



Speakers' Bios

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Eva Ampazi is a member of the board of DIKTIO-NETWORK for REFORM in Greece and Europe, and a member of the European Citizens’ Initiative ‘Invest in Education’. She is an architect, with a Master’s degree in Business Administration, and since 2001 she has been developing a network of collaborators in studies and the construction of projects involving strategic development of cities and environmental design.

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Dr Christoph Anz is responsible for Education Policy within Corporate HR department at BMW Group, Munich. He is engaged in quality assurance in higher education, both in Germany and in Europe, and is an employer representative of the European Quality Assurance Register Committee (EQAR). Dr. Anz holds a PhD in History, Political Sciences and Scandinavian Studies from the Max-Planck-Institute for History and the University of Göttingen.

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Arnaez Inmaculada

Inmaculada Arnaez, designated Frontex’s first Fundamental Rights Officer in September 2012, is a lawyer from Spain, with 16 years’ experience in fundamental rights, humanitarian law and international relations. She has worked to strengthen the protection of fundamental rights of returnees and internally displaced persons, reform the judiciary and facilitate access to justice for victims of conflict. Ms. Arnaez has held various posts in the UN Police Mission, UN Development Program and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Office of the High Representative and the Registry for the Court and Prosecutors Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Ascasi Pablo

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Barslund Mikkel

Mikkel Barslund is a Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels, where he works on economic policy issues. He is and has been responsible for projects related to ageing societies, education, labour markets and – most recently – labour mobility. He was formerly a senior economist at the Danish Economic Council and holds a PhD in economics from the University of Copenhagen and an MSc from University College London.

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Basille Olivier

Born in Belgium in 1971, and the holder of dual Belgian and French citizenship, Olivier Basille graduated in public relations and communication from the Ilya Prigogine Institute at Brussels Free University. In 1995, he founded the Belgian section of Reporters Without Borders (RWB), an international NGO that won the European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought in 2005. He has been RWB's permanent representative to the European Union institutions since 1998 and is director-general of RWB Belgium. From 2004 till 2012, he was the Belgian bureau chief of the quarterly magazine Medias.

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<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00f3dd2249/Sakharov-Prize-for-Freedom-of-Thought.html>



Belfor Sergio

Sergio Belfor is a 30-year-old youth and human rights activist with a broad international background. He is a member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe and in this capacity also a member of the follow up group of the No Hate Speech Campaign. Within this group he is tasked with the responsibility of planning and overseeing the management of the campaign at European level and supports the campaign CoE secretariat in increasing the visibility and involvement of actors at national level.



Bélier Sandrine

Sandrine Bélier is a Member of the European Parliament where she sits on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee, the Constitutional Affairs Committee and the Petitions Committee. She belongs to the Greens/EFA group. Prior to 2009 she was federal director of France Nature Environment and from 2001-2008 she had been the regional director of environmental NGO Alsace Nature. Sandrine is specialized in the fields of biodiversity, civil rights in the digital age and democracy. She holds a Master’s degree in environmental law from the University of Strasbourg.

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Bengtsson Rebecca

Rebecca Bengtsson is a journalist focusing on human rights and international relations. With a particular interest in the use of new media and ICT for civic engagement, she has experience reporting from Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. She is currently working at Malmö University, Sweden, where she is lecturing in new media, ICT and development.

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Béres Attila

Attila Béres was born in Hungary in 1982. As part of his architectural studies at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, he went on Erasmus near the arctic circle in Oulu, Finland in 2004. In 2008, Béres founded his own office. As a freelance architect, he has taken part in more than 60 projects on 4 continents with Saunders Arkitektur in Bergen. Béres Architects’s first independent project, Hideg house, was awarded with honorary mention in the 2013 Piranesi Awards in Piran, Slovenia.

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Bèrès Pervenche

Pervenche Bèrès has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1994. She graduated from the Paris Institute of Political Science (Sciences Po) in 1978. Afterwards, she held various positions as administrator at the French National Assembly in the field of European and foreign policy, including a position as adviser to the Assembly’s President. She was Secretary and member of the board of the Socialist Party. From 2001 to 2008, she was a member of the municipal council of Sèvres. She is currently Chair of the European Parliament’s Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

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After graduating in European Law from the University Bordeaux-Montesquieu IV, she started an internship in a small consultancy in Brussels where she realized that labour rights of interns are often not respected. For that reason she has joined InternsGoPro.

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Bjorstad Sigve Soldal

Sigve Soldal Bjorstad comes from the Directorate-General for Education and Culture in the European Commission. Bjorstad focuses on vocational education and training policies and in particular the European Alliance for Apprenticeships. This is a multi-stakeholder initiative to boost the quality, supply and image of apprenticeships in Europe, because quality in-company training facilitates young people's transition from education and training into jobs.

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/index_en.htm
http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/alliance_en.htm



Boes Marc

Marc Boes started as a social worker in 1982. In 1992 he began to work in the field of youth information by working for JONG (CEO since 1994). In 1999 he founded the national structure for youth information in The Netherlands. Since 1995 he has been a Board member of several Dutch Foundations working in the area of Welfare and Media. He was the president of ERYICA from 2006 until 2013. He is the managing director of POYWE (Professional Open Youth Work in Europe).

