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From February 2020, Laura van Geest is chair of the Executive Board of the Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM), the Dutch financial conduct supervisor.

From 2013-2020, she headed the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), the independent Institute that provides the economic forecasts that the Dutch Government is required to use in its budgetary plans. In addition to research, amongst others in the field of public economics, CPB is also well-known for its traditional voluntary costing of election platforms.



Van Geest was Director General for the National Budget at the Ministry of Finance during the Great Recession (2008-2013). During this period a set of 20 budget reviews was initiated covering the full range of the government expenditures.

As Treasurer-General (2006-2007), she chaired the Study Group on the Budget, a working group of civil servants that, at the request of the outgoing government, traditionally delivers an independent advice on the budgetary stance and budget rules in the run-up to parliamentary elections.

Van Geest started her career at the Ministry of Finance, working on international issues. After a stay at the International Monetary Fund (1995-1998), she returned to the Ministry, working on the domestic economic policy issues.

Van Geest studied economics and public administration at Erasmus University Rotterdam.