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## Biographies

Keynote speakers and panellists

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# Bios of keynote speakers and panellists

## Keynote speakers

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### **António Campinos**, Executive Director, EUIPO

*António Campinos (48) has been head of the EUIPO (formerly OHIM) since 1 October 2010. A native of Portugal, he studied law at the Universities of Montpellier and Nancy and he worked in banking before moving to the public sector. He was appointed as IP Commissioner and President of the Directive Council of the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) of Portugal in 2005.*

*Mr Campinos has had strong links with the EUIPO for many years and is a former Chairman of the Office's Administrative Board (now Management Board). Since his election to the top executive role, the Office's remit has expanded to include the European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights. Mr Campinos has also led a process of significant change under a five year Strategic Plan which has brought about closer links with other IP offices, improved quality for users, and helped transform the IT infrastructure within the European trade mark and design system. Since June 2013, Mr Campinos has also served as President of the Administrative Council of the Centre d'Études Internationales de la Propriété Intellectuelle.*

### **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament

*Since 1994, Martin Schulz is a Member of the European Parliament and has served in a number of committees, first on the sub-committee on Human Rights and then on the Committee on Civil Liberties and Home Affairs. He led the SPD MEPs from 2000 and was subsequently elected Vice-Chair of the Socialist MEPs.*

*In 2004 he was elected group leader of the second largest group in the European Parliament. As leader of the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Martin Schulz campaigned for social justice, promoting jobs and growth, reforming financial markets, fighting climate change, championing equality and creating a stronger and more democratic Europe.*

*Martin Schulz was elected President of the European Parliament on 17 January 2012 for a mandate of two and half years with 387 votes. On 1 July 2014 he was re-elected President with 409 votes, becoming the first President in the history of the European Parliament to be re-elected for a second term.*

*He is married with two children, and his hobbies include reading, history and football. Among his favourite books is "The Leopard" by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa and all books by Eric Hobsbawm.*

**Kristalina Georgieva**, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

*Kristalina Georgieva is the current European Commission Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources. She negotiates and manages the EU budget, ensuring that it is invested in the best way to serve EU citizens. She protects the EU budget from fraud and corruption and develops a corporate talent-management policy in the Commission, an organization with more than 33,000 staff members.*

*Before joining the European Commission in February 2010, she held a number of positions at the World Bank. From 2008 to 2010 she was Vice-President and Corporate Secretary, acting as the interlocutor between senior management, the Board of Directors and the then 186 countries that made up the World Bank Group shareholders.*

*From 2007 to 2008 she was Director for Sustainable Development in charge of policy and lending operations in infrastructure, urban development, agriculture, environment and social development, including support to fragile and conflict-affected countries. In this role she oversaw around 60% of lending operations of the World Bank Group. During her term as European Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, Kristalina Georgieva was awarded the 2010 Commissioner of the Year and European of the Year by European Voice.*

*Kristalina Georgieva was born in Sofia in 1953. She is married, with one child. In addition to her native Bulgarian she is fluent in English and Russian, and is constantly improving her French.*

**Tibor Stelbaczky**, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

*Mr Stelbaczky completed in 1996 his Master in Science of Economics at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in Hungary. In 2002 he obtained his Ph.D, in International Relations from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences in Hungary.*

*He started his career as Desk Officer from 1997 to 1999 at the EU Economic Policy Department of the State Secretariat for EU Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hungary. From 1999 to 2004 he was the Head of Unit at the Department for EU Structural and Cohesion Policy State Secretariat for EU Integration at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hungary. From 2004 to 2011 he worked as counsellor to Diplomat Mertens of the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union in Brussels.*

*From 2011 to 2014 he served as the Head of Department for EU Sectorial Policies Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary. In the years 2014 and 2015 he worked at the Economic and Trade Counsellor Consulate General of Hungary in Toronto. Since 2015 he has been appointed Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative to the EU in Brussels.*

**Sandra Lagumina**, Executive Vice-President, ENGIE

*Ms Sandra Lagumina is, since January 2016, Executive Vice-President of ENGIE. Graduated of Sciences Po Paris and of the ENA (promotion René Char), she also has a DESS in common Market Law and in Public Law.*

*She began her career at the Conseil d'Etat in 1995 as Auditeur and then Maitre des requêtes. Technical and Juridical Counselor of the President of the National Assembly from 1998 to 2000, she then joined the Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie as Technical Counselor for the Minister Cabinet, in charge of legal questions of the public command and of the competition law. In 2002 she is nominated as Law Officer of the Treasury and as Assistant Director for public law and international in the department of legal affairs in the Ministère de l'Economie, des Finances et de l'Industrie. She joined Gaz de France in 2005 as Deputy Director for strategy in charge of institutional relations. She then became Juridical Director of Gaz de France and then of GDF SUEZ. From 2013 to 2015 she was Chief Executive Officer of GRDF.*