<http://poywe.org/>



Boyer Frédéric

In 2012, Frédéric Boyer became the Artistic Director of the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. He had previously served as Artistic Director and Head of Programming for the Directors' Fortnight since 2009. From 2004 to 2008, he was head of its Film Selection Committee. He is the Artistic Director of Les Arcs European Film Festival, which is held at Les Arcs ski resort in the Alps. Before joining the Directors' Fortnight, he set up and managed Videosphere, a renowned video store in Paris, with a library of some 60 000 titles, including a wide range of arthouse films.

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Jean-Marc Caudron is Urgent Appeal Coordinator at achACT, a Belgian platform of trade unions, consumers’ organisations and NGOs, which is a member of the Clean Clothes Campaign network (CCC). The CCC is dedicated to improving working conditions and supporting the empowerment of workers in the global garment and sportswear industries. The CCC relies on organisations and unions in garment-producing countries to identify issues and to develop strategies to support workers in achieving their goals, such as their right to earn a living wage.

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Cervera Navas Leonardo

Leonardo Cervera Navas is the head of Human Resources at the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and is also a data protection specialist. Prior to joining the EDPS, Leonardo was a practising lawyer in Spain before moving to Brussels to work as an administrator in the European Commission. Following his fellowship in 2007-2008 at Duke University (North Carolina, United States), he wrote a book about the risks and opportunities for young people on the internet entitled “What your kids are up to online”.

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Charléty Véronique

Véronique Charléty is in charge of international cooperation activities at the Department of European Affairs of the ENA (French École Nationale d’Administration). She is also associate editor of the online magazine “The connected journal of EU professionals”. She is a historian by training and has a doctorate in political science from the University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne). She spent five years in Berlin as a researcher at the Centre Marc Bloch - Franco-German Centre for Research in Social Sciences. She continued her research in the United States (Brown University) and Florence (European University Institute).

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Chatterjee Kumardev

Kumardev has experience in setting up, managing and running, both a for-profit company and non-profit organisations and groups as well as experience in management of ICT related strategy, innovation, programmes and architectures. Kumardev has 10+ years of international experience (EU, US, UK, China and India), in public, private and non-profit sectors. Kumardev has been engaged in both the entrepreneurial world and the ICT industry from the age of 19 when he started his first for-profit company as well as his career in the ICT industry as the youngest team member at Adobe during his Bachelors in Computer Science studies.

He is currently the Founder and President of the EYIF and a Programme Manager for European Research and Innovation and Senior Enterprise Architect at Thales. In addition, Kumardev is a recognised European Commission appointed independent expert for ICT within Framework Programme seven. At EYIF, as President, Kumardev leads the management of strategy, direction, objectives and performance. He is responsible for the management of EYIF's key stakeholder relationships with the European Commission, U.S. State Department, World Economic Forum, European Investment Fund, OECD, major international corporations and other strategic partners. In addition, he represents EYIF on various expert groups and stakeholder committees. Kumardev holds a MSc. in Computer Science, specialised in Data Communications, Networks and Distributed Systems (DCNDS) from University College London (UCL) where he studied as a British Chevening Science Scholar.

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Chebbo Maher

Maher is with SAP for 17 years. As the VP Maher is heading the EMEA Energy & Natural Resources regional & local country teams, in terms of business planning, business development and sales representing 500 Million € revenues. He also has 3 years of experience in Corporate Venturing at SAP and overall 24 years of Senior experience in Business, IT, Operations and Industries. Maher also holds these positions: Advisory Board member of S. Fuels, Advisory Council Member of ETP SmartGrids and "Demand" Group Chairman, Governing Board member of REEEP (Renewable Energy), Board of Directors Member of ARMINES (Ecoles des Mines de Paris).

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Clark Stephen

Since 2012 Stephen has been leading the directorate for Relations with the Citizens in DG Communication at the European Parliament. He has been involved in parliamentary committees and was formerly Advisor to the Secretary-General before moving into communications in 2008 as Head of Web Communications. Now he is responsible for communicating European Parliament’s activities to citizens through various events and information campaigns (e.g. Sakharov, Lux prize campaign) as well as through its visitors’ programme, “Parlamentarium” (the European Parliament’s visitors centre), the future House of European History and the visits of the hemicycle. He is currently coordinating the Parliament’s communications campaign on the 2014 European elections.

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/visiting/en/visits/historyhouse.html>

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00d7a6c2b2/Secretariat.html?tab=eParliament_secretariat_dgcomm



Clifford Ian

Ian established <http://YouRock.Jobs> to support youth employability across Europe. It enables young people to build an online employability profile and identify the skills they may not realise they already have. Ian was a founder of Telecentre-Europe, the network of 30 000 community ICT centres across Europe. Prior to this, Ian was Head of Business Development for the network of 4 000 UK online centres. In 1996 Ian founded COSMIC, an NGO employing young people to provide ICT training and website design for local businesses.

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Corbett Richard

Richard was first elected as an MEP in 1996. He was Deputy Leader of the Labour MEPs and Socialist Group spokesperson on EU reform. He was Parliament’s rapporteur on the Constitutional Treaty and on the Lisbon Treaty. Previously, Richard was one of the founders of the European Youth Forum. He later worked as a civil servant and as advisor to Altiero Spinelli, after having gained a PhD at Hull University and a BA at Oxford University. From 2010 to early 2014, he was political advisor to Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council.

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Dabkowski Jan

Coordinator of No Hate Speech Movement Campaign in Poland, board member of Young Journalists’ Association ‘Polis’, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, youth trainer of media education, interculturalism, human rights and nondiscrimination.



