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He graduated in Languages in Groningen (NL in 1981. Since then he has constantly been working in the field of education – as a teacher, developer and coordinator.

Since around 15 years Derk Sassen is involved in the planning and management of European projects focusing on the areas of languages and culture.

So far Derk Sassen has been involved as project planner and manager in around 20 EU funded projects with partners including universities, public authorities, training organizations, schools and research centers.

Several projects have been awarded with national and European awards, a.o. the European Language Label for TruckSpeak, a language learning package for truck drivers on the road. Derk Sassen has published several materials and articles on neighboring language learning.