*Sandra Lagumina is also member of the executive board of the Autorité de la Concurrence et of the Conseil économique, social et environnemental. She is administrator of DCNS, Abertis, Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences-Po), and member of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Trustees of Tongji University. Sandra Lagumina is a member of the steering committee of La Fabrique de la Cité (The City Factory).*

## **Presentations of studies on EU Agencies**

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**Jack Malan**, Managing Partner at the Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, CSES

*Jack Malan is one of the founding partners of the Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services (CSES), a UK-based company that provides consultancy services to the European institutions, national authorities and international agencies. Jack previously worked for Ernst & Young where he was responsible for leading the firm's evaluation work.*

*Jack has led many assignments involving the European Agencies. Examples include evaluations of EU-OSHA, the EMCDDA, the former EUMC (now FRA), EUROFOUND, CEPOL and EFCA, as well as several EU-supported networks including the EUCPN (European Crime Prevention Network) and the EMN (European Migration Network). In addition to assignments involving the EU-supported Agencies, Jack has carried out many other consultancy projects (evaluations, impact assessments, etc) for the European institutions including various European Commission DGs (DG GROW, DG HOME, DG JUST, DG REGIO), the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, and the European Investment Bank. For example, he is currently leading an EU-wide study for DG JUST on free movement, an evaluation for DG RTD on the role of financial instruments in Horizon 2020, and an assignment to help the European Investment Bank produce its 2016 annual report.*

*Jack studied History at Peterhouse, Cambridge University and undertook post-graduate research at the University of Muenster in Germany.*

**Richard Doherty**, European Public Sector Leader, Deloitte, Brussels

*Richard Doherty is Deloitte's European Public Sector Leader. He has worked continuously in the EU affairs arena since 1984, and is a trusted advisor to help EU institutional clients deliver on their objectives – in both policy and operational terms. His experience covers many areas of EU policy and organisation, with specific expertise in internal market, enterprise policy, external relations and social affairs, as well as institutional development and communication. He has worked with 20 EU Agencies during his career.*

## **Panel discussion on the results of the presented studies**

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### **MODERATOR**

**Malcolm Harbour CBE**, Senior Adviser at DN Cabinet

*Malcolm Harbour was elected as Conservative MEP for the UK West Midlands in 1999, and served for 3 five year terms, standing down in 2014.*

*From 2004 to 2009 he was EPP-ED Coordinator on the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee, and Chairman from 2009 to 2014. He was a key player in shaping*

*policies and legislation for the single market, manufacturing industry, the digital economy, research and consumer protection.*

*He was Internal Market MEP of the Year in 2010 and 2014. In 2012, Euractiv ranked him as 3rd most influential Briton in EU policy. In 2013 he was awarded a CBE for services to the UK economy. He is now a Council Member at the University of Birmingham, Director of the Digital Policy Alliance, Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre and to the EU policy consultants Cabinet DN.*

*From 1967 to 1999, Malcolm was in the motor industry, starting as a Student Engineer at BMC Longbridge, going on to senior roles in new model development, marketing and sales, and then launching his own market research consultancy.*

**Derek Vaughan MEP**, Vice-Chair of the Budgetary Control Committee (CONT), European Parliament

*Derek was elected as Labour Party Member of the European Parliament for Wales in June 2009 and was re-elected in May 2014. He is the First Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control and a member of the Committee on Regional Development.*

*Previously he was the leader of Neath Port Talbot Council and the Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association. Mr Vaughan was shadow for the Discharge 2013 of EU decentralised Agencies and Rapporteur for the Discharge 2014.*

**Ján Ridzoň**, Slovak Presidency of the European Union

*Member of the Budget Committee of the Council and member of the Slovak Permanent Representation to the EU team since March 2015.*

*His professional portfolio includes Multiannual Financial Framework of the EU, EU budget, combating fraud to the EU budget. He has a professional background in the national administration, in the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic since 2005 till 2015 incl. heading the EU Affairs Department and EU Budget Unit.*

*Mr Ridzoň holds a Master of political economy (2009) from the University of Economics in Slovakia and a Master of political science in (2003) from Matej Bel University, Slovakia. Mr Ridzoň is 36 years old, married and has 2 daughters.*

**Rimantas Šadžius**, Member of the European Court of Auditors

*In 1983, Rimantas Šadžius graduated from the Chemistry Department of Lomonosov Moscow State University (cum laude) and qualified as a chemist. In 2002, he graduated from the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University and qualified as a lawyer, obtaining a Master's Degree in Law.*

