was responsible for all matters relating to quality, risk management and regulation.

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From 1995 founder, chairman (until 2006), president and CEO (until 2009) of Metris, a dimensional quality control or metrology software and systems company, supplying to the blue chips in the automotive, aerospace, consumer goods and energy industries. Metris went public in 2006 and was bought by Nikon, Japan in 2009.

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She participates as an expert on the European Commission's Advisory Board to improve SME participation in Framework Programme 7 projects (2008). From 2003 to 2006, Claire was project manager for EURADA, European Association of Regional Development Agencies. She worked on RIS and RIS-NAC, Interreg, Leonardo, Paxis, and FP6 projects. Her educational background includes a Post-Graduate degree in International Politics (Free University of Brussels - Great Distinction), an MA in Political Communication EFAP – Belgium – Great Distinction) and a BA in Political Science (McGill University – Canada - Distinction).



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