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Geert Mareels holds Master Degrees in Administrative Management and in Political Science. He was chief of staff to 3 different ministers from 1995 till 2004. From 1 October 2004 till April 2016 he led CORVE, the eGovernment service of the Flemish Region in Belgium that built the "MAGDA" platform for sharing data across all government agencies on the Flemish and city level and with Federal data. He is now head of division and building the Digital Archives of the Flemish public sector.

Geert Mareels has chaired the Smart Cities competition for Flemish cities since 2015. He has been invited as an expert by the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission to evaluate possible new projects. He is also chairing the Flemish Privacy Commission. He was project coordinator of three EU projects: "Citadel on the Move" that aims to facilitate the use of Mobile apps by all municipalities, "Open TransportNet" that focuses on making GI Data more accessible and useable for business innovators and public sector stakeholders alike, and "PoliVisu" that aims to facilitate the use of geographical data in policy making.