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Prof. Hildegard Schneider appointed dean of the Faculty of Law

The Executive Board has appointed Prof. Hildegard Schneider as the new Dean of the Faculty of Law. The four-year appointment takes effect from 1 September. "As it happens, I will have been employed by Maastricht University for exactly 25 years on that day," Schneider points out. Hildegard Schneider succeeds Prof. Aalt Willem Heringa. He was Dean of the Law faculty for eight years.

Schneider (born in 1955 in Rottweil, Germany) studied Law, Political Sciences and Art History in Freiburg, London, Paris and Münster. Schneider's UM career began in 1986 as lecturer in European Law. In 1995 she obtained her Ph.D. at UM with research into the mutual recognition of diplomas and professional qualifications in the EU. In 2000 she was appointed to the Jean Monnet Chair for European Migration Law. Schneider works as a researcher with the Maastricht Centre for European Law and is a member of the Ius Commune research school. She also teaches and coordinates various programmes at the Faculty of Law.

Hildegard Schneider, the second female dean at the UM, has both Dutch and German nationality. One of the issues she would like to highlight in the teaching curriculum in the years ahead is the legal aspect of working and living in a border region. "This problem occurs in every border region, including in Maastricht. We are inclined to look to major legal systems such as those of Great Britain and the United States. But where legal disputes cross borders we often have to deal with the legal systems of our neighbour countries; for the Netherlands that's Germany and Belgium. I would also like to further strengthen collaboration with fellow universities and institutions in Hasselt, Leuven, Liège and Aachen in the years ahead. The EU Maas-Rhine region is a powerful knowledge economy. It is important that we combine forces," believes the new dean.

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