*From 1996–2003, Mr Šadžius acquired professional experience as an accounting and tax consultant at a private company, as a scientific researcher in quantum chemistry and solid-state physics, and as a translator, editor and publisher of scientific literature.*

*Since then, Mr Šadžius has served as the Vice-Minister of three different Ministries of the Republic of Lithuania from 2003 to 2007: the Ministry of Social Security and Labour, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Finance. He has also served two terms as the Lithuanian Minister of Finance (2007-2008; 2012-2016) and was a lecturer in Public Finance at the Lithuanian University of Educational Sciences in addition to contributing to an academic publishing services company (2009-2012).*

*Mr Šadžius was President of the ECOFIN Council in the second half of 2013. When Mr Šadžius was Minister of Finance, Lithuania adopted the euro and became the 19th member of the Eurozone on 1 January 2015. In June 2016, Mr Šadžius became a Member of the Court of Auditors and joined Chamber IV: "Regulation of markets and competitive economy".*

**Olivier Waelbroeck**, Director, Directorate-General for Budget, European Commission

*Olivier Waelbroeck holds a Master in International Business Law (LLM) from the London School of Economics (Foreign and Commonwealth Scholarship) and is a law graduate from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.*

*After spending several years at the Court of Justice of the EU (Cabinet of a judge and later of the President), he joined the European Commission in 2005, first as part of the Secretariat General and later of the Directorate-General for Budget, where he was appointed assistant to Director General (2009), Head of Unit "Financial Regulations" (2011) and Director of the Central Financial Service (2015).*

**Juan Menéndez-Valdés**, Director, Eurofound

*Mr Juan Menéndez-Valdés was appointed director of Eurofound in December 2010, after serving for more than 11 years as Head of Employment, Immigration, Education and Training Policies at the Spanish Confederation of Business (CEOE) and for 10 years in the Spanish Government's National Employment Service (INEM).*

*As director of Eurofound, he is responsible for the development of the medium-term strategy of the Agency and its annual work programmes, which are approved by Eurofound's tripartite Governing Board. He leads a team of more than 100 researchers, communication specialists and support staff*

*in the implementation of the work programmes, which are geared towards providing knowledge to assist policymakers in the development of social and work-related policies.*

*In his previous positions, Mr Menéndez-Valdés was responsible for analysis, assessment and strategy, as well as programme management. He has been involved in a number of boards and tripartite institutions and has participated in high-level negotiations at national as well as international level. From 2007 to 2009, he was Chair of the Governing Board of Eurofound's sister organisation, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP).*

*He holds a degree in Psychology, a Master's degree in Industrial Psychology and Human Resources and a postgraduate degree in European studies.*



**MODERATOR**

**France Robinson, Freelance Journalist**

*Frances Robinson is a freelance journalist who spent the last four years covering EU technology and telecoms regulation for the Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones in Brussels. This role involved everything from interviewing Prime Ministers to urban safaris in post-industrial Belgium. She previously worked for AFX in Brussels and then covered the European Central Bank in Frankfurt for Bloomberg. Her beat included the eurozone crisis, tech and telecoms, and the fascinatingly complex world of Belgian politics. Her radio and TV appearances include Sky News, RTBF, CNBC, BBC News Channel and BBC World Service.*

*She has a fortnightly column for DisCo project which is organized by the CCIA, a trade association for tech companies. She also does occasional copywriting for various tech companies.*

*She is an experienced panel moderator, and can get a lively discussion going on topics from sustainable transport to food and wine to tax justice.*

**James Watson, Director of Economics, Business Europe**

*James Watson was appointed Director of Economics at BusinessEurope, the Confederation of European Business, in June 2011. In this role he is responsible for developing and communicating the organisation's positions on macroeconomic policies, structural and financial market reforms, economic governance, taxation, the EU budget and EU regional policies. Prior to joining BusinessEurope, James worked for 14 years as an economic adviser in the UK government's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (formerly DTI), providing economic advice and analysis on policies to raise the UK's long-term growth rate. During this period he co-authored a number of research reports on subjects ranging from the role of high-growth firms in the UK economy to the UK's trade relationship with China and India. He has also worked on secondment to the Cabinet Office in the UK, at the Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry and the European Commission's DG Economics and Financial Affairs. A graduate of the Cambridge University, James also holds an MSc from the University of York.*

**Thiébaut Weber, Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, ETUC**

*Mr Thiébaut Weber was born in Mulhouse, France in 1982. He was elected as ETUC Confederal Secretary at the Paris Congress in 2015. He is a young trade unionist and former student activist in his native France. He is a member of the Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail, and in 2007 started work with the CFDT as a youth delegate, then in 2014 as political advisor on issues*

*including international and European affairs. Between 2011 and 2013 he was President of the ETUC Youth Committee.*

