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Karen was born in Canada where she completed her undergraduate studies in physical geography at the University of Ottawa. She then moved to the Europe to do her M.Sc. in integrated watershed management and conservation at the International Institute for Aerospace Surveys and Earth Sciences (ITC, Enschede, NL), after which she obtained her Ph.D. in Decision Support Frameworks for Integrated Coastal Zone Management from the Free University of Amsterdam, in collaboration with the European Commission's (EC) Joint Research Centre in Ispra (Italy).

In 1999 Karen moved to Brussels to work at the EC, where over the years she has held various positions working on the interface between science and policy in areas such as food and nutrition security; environment and sustainable development; early warning and disaster risk reduction; sustainable urban, land and coastal management; responsible research and innovation; and multi-actor and public engagement in science.

Karen is now heading the FOOD 2030 Sector at the EC's Directorate General for Research and Innovation, where she has been developing the FOOD2030 initiative to structure, connect and scale-up EU Research and Innovation for sustainable food systems transformation by addressing four priorities:

- Nutrition for Sustainable and Healthy Diets
- Climate-smart and environmentally sustainable food systems
- Circular and resource efficient food systems
- Food systems innovation and empowerment of communities