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Vanessa is Head of Sector responsible for overseeing the implementation of Higher Education activities under the Erasmus+ programme. In previous posts in the European Commission, Vanessa has worked for the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions in DG Research and Innovation. Before moving to the European Commission in 2006, Vanessa spent eight years working for several petroleum and chemical companies. She studied Chemical Engineering in France (Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine and Institut Français du Pétrole) and in Canada (McGill University).

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Demonpion Denis

Denis started at Paris-Match as a theatre columnist before moving to the Agence France-Presse, where he held various posts in Paris and abroad. After becoming head of general news at Libération, he joined the political staff at Point and the Nouvel Observateur in 2011 as editor-in-chief of the Notre Époque department. He is the author of Arletty, and Houellebecq, enquête sur un phénomène, une biographie non autorisée. With Laurent Léger he has also written: Cécilia, la face cachée de l'ex-première dame, Tapie-Sarkozy, (about the arbitration procedure involving Crédit Lyonnais), and Le dernier tabou, révélations sur la santé des présidents.

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Deresh Lyubko

Lyubko Deresh is an Ukrainian writer born in Lviv in 1984. His debut novel, Kult (Cult), appeared at the age of 17. He researches spiritual traditions of the world, is a member of the World League «Mind Free of Drugs», a member of the jury of the National Grant Competition «Intellectual Capital of Ukraine». Deresh is the author of nine books of prose. Translations of works by Lyubko Deresh were published in Poland, Germany, France and Italy.



de Somer Lionel

Lionel has an extensive background and interest in international entrepreneurial endeavours for over 9 years in different fields, countries and continents. After spending a year in Asia working for an NGO, he co-founded EASAPP which aims to improve the relationships between European insurance companies and their clients especially in the case of car accidents.

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Diallo Thierno

Thierno Diallo, born in 1994 in Conakry is of Guinean nationality. He arrived alone, before his 16th birthday, on the French territory in January 2010. Now he is at final stage to become a bachelor in Design Production at Gutenberg High School in Illkirch, France.



Droutsas Dimitrios

Dimitrios Droutsas MEP is vice-president of the Industry committee (ITRE) and a member of the Civil rights committee (LIBE) in the European Parliament. He was the MEP responsible for the ‘Directive on the processing of personal data for the purposes of crime prevention’, which was adopted by Parliament’s plenary in March 2014. Before becoming an MEP in 2011 he was Greek Foreign Minister (2010-2011). Mr Droutsas started his career as an assistant professor of law at Vienna University.

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Igor Dotsenko was born in 1979 in the Ukraine. His master project on manipulating single atoms by laser light has been realised at the Institute of Applied Physics. He has then continued his PhD project developing single-atom control technics with laser trapping and cooling methods. He has received his doctorate from the University of Bonn in 2007 after successful realisation of the deterministic preparation and coupling of single atoms to trapped light. In the same year he has joined a research team of Serge Haroche at the Laboratory of Kastler and Brossel in Paris as a postdoc. Since then, his research mostly takes place at Ecole Normale Supérieure and Collège de France, where he works in a team with senior co-workers, postdocs, and graduate students. He has occupied a postdoctoral position at C.N.R.S. and a position of Maitre de Conférences associé at Collège de France. Now he is an assistant researcher and a deputy technical director of the Institute of Physics of Collège de France. He is a co-author of 34 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals



Duch Guillot Jaume

Jaume Duch Guillot is the official spokesperson of the European Parliament. He is also Director of the Media Directorate within the Directorate-General for Communication, which includes the Press Service, the Web Communication Unit, the Audiovisual Service and Parliament’s web TV. Before becoming spokesperson and Director, Duch Guillot was head of the Press Room Unit (1999–2006) and Press Adviser for the private office of the former President of the European Parliament José María Gil-Robles (1997 – 1999). He started his career as an official in the European Parliament Secretariat in 1990.

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Duguin Stéphane

Stéphane Duguin was a law enforcement officer for 20 years. He worked for 11 years within the judicial police, 4 years in the French Embassy in The Hague and 5 years in Europol. After leading the implementation team to set up the European Cybercrime Centre (EC3) within Europol, he became the EC3 Chief of Staff. Among his tasks as Chief of Staff is supervision of the Centre’s resources, deliveries, budget and performance.

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Alexander Eckert is a police officer of the Police of Lower Saxony in Germany. Since receiving his bachelor's degree from the police academy in 2011, he has been working as a cybercrime investigator. His main fields of work are social engineering, internet fraud and the compromise of user data. Alexander is currently also studying Digital Forensics at the Albstadt-Sigmaringen University and is due to obtain his Master's Degree in 2015.

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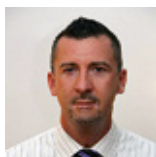
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Laszlo Földi is working as freelance trainer and consultant in the field of youth work, Human Rights education, online campaigning, employment and social integration, and Education through Sport. He worked as the director of the Hungarian National Agency of the youth programmes of the European Commission between 1998 and 2010. He was the author of one of the initial studies that prepared the No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe and in 2012-13 he was employed by the Youth Department to prepare the campaign. Since the launch of the campaign in March 2013 he has been working as online community manager of the No Hate Speech Movement.

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Gessant Pauline

President of the Young European Federalists (JEF-Europe). She studied political sciences and has a Master's degree in European projects at local level. Since 2003, she has been involved in the work of JEF at all levels of the organisation as President of a local section in Nantes and President and International Officer of JEF-France, including at European level. She was also editor-in-chief of Thenewfederalist.eu for one year and Secretary-General of the European Movement-France from 2009 to 2010. She is a member of the board of European Movement International and European Movement-France, as well as an ex-officio member of the UEF (Union of European Federalists) Bureau. Pauline is also in charge of European cooperation for a local authority in the north of France.