*He went to the University of Haute-Alsace to study history, which remains one of his passions. During his studies he became President of the Federative Association of Upper Rhine Students in 2005, then of the Federation of General Student Unions (FAGE) in 2006.*

*In 2014, Thiébaud completed a Master's degree in Anticipation and Management of Employment and Skills at the University of Paris 1. He is also an enthusiastic reader and rugby player.*

*Mr Weber is a Rugby player and passionate about history. French is his mother tongue, he is fluent in English and Italian and speaks basic German.*

**Marco Mensink**, Director-General of European Chemical Industry Council, CEFIC

*Marco Mensink was appointed Cefic Director General on May 1st 2016. Before joining Cefic, Mr Mensink was Director General of the Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI), representing the sector both at European and global level. A Dutch national, he is a seasoned public affairs professional, who has lived and worked in Brussels since 2006, and has an extensive network of contacts within the European Institutions and wider Brussels sphere. He is active in several European Commissions High Level Groups. Mr Mensink is a professional speaker in public events, having a strong drive to move the organisation, the issues and the sector forward. Mr Mensink has specific expertise in EU Energy and Environmental legislation, the EU Emission Trading System and Renewable Energy legislation. Innovation policy and technology development were strong drivers of CEPI's success.*

*Marco Mensink holds a Master of Science Degree in Forestry and Business Management from the Agricultural University of Wageningen in the Netherlands. Starting his career at Ernst & Young Management Consulting, he worked for six years in Environmental Management and due diligence projects. He then worked for six years at the Royal Netherlands' Paper and Board Association, also representing the Dutch industry in Brussels. Mr Mensink, born in 1968, is married and has three children.*

**Eva Paunova MEP**, Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), European Parliament

*Eva Paunova is the youngest EPP Group member elected from the largest centre-right Bulgarian Party GERB. She is a member of the EP's Internal Market and Consumer Affairs and Economic and Monetary Affairs Committees and the Delegation for Relations with China and the US.*

*From January 2013 until her election, Eva was the Executive Coordinator of the GERB-EPP Delegation and Senior Policy Advisor in the European Parliament. She co-managed the Party's relations with the EPP. In addition, Eva supported GERB's leadership in maintaining and fostering*

*contacts with political leaders across Europe, which is a critical component of the Party's long-standing efforts to deepen Bulgaria's ties with Western Europe. Previously, she served as Policy Advisor to an MEP, worked at the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), UniCredit Bank and the British Embassy in Sofia.*

*Eva graduated in International Affairs and Business Administration at the American University John Cabot in Rome, Italy, where she served as President of the Student Government. She is also an alumna of Harvard Kennedy School of Government.*

*Eva's key interests in the EP include SMEs & Entrepreneurship, the Digital Single Market and Education.*

**Stephan Raes**, Head of Economic Affairs and Agriculture Unit, Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the EU

*Stephan Raes started working as the Head of the Economic Department at the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the EU in August 2013. Before that he was the Economic Minister at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington DC. He held several positions at the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, most recently as director Strategy, Research and International Affairs at the Directorate General for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. He worked on general micro and macro-economic policy making, innovation and entrepreneurship policy, as well as in the fields of trade policy, trade and investment promotion and international technology scouting.*

*Stephan Raes holds a PhD in International Relations (University of Amsterdam), and a master degree in European Studies. His publications focus on international trade policy, immigrant entrepreneurship, the textile and clothing industries and productivity. From 1990 until 1999 Stephan Raes worked as a lecturer at Nijmegen University in the Netherlands, where he taught Political Economy of the Middle East and the Mediterranean Region.*

**Kristin Schreiber**, Director for COSME Programme and SME Policy, DG GROW, European Commission

*She was appointed Director in charge of COSME Programme and SME policy on 1 June 2015 after having served as Director for Governance of the Single Market and International Affairs, first in DG MARKT and then in DG GROW since February 2014. She has also held positions in International Affairs in DG Markt and a number of cabinet positions.*

**MODERATOR**

**Cathy Smith**, Event Moderator, Speak-Easy Communications

*After working for many years as a Brussels based news and political correspondent for both the BBC and Reuters-GMTV, she understands well the demands of the huge Brussels press corps. She was also a presenter of Britain's Channel 4 News.*

*Cathy's clients include the International Criminal Court, European Commission, European Council, European Defence Agency, World Bank, BNP Fortis Paribas, Merck Serono, GSK.*

