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Gijs Coucke is currently the Executive Secretary of the ENLIGHT European University alliance since its formal launch in November 2020. As secretary to the boards he monitors the central decision-making and acts as main liaison between the partners.

Gijs Coucke has been working at the International Relations Office of Ghent University since 2009 as policy advisor in charge of the development of strategic and regional cooperation on institutional basis. In this position he has been actively involved in many national and EU-funded projects under Erasmus+, Interreg V, URBact, IDEX (FR), DAAD (DE). With this experience he has been one of the founders of the ENLIGHT consortium and main writer of the successful 2020 European University project of ENLIGHT.

Prior to his appointment at Ghent University Gijs Coucke was a postdoc researcher at KU Leuven at the Institute of Philosophy, and remained research associate until 2017.

