

On 1 May 2020, Frans Stokman took up the position of Executive Director of Petrochemicals Europe, an industry sector of Cefic. Frans has extensive experience in the global oil, gas and petrochemical industry. He has a proven track record in striking complex deals between the private and public sectors. He worked for over 25 years for Shell before joining Cefic. Frans is a Chemical engineer and holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA).



Throughout his career, he has held a broad range of senior management positions including Global Marketing & Sales Manager in London and The Hague, Director of Shell Lubricants Supply Co. and Business Manager of the Gas-To-Liquids JV between Shell Global Lubricants and Qatar Petroleum (QP). He has global experience in the fields of chemicals, lubricants, base oils, Gas-To-Liquid (GTL), Gas, Floating LNG and has worked all over the world including in the US, Middle East, Far East and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Frans is particularly experienced in helping companies or businesses manage change and transition. He was appointed Shell Policy & Commercial Manager Earthquake Damages when the Dutch province of Groningen was hit by earthquakes due to gas production. He developed and established policies and protocols and facilitated the handover of these activities to the Dutch State. He actively working the Green Deal transition with its associated challenges and opportunities for the petrochemicals industry, liaising actively with the Far East, Middle East and USA on the themes of circularity and sustainability.