**Lord John Mogg**, KCMG, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators, CEER

*Lord Mogg heads up Europe's energy regulators. He is the President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER), the body which the energy regulators themselves set up on their own initiative. He also chairs the Board of Regulators at the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER). He served as non-executive Chair of Ofgem, the UK energy regulatory authority, from October 2003-2013 and is currently the European Adviser to Ofgem. Lord Mogg was the founding Chair of ICER (the International Confederation of Energy Regulators) which represents over 200 regional energy organisations around the world. He chaired ICER until last year. He chairs the Advisory Board to the EUIPO's Observatory. Lord Mogg was a former member of the Advisory Group to the Singapore government; and a former member of the Board of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and now on its main Board. He formerly chaired the Board of Governors of the University of Brighton and is now Chair designate of a leading independent school, Brighton College.*

*John Mogg was knighted by the Queen in 2003 and has been a member of the House of Lords since 2008.*

**François Houÿez**, Policy Advisor, European Organisation for Rare Diseases, EURODIS

*François Houÿez is Director of Treatment Information and Access, Policy Advisor. He has always been working as a patient advocate since the early 90s. He joined EURORDIS in May 2003.*

*He represents EURORDIS at the Patients' and Consumers' Working Party at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and has been appointed external expert for the evaluation of marketing authorisation applications. He co-chairs the stakeholders' forum of the EUnetHTA Joint Action.*

*He pioneered patient advocacy with the European Medicines Agency as part of the first patients' delegation that engaged dialogue with the Agency back in 1996 and has continuously been involved*

*in the agency activities during the last 26 years. He has worked both as a volunteer and as an employee for a variety of patients' organizations at national and international levels. François speaks French, English and some German.*

**Monique Goyens**, Director General, The European Consumers Organisation, BEUC

*Ms Goyens is Director General of BEUC, which represents 42 independent national consumer associations in 31 European countries acting as a strong consumer voice in Brussels, ensuring that consumer interests are given weight in the development of policies and raising the visibility and effectiveness of the consumer movement through lobbying EU institutions and media contacts. Having a background in law she has published numerous articles in scientific journals on consumer and European law. Prior to BEUC, Ms Goyens led the Belgian Commission Universitaire pour le Développement with international and national donors and partners in developing countries. She had been BEUC's Senior Legal Adviser and contributed to the promotion of consumer interests through research as Project leader.*

**Paul Rübzig MEP**, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament

*Ing. Mag. Dr. in business management, Industrialist (blacksmithing, plasma and vacuum industries); Member of the Upper Austria Land Assembly and Chairman of the EU Membership Committee (1991-1995); Member of the Austrian Nationalrat (1996); Chairperson of the WIFI Austria, Institute for Economic Promotion of the Upper Austrian Economic Chamber(1990-1996); Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce in Upper Austria; President of the SME Union since 2001; Vice-President of the Paneuropean Union in Austria. MEP since 1996.*

*He became a Member of the European Parliament on 25 January 1996, and was re-elected in 1996, 1999, 2004 and 2009. Hence, he is the longest-serving MEP from Austria. On 25 June 2013, Rübzig was elected already for the second time in a European-wide vote as MEP of the Year for his outstanding commitment in the field of research and innovation.*

**Markku Markkula**, President of the European Committee of the Regions

*Markku Markkula was elected President of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) in February 2015 for a two and a half year term of office. Since joining the CoR in 2010 he has held several influential positions such as the first Vice-Chair of the CoR's EPP Group and Chair of the CoR's EPP Task Force on Europe 2020. He was the CoR's rapporteur in the field of innovation for subjects including: "The digital agenda for Europe", "The role of local and regional authorities in achieving the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy", "Enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation in research and innovation", "Horizon 2020", "Better governance for the single market",*

*"Closing the innovation divide", "Creation of high-tech start-up ecosystems", and "The industrial policy package". He has also been a member of several High Level Expert Groups, such as the EU Smart Specialisation Mirror Group.*

*He is a member of the National Coalition Party in Finland having held numerous political chairmanships throughout his career. A member of Espoo City Council since 1980, he held its presidency in 1990-92 and 2010. He is currently a member of the Board of Helsinki Regional Council and Chairman of Espoo City Planning Board.*

*President Markkula is a former member of the Finnish Parliament (1995-2003). During this time he served as a member of two permanent parliamentary committees: the Committee for Science, Education and Culture, and the Committee for the Future. As an MP his international role included the Presidency of EPTA Council, European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network.*

*Markku Markkula works at Aalto University as the Advisor to Aalto Presidents, where his focus is on European Union research, innovation and education policy affairs. In Finland his roles have included memberships of the boards of several companies and organisations such as Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation and Technology. He has served as the chairman of the Board of the Finnish Association of Graduate Engineers TEK (1993-2005) and of the Finnish Information Society Development Centre TIEKE (2000-2011).*

