***Marcel Bobeldijk, EFHOH’s candidate for EDF Board &***

***Executive Committee & Finance Committee***

***Personal information:***

Name: Marcel Bobeldijk

Date of birth: 24 June 1964

Disability: Hard of Hearing

Address: Dronten, the Netherlands

Education: Master’s in Social Studies, including various professional courses

Married: To Gert and they have three dogs (Vizsla’s/Hungarian hunting dogs)

Interests: Walking with the dogs, going on holidays, readings books and fitness

***What other people say about Marcel Bobeldijk:***

*Marcel has very good people management skills. He can focus on the people he is managing and their tasks, and knows how to bring out the best in them. As a colleague, he is a great mentor.*

*Marcel can successfully multitask and manage multiple projects and teams. He has very effective delegation skills and strong team-oriented techniques.*

***As a volunteer:***

Currently, Marcel is vice president of the Hoormij.NVVS (the Dutch organization for hard of hearing people) and he is member of the Ieder In (Dutch Disability Council) expert group of the implementation of the European Accessibility Act.

Marcel was for many year EFHOH’s President and Board Member of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH). Marcel has many years of experience at EFHOH. First in the period 1999-2003 as a Treasurer and in the 2003-2021, as the EFHOH President.

Marcel is also one of the founders of the European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Deafblindness.

At the EDF, Marcel was for some years one of the internal auditors. And the last eight years one of the board members.

In the Netherlands, Marcel is a volunteer for the Dutch organization of Hard of Hearing People (NVVS) and active at the national level on the different committees of the NVVS:

* Chair of the NVVS Committee of Subtitling,
* Chair of the NVVS Committee of International Affairs,
* Member of the NVVS Committee of Inclusive Workplace and Employment,
* Marcel is also one of the Honorary Members of the NVVS.

***As a professional:***

In his professional life, Marcel is the Re-integration counsellor at the Tax Office & Ministry of Finance in The Hague and Amsterdam. He has held this position since 2008. Previously, for 10 years he was one of the managers at Customs at the Amsterdam (Schiphol) International Airport.