Foreword from the President

As part of my Presidency programme, I highlighted communication as one of my 6 top priorities.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to invite you to browse through this Vademecum and I strongly encourage you to make good and regular use of it, to help you learn more about your colleagues in Group III and inform you about the staff members in the secretariat and what their main tasks are.

Learn, connect, network, grow!

Luca Jahier
Vice-Presidents of Group III and their tasks

Arno METZLER (Germany)

- Implementation of the internal Rules of the Group

Maureen O’NEILL (United Kingdom)

- Monitoring the implementation of the Rules of Procedure

Jillian van TURNHOUT (Ireland)

- Communication strategy and innovation for the Group

In addition, on a three-monthly rotation basis, the Vice-Presidents are involved in the compilation of the new study groups and present the proposals at the Group Bureau meetings. They also take it in turns to co-ordinate the presence of members in plenary at voting times and collaborate on the management of the appointment of Group III experts, the organisation of external Group meetings and special events and they oversee the spending on budget lines managed by Group III.
Alphabetical list

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What do I do?

I seek to represent a wide range of third sector organisations with a particular emphasis on:

- Health
- International development
- Animal welfare
- Sustainable development.

I act as a general consultant on social and environmental issues. I am also the Chair of Newcastle and North Tyneside Community Health, part of the UK National Health Service. My specialties are:

- strategic planning and governance
- the development of social enterprise
- analysis of corporate social and environmental policy

Formerly, I was the CEO of the UK’s largest Fair Trade Company; a chain of 'Ethical' supermarkets and a research organisation analysing corporate social responsibility.

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The Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability and Patients organisations SUSTENTO was founded 2002 and currently it has 31 national member organisations representing about 50,000 people with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

The aim of SUSTENTO is to promote opportunity of equal participation for all members of the society, to enable protection of rights of people with disabilities in order to provide their inclusion in society.

**What do I do?**

I am Chairperson of the organisation. My roles are to:

- develop organisation strategy
- promote positive development of Latvian and EU policy for people with disabilities
- organise common work with different policy makers and organisations of/for people with disabilities
- create common point of view of different organisations in various policy areas
- provide advocacy of disability rights in state and municipal agencies
- provide effective work of the organisation which is based on its aim and tasks.

**URL:** [http://www.sustento.lv](http://www.sustento.lv)
The Disabled Peoples Organisations Denmark (DPOD) was founded in 1934 (as "De Samvirkende Invalideorganisationer" - DSI) and has 32 national member organisations representing more than 320,000 people with disabilities in Denmark. DPOD is the only Danish umbrella organisation in the disability field. The principal objective of DPOD is to take care of the common interests of the member organisations. Characteristic common tasks are negotiations with the national government on issues like pensions and social benefits, medicine, health care, technical aids, and other general questions of importance to all disability groups - such as education, labour market questions, and insurance.

What do I do?

I aim at promoting mainstreaming of the needs and rights of people with disabilities in the work of the EESC. EU policies have an impact on all citizens, also citizens with disabilities. Hence, it is paramount to include disability in all relevant policies, not only social policies. It is about changing attitudes among people, breaking down mental and physical barriers, ensuring access to information and emphasising the right of people with disabilities to speak for themselves in EU policy matters.

The EESC can play a role in bringing these issues to the European policy agenda.

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The National Council of Women NCW is a non-governmental umbrella organisation representing 31 organisations. Its objectives are to ensure equal rights and the representation and participation of women in all areas including social, political, cultural and economic spheres. As a resource centre, its initiatives are twofold: providing training for employment in ICT, Maltese, English and Mathematics and employability skills through the Adult Learning programmes in the Department of Education. Through its newsletter, Il-Mara and regular courses, seminars and conferences it provides information on EU, Maltese legislation and implementation and consultancy on current issues of national importance; it carries out research on gender issues and formulates policy recommendations to government and other relevant authorities. It works at national, regional, European level (ECICW) and at International level (ICW) and has consultative status with the UN. It is a member of the MCESD Civil Society and the National Consultative Council for Enterprise and sits on the Council for the Voluntary Sector. It works at National, European (ECICW) and International (ICW) level and has Consultative Status with the UN.

What do I do?