**Carina Törnblom**, Consumers Directorate, Directorate-General for Justice, European Commission

*Carina Törnblom has worked at the European Commission's Directorate-General since 2000. She is a lawyer and currently employed in the unit for Consumer Strategy, Representation and International Relations of DG Justice. This Unit has been in charge of defining the new strategy for the next years, the European Consumer Agenda, which aims to maximise consumer participation and trust in the market. Part of Ms Törnblom's tasks are as adviser to the Director Despina Spanou. Carina has previously been responsible for 'Food Products and Health' as well as 'Unfair Commercial Practices, Redress and Administrative Co-operation'.*

*Before she joined the Commission, she was a Deputy Director-General in the Ministry of Finance in Sweden and before that she was responsible for consumer policy in the Financial Supervisory Authority of Sweden.*

**Jan Murk**, Head of Receptions and Projects, NIDOS Foundation

*Jan Murk is Head of Reception and Projects at Nidos Foundation. As such, he is responsible for the reception of unaccompanied minors in the Netherlands (all that receive a permit to stay), as well as for European efforts and projects. Nidos is the national guardianship institution for unaccompanied minors in the Netherlands.*

*Jan Murk started his career in 2003 after obtaining his master in public administration as an assistant to a member of the European Parliament (Maria Martens, EPP, CDA). Since 2007 he worked as an independent consultant for Dutch as well as international organisations in the private, public as well as the non-profit sector, and as an Advocacy Officer for UNICEF Netherlands.*

**Frédéric Van Leeuw**, Federal Prosecutor, Belgium,

*Mr Van Leeuw is Head of the Belgian Federal Prosecution Service since 2014. He has been appointed as Federal Magistrate in 2007. His office is responsible for dealing with serious organised crime and terrorism at country-wide level.*

**Debbie Kohner**, Secretary General, European Network of National Human Rights Institutions, ENNHRI

*Ms Debbie Kohner is Secretary General of ENNHRI, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions. ENNHRI supports National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to promote and protect human rights across wider Europe. Ms Kohner is a qualified solicitor, having practised law in London and Madrid. She has also worked in the NGOs sector, and co-convened a coalition of equality and human rights organisations in Northern Ireland. Previously, she coordinated a major research project to set up the first reporting system for racist incidents in New Zealand. She has also worked at Westminster, the UK Parliament. Ms Kohner studied law at Jesus College, Oxford; Université de Paris II; and College of Europe, Bruges; as well as Peace and Conflict Studies at University of Ulster.*

**Cecilia Wikström MEP**, Chair of the Committee on Petitions (PETI) and Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), European Parliament

*Cecilia Wikström was born in 1965 and raised in Kalix, but has lived in Uppsala since the 1980's. She holds a bachelor degree in theology from the University of Uppsala, and has been a practising priest in the Swedish Church since 1994. Cecilia Wikström has written several books including the book När livet går sönder(When life falls apart), a publication awarded book of the year in its genre in 2004. In 2002, Cecilia Wikström was elected to the Swedish parliament. She*

was re-elected in 2006, representing the liberal party, Liberalerna. Since 2009, Cecilia Wikström is a Member of the European Parliament.

**Gilles de Kerchove**, European Union's Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

*Mr. Gilles de KERCHOVE was appointed EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator on 19 September 2007. In this function, he coordinates the work of the European Union in the field of counter-terrorism, maintains an overview of all the instruments at the Union's disposal, closely monitors the implementation of the EU counter-terrorism strategy and fosters better communication between the EU and third Countries to ensure that the Union plays an active role in the fight against terrorism. Before that he was Director for Justice and Home Affairs at the Council Secretariat. He is also a European law professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, the Free University of Brussels and at the Université Saint Louis-Brussels. He was deputy secretary of the convention that drafted the charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union from 1999 to 2000. He has published a number of books on European law.*

**Olivier Onidi**, Deputy Director-General, DG Migration and Home Affairs, European Commission

*His last assignment was Deputy Director-General of Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs, with the specific task to coordinate the Commission-wide work related to the Central Mediterranean Route in the context of the refugees crisis.*

*Previously, he was Director for the "European Mobility Network" within Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, responsible for the development of the Trans-European Transport network infrastructure, the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility funding instrument and the creation of a Single European Rail area. Prior to this, he was Director for Innovative and Sustainable Mobility within the same Directorate-General, in charge of clean and urban transport, intelligent transport systems and road safety. He also worked as Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Energy Commissioner, Mr Günther H. Oettinger, as Head of Unit for air transport, aviation safety and environment and Head of the satellite navigation system programme – GALILEO.*

*His first posts in the Commission were assistant to Directors-General in the areas of Energy & Transport, External Relations, the Secretariat General and in the cabinet of the Commissioner for Research and Development, innovation, education and training. Before joining the Commission, he worked as adviser to the Executive Committee of Belgacom and as public policy Manager at American Express International. Mr Onidi holds Master degrees in Economics, in European Studies and in Business Administration.*