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Ginocchio Romain

Romain Ginocchio, also known as 'Wister' in the machine dance community, has been involved in machine dance for 10 years. It was a game at the beginning, but quickly grew into a passion and became his main sporting activity. He attended regional events first, then national events, and eventually became Champion of France in 2010, 2012 and 2013, and won the European Championships hosted by Positive Gaming in 2013. He has also organised several tournaments and events at local, national and international levels, through various French associations. As a professional athlete would do, he has competed in many events around Europe, shared his experience with newcomers and made great friends among the community.

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President of the European Movement – Latvia, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Freelance Trainer. More than 10 years chairman of one of the leading NGOs in political sphere in Latvia. Key role in creating and improving cooperation mechanisms between Civil society organisations and both Government and Parliament in Latvia. Bureau member of Group III (Various Interests) of the EESC. Andris Gobinš has studied Education in Germany.

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Godding Claire

After a Corporate Banker experience of 12 years, and an HR experience of 10, Claire Godding has initiated Diversity in BNP Paribas Fortis, a 16000 employees Bank in Belgium. In 4 years time, interesting results achieved, essentially by linking employee diversity to clients diversity.



Godfrey Adrian

Adrian Godfrey joined GSMA in June 2013 to head the mEducation team, part of GSMA's connected living programme. His team focuses on mobile's role in education, skills development and employment and on creating a shared value proposition for Mobile Network Operators, education systems, consumers and ecosystem partners.

Adrian's previous role at Cisco Systems was as a Director of Cisco's Internet Business Solutions Group (IBSG), consulting on public sector reform at the intersection of technology and processes, with a personal focus on Education and Skills development.

Adrian earned an Engineering Diploma from Coventry Polytechnic and holds a post-graduate certificate in multi-sector partnership from Cambridge University.

He represented Cisco at the UN Global Alliance for ICT for Development (UN-GAID) sits on several advisory boards, including the Digital Opportunity Trust www.dotrust.org and served on a UK Government Independent inquiry into the use of web 2.0 technologies in higher Education.

<http://www.un-gaid.org/>

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Gökdemir Nazan

Nazan Gökdemir is a German journalist and television presenter. She studied “European Media Culture” in Weimar and Lyon and did several internships in the field of Journalism. In 2008 she started to work for ZDF as an editorial trainee and then got employed for several news formats, mainly for the weekday magazine “drehscheibe Deutschland”. In January 2012, Nazan Gökdemir switched to the German-French TV channel ARTE where she now moderates the daily news show ARTE Journal. Since July 2013 she also works as a moderator and reporter for the ZDF show “Forum am Freitag”.

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Gola Bettina

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Gourani Soulaima

At the age of twenty-eight, Soulaima Gourani received recognition as one of Denmark’s brightest businesswomen with the prestigious Rising Star award and the Talent 2004 award. Since then, she has gained management experience from companies such as Hewlett-Packard and A.P. Moller-Maersk. Today, she exploits her vast knowledge and experience as an adviser and speaker for some of Denmark’s most innovative companies. Soulaima is listed as one of the top 100 talents in Europe to keep an eye on by the French magazine Courrier International, and in March 2012 she was selected as one of the 192 management leaders in 2012-2017 by the World Economic Forum. She has been selected as a ‘40 under 40’ European Young Leader 2014 by EuropaNova og Friends of Europe

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Graziano Tony

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Griesbeck Nathalie

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Guhl Fabian

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Hambach Eva

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She was elected as an MEP in 2004, where she has worked on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection committee, the Industry, Research and Energy committee, the Budgets committee, and the Budgetary Control committee.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/28155/EDIT_HERCZOG_home.html



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<http://www.positivegaming.com/>



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<http://www.vso.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities/vso-ics-for-18-25-year-olds>



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Created in 1988, Memorial is a Russian NGO promoting the truth about the political repression of the Soviet Union and leading the challenge against current human rights abuses in post-Soviet states in order to ensure their democratic future. By awarding the Sakharov Prize to Memorial, in 2009, the European Parliament strives to honour all the individuals who dare, even in the most dangerous circumstance, speak out for freedom of association, information and expression in Russia.

<http://www.memo.ru/eng/>

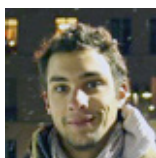


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Eric Labuske studied tourism and works in the online tourism sector. He participates actively in social movements, such as Juventuro sin Futuro, denouncing the precarious situation of young people and trying to find alternatives, and Marea Granate, helping to create an international network of Spanish migrants and give them the possibility to meet, share their experiences and discuss politics. He believes in self-employment and cooperative and ecological types of economic activities as ways to face the crisis in southern European countries.