My main areas of expertise and past experience are:

- co-ordinating initiatives with the 31 organisations working with NCW
- former editor of International Council of Women newsletter
- current Editor of NCW newsletter Il-Mara
- regular contributor to local newspapers on gender and social issues
- responsible for the organisation of Seminars and Conferences at national and EU level
- chaired working group on Gender Equality Legislation and Domestic Violence Legislation
- secondary school teacher of English, Media Studies, History, Personal and Social Development and Career Guidance
- in-depth research on gender and social issues
- trained in media education and produced and broadcasted a number of radio programmes for adults on issues, such as, parenting skills

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Malta.

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Poland Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations (WRZOS) is a federation of 12 regional associations of non-governmental organisations and of some large social NGOs operating on the whole territory of Poland. In total there are over 550 NGOs in WRZOS organised with various types of activities, representing interests of and providing services for individuals and groups who are threatened or affected by social exclusion, such as disabled, elderly, homeless, and unemployed people.

**What do I do?**

I am the Secretary of the Programme Council of Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations (WRZOS). I am also the Managing Director of the Association for German-Polish Social Co-operation (Member of German Parity Social Association, DPWV) which is a platform for co-operation between social NGOs from Germany, Poland and also from other countries in Middle and Eastern Europe for the common work for the improvement in the structural conditions of the development of social NGOs and for development of international pilot projects with regard to social, family, youth, disabled and senior citizen politics.

My professional background is the social management (MSc. at the Donau-University Krems, Austria).

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I graduated from the School of Architecture of the Budapest University of Technology and am an Executive of REURB Ltd., an Urban Planning Society. However, I also have also held may posts in organisations that share a common interest in social cohesion, political and economic power to promote the common good of local communities.

**What do I do?**

I am currently an Honorary professor and University Lecturer at the *Corvinus* University of Budapest. I am a former Hungarian Minister without portfolio responsible for European Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office where I played a very active role in the accession negotiations for Hungary's membership of the EU.

My areas of specialisation are:

- urban infrastructure and city planning
- author of numerous publications in regional development and urbanology
- social sciences
- competitiveness and cohesion
- sustainability

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The standing Assembly of Chambers of Agriculture in France is an advisory body to farmers and represents farming interests in contacts with the government in all branches of Agriculture (farmers' salaries, cooperatives, landowners, former operators etc ...)

**What do I do?**

I am an elected Vice President of APCA with responsibility for:

- European affairs, monitoring legislative development at EU level in relation to the CAP
- communication on national and international agriculture policy
- rural and regional development and other agriculture projects
- economic studies on agriculture, research and product promotion

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The Spanish Confederation of Social Economy Enterprises (CEPES) is the umbrella representative organisation of the social economy enterprises in Spain (cooperatives, mutual societies, associations, foundations and other new forms of enterprises such as worker-owned companies, insertion enterprises or sheltered employment centres). CEPES represents more than 45,000 enterprises, which generate 2,500,000 jobs and whose economic activity amount to 10% of the Spanish Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

What do I do?
I am CEPES board member in charge of international relations and I chair the international relations committee. In CEPES I represent ONCE Foundation, where I am director of social and international relations and strategic planning. ONCE Foundation is part of the ONCE group, which is the leading disability organisation and largest private employer in Spain, with more than 125,000 employees, most of which are disabled, and an annual turnover of around €3 billion. I am also board member of the European Foundation Centre (umbrella organisation representing foundations at EU level) and of Social Economy Europe (umbrella organisation representing social economy enterprises at EU level).

Besides, I am a university professor. I lecture regularly in different Spanish universities and have published more than 20 books in a wide range of topics (social security and employment, foundation law, EU law and policies, disability, management of social economy enterprises, third sector, etc.).

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Founded in 1886, the National League of Cooperatives and Mutualities (LEGACOOP) is the oldest organisation of Italian cooperatives. It works to promote the development of cooperation and mutual assistance, solidarity and economic relations of the member cooperatives, and to facilitate the dissemination of cooperative principles and values. Legacoop leads in international relations and contacts with the European Union institutions. It is also active in the management of industrial relations of cooperation, as a support to various sectors in the task of preparing legislative proposals of interest cooperative agreement with sectoral and regional representatives, and takes the necessary steps for their approval and implementation.

What do I do?

I am an Adviser at the Office of International Relations and European Policies at Legacoop which manages institutional relations with international organisations and maintains close contacts and collaborates with:

- organisations, cooperatives and social economy actors in other countries
- international and European organisations representing the cooperative: ICA, CoopsEurope
- multinational organisations: the UN system agencies, NGOs, etc.
- national institutions: MSE, International Trade Ministry, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and also with foreign governments and institutions in other countries of interest, etc.