**Diana Versteeg**, In-house counsel, Akzo Nobel

*Diana Versteeg has studied law in the Netherlands and France, graduating in intellectual property law and European competition law. She started her career working as a junior trademark attorney, followed by several years working in private practice for an IP boutique law firm. After private practice, Diana gained extensive experience working as in-house counsel, working for Royal Numico (now Danone), DSM and since 2007 for AkzoNobel. Next to her work at AkzoNobel, Diana has lectured for five years about the Madrid System to junior trademark attorneys, and currently she acts as Examiner at the post-doctorate training for Benelux trademark and design attorneys. In the past, she was an active member of the Legislation Committee of the Benelux Association "BMM", and from 2013-2015 Diana was Chair of the MARQUES Council. As of March 2017, Diana will become the Chair of the Anti-Counterfeit and Parallel Trade team of MARQUES. She also continues to represent MARQUES and the interests of rights holders as permanent Observer at the Management Board and Budget Committee meetings of the EUIPO.*

**Mathieu Simon M.D.**, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, Cellectis S.A

*Mathieu Simon is currently Executive Vice President, COO of Cellectis SA a biopharmaceutical company developing innovative adoptive immunotherapies for cancer (gene edited allogenic CAR T Cells). Dr Simon has also served within the Cellectis Group as CEO of Ectycell and CEO / Chairman of the Board of Cellartis AB in Sweden.*

*A 1982 graduate of the Paris Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Mathieu Simon has been in the pharmaceutical industry in an international career in both senior corporate and regional roles. After having started his career in Wyeth France, Mathieu Simon became Head of International Marketing and Medical Affairs for Wyeth Pharmaceutical in the United States. Mathieu Simon was then tasked with heading several of the most important regional subsidiaries of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Europe. Mathieu Simon was appointed Senior Vice President Pharma Head of Global Pharma Operations for the Pierre Fabre Group.*

*Since 2011 at Cellectis, Dr. Simon has been acting as advisor to financial institutions. He is today Senior Strategic Advisor at Messier & Maris Partners, an international investment banking firm providing tailored strategic advisory services in M&A located in Paris and New York and partner at Scientifica a venture capital in Milan.*

**Nathalie Errard**, Senior Vice-President, Head of Europe and NATO Affairs at Airbus Group

*Ms Errard is since 2012 the Head of Europe and NATO Affairs at Airbus Group. Prior to this she was named Senior Vice President Head of Investor Relations of EADS in 2008. She has experience in European government affairs and lobbying as well as in mergers and acquisitions, projects and joint ventures with Japanese and Chinese companies, acquisitions in the US and the Media Industry. Ms Errard has worked at Thomson Reuters in the area of Business development.*

**Doc JUDr. Pavel Svoboda MEP**, Chair of the JURI Committee, Ph.D., D.E.A., European Parliament

*Mr Svoboda was born in 1962 in Prague. He graduated in law at the Charles University, Prague and in European law at the University of Social Sciences, Toulouse. Mr Svoboda comes from an academic background as a Professor of European law at the Law Faculty of Charles University in Prague. His former experience includes attorney of law, deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe and Minister and Chairman of the Legislative Council of the Czech Republic. He also served as visiting Professor at the University of Social Sciences in Toulouse.*

*From 2015, he is a Chairperson of the Executive Board at the Academy of European Law (Europäische Rechtsakademie). His main policy domains in which he worked from the EU legal perspective are: free movement of goods, international trade, economic competition, intellectual property, electronic commerce, and EU international relations.*

**Peter Keet**, Co-ordinator of Research Policy, Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands

*Peter Keet is working at the Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Netherlands as Policy Co-ordinator for National and European Research Policy in the Department of Innovation and Knowledge. Connection and coordination between national and European research policy is one of his ambitions, both at strategic and at operational level.*

*He is member of the GPC for Joint Programming Initiatives and EIT's contact group of member states representatives. He participated in the Governmental working group preparing the report Vision for Science 2025, choices for the future*

*From 1998 till 2012 Peter Keet worked at the Ministry Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. He coordinated the Ministries National and European research policy. He participated in the Standing Committee for Agricultural Research and its working groups. Under FP5 and FP7 he was national representative for the theme agriculture and food. He has been Chief Librarian at the Ministry of Agriculture for almost ten years (1989-1998).*

**Robert Madelin, Strategy Consultant**

*Robert Madelin served in the British Civil Service 1979-1992 and in the European Commission 1993-2016. Currently, Robert's major engagement is as Chief Strategist at Fipra International. He is a Visiting Research Fellow at Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations and a lecturer in LSE's current Programme in Trade Negotiations. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Futures Councils and an adviser to the European Health Forum Gastein. Robert studied at the Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Magdalen College, Oxford and the French Civil Service College (ENA). He is an Honorary Doctor of Edinburgh, an alumnus Policy Fellow of Cambridge University's Centre for Science and Policy and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. Robert is the author of 'Opportunity Now: Europe's mission to innovate' (2016).*