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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00d7a6c2b2/Secretariat.html?tab=eParliament_secretariat_dgcomm



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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meps/en/4262/JO_LEINEN_home.html

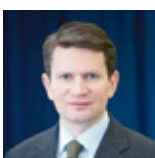


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Matzner Sinje

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Meyers Caroline

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<http://www.morganstanley.com/views/jacf/>

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Nicolini Giusi (Giuseppina Maria)

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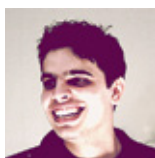
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Oane Vladimir

Vladimir was an entrepreneur before it was cool to be an entrepreneur. When he applied to enter the university his goal was to become a Microsoft engineer but when he graduated he was running a small development shop with 2 of his best friends. Years later he co-founded uberVU, a social media marketing platform, in use at hundreds of world-class companies in 35 countries. After 5 years they were acquired by HootSuite and they think the combined forces of their 2 technologies can be a disruptive force in this space

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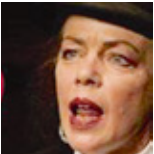
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Olenyi Sebastian

Sebastian is a German freelance journalist and PhD researcher in the Netherlands on science communication and science, industry and public perceptions of sustainability of food and biofuels. He is a graduate in environmental sciences and biotechnology and is currently a member of the board of the European Youth Press.

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O'Loughlin Bridget

Bridget O'Loughlin has been appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe as Campaign Co-ordinator of the No Hate Speech Movement. Her extensive experience with the Council of Europe in intergovernmental work, legal advice, protocol and administration places her in a key position to co-ordinate the Campaign – both inside and outside the Organisation, working with national campaigns, the online campaign community and partners including other international organisations and the social media.

<http://www.nohatespeechmovement.org/>



Özkardes Melih

My name is Melih Özkardes and I am 29 years of age. At the age of 19, when I spoke no German, I came to Germany from Turkey as a European volunteer. The year I spent as a volunteer was a hugely formative experience. When it ended, I signed up for the EuroPeers programme. Since then I have carried out many projects as part of the EuroPeers programme. I graduated from the German Sports University as a sports scientist. For the last three years I have been working in a major sports club and supporting the largest volunteer movement in Germany: organised sport.



Pack Doris

Doris Pack has been a member of the European Parliament and its Committee on Culture and Education since 1989. Before going into politics, she was teacher. She was member of municipal councils and of the German Bundestag from 1974 to 1983 and from 1985 to 1989. Since 2009, she is the chairwoman of the European Parliament's committee on Culture and Education. Recently, she has been rapporteur on the “Erasmus+” regulation, the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport, that passed the EP in November 2013

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Pauli Günter

Gunter Pauli, an entrepreneur, author and educator, has set up 12 companies (2 of which failed). Under his leadership, a small detergent company constructed the first ecological factory and he was considered a pioneer in green business until he realised that his demand for biodegradable palm oil was leading to the destruction of millions of hectares of rainforest and the habitat of the orang-utan. He set out to design a new business model that aims to respond to the basic needs of all with what is locally available, focusing on generating more value instead of always cutting costs further and producing more of the same. His concept - known as the Blue Economy - is, today, with nearly 200 projects having been implemented, one of the pioneering models for economic development on all continents. He is a professor at 3 universities and the author of 19 books.

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Petrovic Jakovina Sandra

Sandra was born in Croatia in 1985. She studied law at the University of Zagreb and completed the Stagiaires programme at the group of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. In January 2012 Sandra became the youngest female Member of the Croatian Parliament and on the 1st of July 2013, Sandra was elected as the youngest Croatian Member of the European Parliament. An active member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and in the Delegation for relations with South Africa, she works on issues close to her heart such as youth employment, youth mobility, Erasmus+, and migrants' and women's rights. Within the European Parliament, she identifies with the group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats.

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Podimata Anni

Anni Podimata has been a member of the European Parliament since 2007. Holding a degree in French Language and Literature, she had started her career in journalism. After her studies at Paris' Journalistes en Europe school, she worked for several Greek newspapers and broadcasting stations. She had been the Paris correspondent for the Athens News Agency. In the European Parliament, she had been the vice-chair of the committee on Industry, Research, and Energy from 2009 to 2012 and is now vice-president in charge of communications.

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Porcaro Giuseppe

Giuseppe Porcaro works as Secretary-General for the European Youth Forum (YFJ), the civil society platform which represents the interests of young people and youth organisations to the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations System. In this role, he co-ordinates a team of around 30 employees and ensures the co-ordination of the institutional relations between the Youth forum and its partners. Giuseppe worked also for the World Bank as the Youth Specialist in Kosovo between 2006 and 2007. He holds a doctorate in Geography of Development and a Master’s in International Relations from the University of Naples. Giuseppe has been active in youth and civil society organisations since an early age, both at local, national and European Level.

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Poredos Benjamin

Benjamin Poredos completed his apprenticeship as a machinist at Blum Inc. Austria in 2008. In 2009 he represented Austria at the World Skills Competition in Calgary and won the gold medal in the category of CNC Turning. He continued working at Blum as a training instructor and was responsible for the vocational training of other young adults aged between 16 and 20. At the same time he attended evening school, completed his A-levels and is now studying for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.



Pranckevičius Arnoldas

Arnoldas Pranckevičius currently serves as external policies adviser to the President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz. He primarily advises the President on EU’s Eastern policy and enlargement strategy, with main focus on relations with Russia, Eastern Partnership countries, Western Balkans and Asia. In 2012-2013 he coordinated the work of the special Cox-Kwasniewski mission to Ukraine. He has been with the European Parliament since 2006, previously working in the Cabinet of EP President Jerzy Buzek (2009-2012), in the Committee for Foreign Affairs and with the Interparliamentary delegations for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Earlier, in 2004-2005 he served as domestic policy adviser to the President of Lithuania Valdas Adamkus. He earned his Masters in European affairs at Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po Paris), holds his Bachelor’s in international relations from Colgate University in NY, USA, and has briefly studied at the Institute of Journalism of Vilnius University and at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. Previously worked as freelance journalist for the main Lithuanian daily Lietuvos rytas and interned at the US Senate and Radio Free Europe. In addition to his professional activities, since 2009 he also serves as President of the Lithuanian Community in Belgium.



