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Ron is involved in drones since 2007. At first with the Dutch Civil Aviation Authorities and since 2012 for the Dutch to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. His current activities at the Ministry are developing a national policy on drones, involving all national stakeholders like industry and manned aviation, and working on UAS regulations, both at a national and international level.

He is heavily involved in the development of European drones regulation by participating in the EASA and EC expert groups on drones. Furthermore he is a member on behalf of The Netherlands of JARUS (Joint Authorities on Rulemaking for Unmanned Systems) and the ICAO RPAS Panel. Within these groups he is the co-rapporteur for the working groups involved with drones operations.

In 2008 Ron created the authorities coordination group JARUS, which he chaired until September 2014.

Ron graduated from the Technical University of Delft with a degree in Electrical Engineering and an avionics specialization. Before joining the Dutch CAA, he worked, amongst others, at the Dutch National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR). Here he worked on the development of flight test instrumentation systems and research on navigation systems and avionics for future ATM applications.