



Stefan van der Heijden

Stefan van der Heijden is currently working as an associate of Innova Connect. He is focused on bringing innovations in the food production to the market at large.

Stefan van der Heijden graduated from the Wageningen University, Nijenrode University and Insead.

From 1982 to 2021 he worked for several plant breeding companies in field crops, grasses, ornamentals with a global responsibility as director of R&D and member of the board. He also served in the supervisory board of a vegetable company and a company involved in animal breeding (pigs).

Besides his active career he was involved in the breeding committee of Assinsel (as a chairman) and later a member of breeders committee of ISF and Plantum in several committees including New Breeding Technologies.

Currently he is involved in supporting the Dutch potato industry in the development of sustainable potato production.