Primožič Rok

Rok Primožič is the Chairperson of the European Students’ Union, which is the umbrella organisation of 47 national unions of students from 39 European countries, representing almost 15 million students. He has been a student representative for more than five years already, starting in his home country Slovenia. He was a member of ESU’s Executive Committee in 2011/12 and a Vice-Chairperson in 2012/13. His main areas of work are public responsibility, financing, mobility and internationalisation of higher education.

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Pronckute Simona

Simona Pronckute is a representative of the first ever European Citizens' Initiative "Fraternité 2020". In 2012, she joined Fraternité 2020 to enhance EU exchange programmes – such as Erasmus or the European Voluntary Service (EVS) – in order to contribute to a united Europe based on solidarity among citizens. In 2013, Fraternité 2020 created "Help Erasmus" to advocate and campaign against the cuts to the Erasmus Programme. Fraternité 2020 is already supported by a number of renowned academics, NGOs from all over Europe and 75 Members of the European Parliament.

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Pützstück Simon

Simon Pützstück, born in 1983, studied political sciences, media studies and American studies in Bonn and Boston. After a work placements with Spiegel TV, eurosport.de and with the sports desk of Westdeutscher Rundfunk (WDR - West German Broadcasting), he worked as a freelance author for the WDR and Deutschlandfunk. In 2011 and 2012, he completed a programme traineeship with the WDR. Since October 2012, Simon Pützstück has been working as an editor for the WDR business and consumer TV magazine Markt ('Market') and Markencheck ("Brand check"), a TV show which puts popular consumer brands to the test.

<http://www1.wdr.de/themen/index.html>

<http://www.daserste.de/information/reportage-dokumentation/markencheck/index.html>



Rahman Zeenat

Zeenat Rahman serves as Secretary Kerry's Special Adviser on Global Youth Issues and Director of the Office of Global Youth Issues (J/GYI). Under her leadership, the office operates as a nexus between policy and practice, incorporating youth voices into critical debates that help shape global affairs. Through a variety of mechanisms, including private sector partnerships, and cooperation with an extensive network of over 50 Youth Councils worldwide, the office amplifies youth issues and supports youth-driven solutions to many of the world's most pressing problems. Prior to this appointment, Special Adviser Rahman served as Acting Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the United States Agency for International Development. She also worked closely with the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships to expand partnerships with faith-based and nonprofit groups around the United States. Prior to her government service, she was Director of Policy at the Interfaith Youth Core. Special Adviser Rahman is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the British Council's Transatlantic Network 2020, and a Truman National Security Fellow. She received a master's degree in Middle East studies from the University of Chicago, where her thesis work focused on youth religious identity in the 21st century. She received a B.A. in psychology from the University of Illinois.

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Rainer Ines

Ines Rainer was born in 1985 in Haan, Germany, and lives in Cologne. Ines studied communication design in Düsseldorf. Since 2011 she has been working for a German TV production company in Cologne as an editorial journalist. While researching on the topic of food waste, she had the idea of developing an online tool to share food which would otherwise go to waste. She met different people with the same kind of idea and soon the online community ‘foodsharing’ was born. Since April 2012, she has been the assistant chair for the non-profit association ‘foodsharing’ and also does volunteer work for it.

<https://www.facebook.com/foodsharing.de>
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Rakar Marko

Marko Rakar is president of a small Croatian NGO called Windmill. He has a lifelong experience in working for the media. His speciality is social media, data transparency and open governance and he is a popular lecturer and consultant on topics such as the internet, new media and modern politics. Marko studied Philosophy and Information sciences at the University of Zagreb and he is a regular columnist and author to a number of blogs, web sites, newspapers and magazines.

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Reichelt Jan

Jan is Co-Founder and President of Mendeley, one of the world’s largest research collaboration platforms, offering a suite of free cloud-based tools that make the lives of millions of researchers around world easier. Mendeley helps people to organize and collaborate on research projects and makes academic research more accessible and transparent. In April 2013, Mendeley was acquired by leading scientific, technical and medical publisher Elsevier, and Jan continues to lead the company and its growth as it is integrated into the Reed Elsevier group. Jan started a Ph.D. in Information Management and was a lecturer in Electronic Business at the University of Cologne. Before that he graduated as MBA with a focus on Electronic Business, Accounting, and Entrepreneurship, having studied at the WHU, the LUISS Rome, and the University of Bath School of Management. For several years throughout his Ph.D. studies he served as an advisor to a member of SAP’s supervisory board, unsuccessfully tried to start a travel company.

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Roatta Jean

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Romanczyk Anna

Anna Romanczyk graduated from the University of Warsaw in 2009. She spent part of her studies as an Erasmus student at University Paul Valéry in Montpellier, France. In 2011-2012 she took part in a one-year EVS project at European Citizen Action Service (ECAS), an international NGO based in Brussels. After the EVS she did a 10-month internship in EFTA office in Brussels. Currently she is working in one of the biggest NGOs in Poland in a re-granting programme.



