

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Amsterdam, November 25, 2010**

**Dutch nature, culture and subculture in the corridors of the European Commission in Luxembourg**

**From 25 November 2010 till 31 January 2011, the works of the Dutch painter Van der Vegt together with short films by Mary Benjamins are exhibited in the European Commission's conference centre, Jean Monnet building, in the city of Luxembourg.**

The exhibition **Flowers Vases Portraits** contains larger than life-size paintings of the Dutch countryside, of foliage and flowers, painted and portrayed in various ways; one painting can be an enlarged detail of a flowering tree, another an enormous flower, or a flower just barely visible at the brim of a vase.

In addition to these nature portraits, Van der Vegt exhibits his collective biography of 37 paintings of various artists from the artistic community in Ruigoord, the Netherlands. The small village of Ruigoord is a green oasis situated in the middle of the industrial harbour of Amsterdam, and Van der Vegt has been painting right there, in his atelier, for the last 15 years.

Mary Benjamins' films bring the life and work in Ruigoord to life, showing the artists at work in the green and reedy village, among which Gea Schoenmakers, who designs commemorative jewellery, Theo Kley working on his living artwork "the Tea Garden", or Rudolph Stokvis, director of a "Gesamtkunstwerk", a collective annual theatre show in concert hall Paradiso in Amsterdam.

You are welcome to the opening of the exhibition on Wednesday December 8 at 6 PM, at the Jean Monnet Building, Conference Centre, Rue Wehrer, Kirchberg in the city of Luxembourg.

**His Excellency the Ambassador of the Netherlands in Luxembourg, Mr. Ed Hoeks, Mrs Marian O'Leary, Director of the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg, European Commission, and Mrs Annemarie de Wildt, curator of the Amsterdam Historical Museum, will open the exhibition.**

(End of press release)

**Note not for publication**

For visits in Luxembourg, please contact:

Mrs Maria Pia Corti- Jayasuriya, European Commission-OIL Events manager  
maria-pia.corti@ec.europa.eu

For further information, please contact Mary Benjamins + 31 (0) 6 21 22 48 47.

Van der Vegt is also available for an interview in his atelier in Ruigoord or in de Jordaan in Amsterdam.

[www.vandervegt-schilderijen.nl](http://www.vandervegt-schilderijen.nl)

[www.marybenjamins.nl](http://www.marybenjamins.nl)