**Herman Van Rompuy**, President, The European Policy Center

*Herman Van Rompuy, President Emeritus of the European Council and Minister of State, is now President of the European Policy Centre and a visiting Professor in several universities: SciencesPo Paris, the College of Europe, Université Catholique de Louvain, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Universiteit Gent, etc.*

*As a former economist at the National Bank of Belgium, he began his political career in 1973 as national Vice-President of his party's youth council, before holding various responsibilities within his party and in the Belgian Parliament and government, serving in turn as Senator (1988-1995), Secretary of State for Finance and Small Businesses (1988), Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (1993-1999), Member of Parliament (1995-2009), Minister of State (2004), and Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007-2008).*

*At the time of his first appointment as President of the European Council in November 2009, he was Prime Minister of Belgium. He was the first full-time President to take office when the Lisbon Treaty came into force. In 2012, he was re-elected for a second (and last) term starting on 1 June 2012 and running until 30 November 2014.*

*Herman Van Rompuy has been awarded many honours and prizes, among which the Charlemagne Prize - Internationale Karlspreis (29 May 2014). In 2015, King Philippe II of Belgium ennobled Herman Van Rompuy by making him a Count.*

**Ben Butters**, Policy Director, EUROCHAMBRES

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*Ben has degrees in Business and in European Politics. He worked in international publishing before moving to Brussels, where he subsequently gained experience in the European Commission, the European Parliament and as a project manager for a European start-up incubator network. Directly prior to joining EUROCHAMBRES, Ben was the founding director of a company delivering EU advocacy services to UK business organisations.*

**Inés Ayala Sender MEP**, Member of Committee on Budgetary Control, European Parliament

*Ms Ayala Sender was served as national expert in the Directorate-General for the Environment of the European Commission from 1995 to 1997. Between 1997 and 2004, she worked as policy adviser to the PES Group for various committees and delegations of the European Parliament, including the Committee on Transport and Tourism. Ms Ayala Sender has been a Member of the European Parliament since the 2004 European elections. She has since been serving on the Committee on Budgetary Control and on the Committee on Transport and Tourism. On the Committee on Budgetary Control, she is the coordinator of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats. In 2007, she joined the parliament's delegation for relations with the countries of Central America. Between 2005 and 2009, she was a member of the Committee on Petitions.*

*On the Committee on Budgetary Control, Ms Ayala Sender has been serving as her parliamentary group's coordinator since 2014. In addition to her committee assignments, Ms Ayala Sender is a member of the European Parliament Intergroup on Integrity (Transparency, Anti-Corruption and Organized Crime).*

**Siegfried Mureşan MEP**, Vice-Chair Committee on Budgets, European Parliament

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*Siegfried Mureşan graduated from the Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest and continued his studies with a Master in Economics and Management Science at Humboldt University in Berlin. In 2006 he was part of the International Scholarship Programme of the German Parliament. Subsequently, he continued for three years as an Advisor to the Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the German Parliament, Gunther Krichbaum. In 2009 he moved to Brussels, where he initially worked in the European Parliament. In 2011 he joined the Headquarters of the EPP as Political Advisor for Economics and Social Policy. In January 2014 he was promoted to Senior Political Advisor.*

**Pascal Leardini**, Director, Secretariat-General of the European Commission

*Pascal Leardini is Director in the Secretariat-General of the European Commission. His area of responsibility covers Institutional and Administrative Policies. This includes dossiers such as the Multiannual Financial Framework, the Commission's Corporate Management responsibilities,*

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**Bernhard Url, Executive Director, EFSA**

*Dr. Bernhard Url was appointed Executive Director of EFSA in June 2014, having served as Acting Executive Director for seven months. Dr. Url joined EFSA in June 2012 as Head of the Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Department. Prior to joining the Authority, Dr. Url was Managing Director of the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES), which represents Austria on EFSA's Advisory Forum. From 2008 to March 2012, he also served as a member of EFSA's Management Board.*

*During his 10 years at AGES, he was in charge of technical and scientific affairs with a remit that included the timely delivery of risk assessment and risk management services across a wide range of areas. This included ensuring effective risk communications during urgent food safety-related events.*

*Prior to AGES Dr. Url spent five years as an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Milk Hygiene and Milk Technology at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna before running a food quality control laboratory from 1993 to 2002. Dr. Url graduated from the University of Veterinary Medicine in Vienna in 1987 and became a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1990. He has published in the field of veterinary medicine with a particular focus on listeria and milk hygiene.*



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