Ruhrmann Katrin

Katrin Ruhrmann has been the director of the European Parliament's Information Offices since 2009. She started her career as a trainee with the European Commission. She has then worked as a strategy consultant. In 1991, she joined the European Parliament as spokesperson for the EPP group. From 2007 to 2009 she has been spokeswoman and in 2009 head of the cabinet of the President of the European Parliament.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/aboutparliament/en/00d7a6c2b2/Secretariat.html?tab=eParliament_secretariat_dgcomm



Saar Darja

Darja Saar is CEO of the Entrum Foundation and author of internationally awarded Youth Entrepreneurship Contest and Development Programme ENTRUM. In the past she made brilliant international sport career as rhythmic gymnast and member of national teams of Kazakhstan and Estonia. In 2008 she graduated at Tallinn University with social sciences master degree. In 2012 Darja was awarded as the most child friendly public person of the year by Estonian Union of Child Welfare and Estonian School Student Councils' Union. And in 2013 she was awarded as Young Woman Entrepreneur of the Year by Estonian Association of Business and Professional Women's.

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Salmelin Bror

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Sagar Richard

Richard Sagar is a steering group member for Young Friends of the Earth Europe, a grassroots network of young people and youth organisations working collectively for social and environmental justice. He also coordinates their working group on unconventional gas. Prior to joining Young Friends of the Earth he worked in various positions at renewable energy associations and environmental NGOs.

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Schaefer Ralf-Peter

Since January 2012 Ralf-Peter Schaefer is leading the TomTom Traffic Product Unit. He is responsible for the global product development for traffic in the TomTom Group incl. Engineering, product and program management as well as sales and marketing support. He joined TomTom in August 2006 and started to work in a position of the Research Director of TomTom's Mobility Solution Department and the Head of the TomTom R&D Centre in Berlin. His major scope from 2006 was the development of the TomTom traffic portfolio incl. algorithms and software for the realtime traffic information service HD Traffic and the historic speed profile product IQ Routes. With his team he also developed the dynamic location referencing technology OpenLR to allow cost efficient transmission and exchange of map location. Ralf-Peter Schäfer studied electrical engineering the Technical University of Ilmenau and worked in several research organisations as the German Academy of Sciences, the German Centre for Computer Science, the German Aerospace Center (DLR) before he joined TomTom. Main areas of activities in the past and today include static and dynamic content generation for traffic products, probe technology development from GPS and GSM sources as well as modeling and data processing techniques for traffic systems.

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Schmidt Olle

Olle Schmidt is a Swedish member of the European Parliament who focuses on economic and financial issues in the ECON Committee in Parliament. He has been politically active on all levels of government, and is the vice-president of the ALDE party. His core issues of interest are human rights and democratisation, gender equality, economic and financial market regulation and the euro. Olle Schmidt is a member of the Liberal Party of Sweden executive committee since 2008 and is the permanent chairman of the Liberal Party Nomination Committee.

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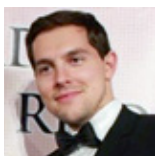


Schwarzmayr Bettina

Bettina Schwarzmayr was born in Salzburg in 1979, where she was a provincial pupils' representative and a member of the Provincial Youth Parliament. She graduated in cultural and social anthropology in Vienna, and worked as student representative during her studies. She currently acts as district councillor and youth advisor in the Vienna district of Penzing.

She took part in various international youth associations and served as a member of the Board of the European Youth Forum from 2005 to 2008. She has been working for the wienXtra-institut für freizeitpädagogik since 2010, where she is in charge of international youth work and thus responsible for Vienna's input into EU processes regarding youth, for delegations and study trips, as well as for international education inputs for children and youth work.

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Sebesta Adam

Adam Sebesta is currently completing his master degree in Law at the Paneuropean University in Bratislava, Slovakia. Throughout his studies, he conducted an internship at EurActiv.sk, leading EU affairs online site, and corresponded to the nationwide newspaper Hospodarske noviny. He is a founding member of Like, "best university magazine", and is currently coordinating the Youth National Convention on the EU at the Center for European Affairs in Bratislava, Slovakia. Sebesta was nominated for the Student Personality of Slovakia competition in 2013. He is a winner of the "Best Mediator" award in a mock mediation in Hong Kong. From 2013, Sebesta serves as Secretary General at the Pan-European Union Slovakia.

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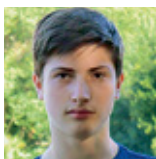
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Segre Andrea

Andrea Segre is an Italian film director. He has a research doctorate in sociology of communications from the University of Bologna. For ten years he has been making documentaries for television and cinema, in particular about migration. Among his major works are ‘Marghera Canale Nord’ and ‘PIP49’, an episode of the project ‘Che cosa manca’, ‘A sud di Lampedusa’, ‘La mal’ombra’ – which competed at the 2007 Torino film festival. His feature film, ‘Shun Li and the Poet’, portrayed the story of an illegal Chinese immigrant working in the Veneto region. The film received several awards, including the Best European Screenplay at the 2008 Rome festival, was selected at the Atelier of the Cannes Film Festival and won the European Parliament film prize – LUX Prize – in 2012. In his second feature film, ‘First snowfall’, which premiered in Venice in 2013, he focuses more on the psychological difficulties of immigration. He is the founder of the association ZaLab, with which he develops both production projects and participatory-video workshops.

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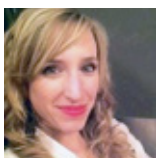


Shore Luke

Luke Shore is sixteen years old and works as a board member of OBESSU (the Organising Bureau of European School Student Unions). OBESSU is the platform for co-operation between the national school student unions active in general secondary and secondary vocational education in Europe. Founded in April 1975 in Dublin, it brings together member and candidate organisations from more than 20 European countries. Luke lives and studies in Britain.

