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Dr Jan Willem van der Schans has a background in business studies from Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University. He graduated on the decline of the International Coffee Agreement and did PhD research on the ability of marine resource users to self-govern their use of common pool resources. In recent years Jan Willem focussed on innovative short food supply chains and urban agriculture, the role of city region food systems in bringing about a more sustainable food system. Jan Willem is active in the board of several urban agriculture start-ups such as GROWx vertical farm in Amsterdam. He is co-founder of Eetbaar Rotterdam, a citizen initiative promoting urban agriculture in and around Rotterdam, and co-founder of the Rotterdam Food Council, a network organisation to promote urban food policies for the Rotterdam city region. Jan Willem is also an active member of the EU Rural Networks Assembly and several of its working groups, in which he represents European research organisations specialising in rural development.

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