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Simón Marón Laura

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Soete Mathieu

Unsatisfied with what formal education had taught him about the various challenges young people and the rest of our planet are facing, Mathieu decided to find things out for himself. He became a representative of the international youth movement towards the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro and got involved in several youth organisations working on youth development and sustainability. As AEGEE’s Policy Officer on Sustainability he then went on to promote Education for Sustainability and has given several trainings on reducing organisations’ ecological footprint. Travelling across 15 countries with Europe on Track at the end of 2012 gave him the opportunity to collect young people’s opinions first-hand, and discuss with them about the topics they care about: employment, mobility, participation and of course, a healthy environment.



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Steffann Riet

Riet Steffann-Janssen was born in the Netherlands. After leaving secondary school, she studied to become a teacher. For 34 years, Steffann-Janssen worked as a primary school teacher in Sempelveld. The school runs several international Comenius projects. Currently, she is the coordinator of the "Euregioschool", a large neighbour-language project in primary and secondary schools in the province of Limburg. Steffann-Janssen is specifically responsible for the German language in primary schools.

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Stroobants Sarah

Sarah Stroobants is an internationalisation policy officer at the University of Leuven (KU Leuven, Belgium). She contributes to the development of innovative international education and supports the faculties in the implementation of the international policy of the university. Before she worked as policy assistant to the Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General Education and Culture of the European Commission. In that position she contributed to the development of the new EU programme Erasmus+ as well as to several upcoming European Commission policy papers and initiatives.

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Swoboda Hannes

Hannes Swoboda has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1996. Having studied law and economics, he started his political career as officer of local policy of the Austrian Social Democratic Party. In 1983, he became a Member of the Vienna regional parliament and has also held various positions on the municipal council of the Austrian capital. Swoboda is head of the Socialists and Democrats Group at the European Parliament.

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Tomak Maria

Ukrainian journalist, civic activist. Educated in the Institute of Journalism, National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv (Ukraine). Used to work for the social-political Ukrainian newspaper “The Day” (from 2007 till 2012). At the moment works as a journalist in NGO “Center for Civil Liberties”; creates content on Human Rights situation in Ukraine and in Post-Soviet space for different Ukrainian media: printed, web-sites, internet-TV. Since November 2013 also – permanent volunteer of Euromaidan SOS initiative, which was created to provide people who suffered during the revolution in Ukraine with different kinds of aid, mostly legal. Visited Crimea (Ukrainian peninsular under the Russian occupation) for two times recently as a participant of the mobile group on monitoring the Human Rights violations in the region.

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Vagner Marion

Engineer in training, Marion Vagner worked for 10 years as a consultant before giving up everything to become a journalist. Today she completed her training as a science journalist in the School of Journalism of Lille, one of the most known schools in France. She intends to work particularly for the audiovisual media.

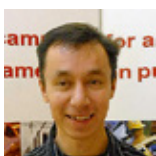


Valentin Julien

Julien Valentin, 33, is a young farmer and Vice-President of the French Young Farmers’ Association (JA) since 2012. In 2002 he started farming in Dampierre-sur-Moivre in the department of Marne. He grows beet, wheat, rape, barley, lucerne, winter barley, carrots, fescue, oil poppy, ray grass and maize. Some of his land is given over to temporary grassland.

JA is the only professional association consisting exclusively of young people under the age of 35. Inspired by a belief in solidarity and social interaction, JA seeks to defend the interests of young farmers and make it easier for young people to take up farming, with a view to fostering generation change in agriculture.

<http://www.jeunes-agriculteurs.fr/>



Van Den Berge Jerry

Jerry van den Berge (1966, The Netherlands) is a policy officer in the European federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU), based in Brussels, since 2010. He is the coordinator of the first successful European Citizens’ Initiative “Water is a human right!” In his job he is dealing with EU policy and advocacy with a focus on water and waste industries and with corporate (MNC) policies, European Works Councils (EWC’s) and Sustainable Development. He has been involved in the international trade union movement to fight climate change and to promote ‘access to water and sanitation services for all’ since 2006. He is a member of the Global Union Researchers Network (GURN) and of the Justicia Hídrica (Water Justice) network.

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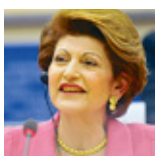
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van Valkenburg Willem

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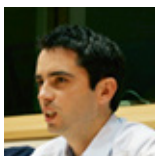
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Vassiliou Androulla

Androulla Vassiliou is currently European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. Previously, she served as Commissioner for Health, from February 2008 to 2009. Ms Vassiliou studied law and international affairs in London and practiced law in Cyprus for 20 years (1968-1988). During this period she acted as legal advisor to The Standard Chartered Bank and to the Bank of Cyprus. Before her appointment to the European Commission, she was actively involved in politics in her home country, Cyprus.

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Veillard Patrick

Patrick Veillard is responsible for research and for fair trade advocacy on behalf of the Belgian organisation "Oxfam-Magasins du monde". An agricultural scientist by education, he first worked as a research engineer in the food industry, before quenching his thirst for further knowledge by studying journalism and then by working for a consumer protection organisation. His vision of fair trade (without a doubt linked to his career!): a successful "laboratory experience" and a source of inspiration for world trade as a whole.

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<http://www.echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home>
<http://www.lacimade.org>



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