URL: http://www.legacoop.it
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France Nature Environment represents nearly 3000 associations spread throughout France and the overseas territories. Its members work according to the tri-partite structure of Poles, Networks and Missions. We strive for dialogue with all stakeholders to positively influence legislation and regulations relating to the environment. We never lose sight of the fact that the health and well-being of citizens is a top priority.

**What do I do?**

I am Chief of the Europe and International Affairs Mission of the FNE and an Executive Committee Member of the European Environment Bureau (EEB), where my main task is to keep tabs on the European agenda of the BEE. I am also responsible for a Regional Federation and am interested in all kinds of environmental problems. I have a natural propensity to become interested in problems for which there is no volunteer motivated!

My chief areas of interest are:

- climate  
- transport  
- nano-technology  
- chemical products  
- biotopes

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The CONFEDER-MIT is the largest confederation of Italian public and private managers with regard to the public portion of the contracted relationship between political power and leadership. With regard to private management, the task of the federal government is to establish and manage health supplement company, for supplementary pensions for the training of managers and everything about the welfare of managers, contracted with the main part of the legal status and economic leadership.

**What do I do?**

Since February 1991, I have been the President of CONFEDER-MIT, but my term will end soon. The functions of the President are extremely broad and involve all executive functions of the union. I have also been a Member of the Presidency of the Italian National Economic and Labour Council (CNEL) for over twenty years. In addition, I am an Advisor to the Governor of the Valle D’Aosta Region.

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I founded together with two colleagues the law firm CARLARA, of which I am now managing partner. This law firm counts over 45 lawyers, and is a full service firm. It is a member of LEXICOM, a non-exclusive network of independent European commercial law firms.

I first defended the interests of the lawyer’s profession acting, successively, as delegate to the “C.N.B.F.”, director of the CREPA, President of the Union of Young Lawyers of Paris, President of the National Federation of the Unions of Young Lawyers and Member of the “Conseil de l’Ordre”. These responsibilities led me, in particular, to negotiate the first collective agreement of the employee lawyers in France.

Afterwards, I represented the interests of the legal profession as member of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Independent Professionals (UNAPL), then as Inter-Ministerial Delegate to the Independent Professionals (Professions Libérales) under two governments (1996-2002), as General Secretary of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Independent Professionals and as President of the Permanent Commission for the dialogue of Independent Professionals.
I was a member of the French Economic and Social and Social Committee (2006-2008).

The functions led me to advise on:
- the implementation of the European Directive on Services, and its impact on French economy,
- the future of the lawyer’s profession and of its professional rules,
- impact of various activities on the French economy, economic growth and investment

**What do I do?**
I am a lawyer, and the managing partner of CARLARA. My main practice areas are:

Corporate, Banking and Financial Law, Real Estate Law. I am involved in transactional, litigation and advisory work.

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The Economic Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences undertakes national-economy oriented economic research which focuses on finding answers for the state, functioning, and directions of the Slovak economy. The research also encompasses utilization and cultivation of the country’s potential, finding ways and resources that minimize risks and threats of Slovakia’s development during the completion of transformation process in the context of globalization and integration. The Institute’s research integrates theory with empirical tools.

**What do I do?**
Currently I am a researcher at the Economic Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. My main activities and responsibilities are research on:

- Economic analysis and macroeconomic forecasting
- Economic growth models, long-term forecasts of the Slovak economic and social environment
- Econometrics - macroeconomic modelling of the labour market and aggregate demand in Slovakia
- Simulation modelling - various applications of simulation modelling in real-life business
- Analysis of the national account via Input-Output models
- Regional analysis - quantitative and qualitative analysis of the regional disparities in Slovakia
- Labour demand and migration

URL: http://www.ekonom.sav.sk/
I am a self-employed European Law Consultant and Author. After graduating in Law and gaining a Ph.D from Birmingham University, U.K., I qualified as a Barrister of England & Wales, held several academic posts, and worked for British law firms.

**What do I do?**

I am a Consultant in EU, Commonwealth and International Law and in Legal Education and Distance Learning. My professional legal experience includes:

- Evaluating the performance of Central and Eastern European countries and Candidate Countries, in Justice and Home Affairs, on behalf of the European Commission;
- Human rights law monitoring in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Institution and capacity building: assisting in the establishment of the Human Rights Unit at Commonwealth Secretariat, London;
- Co-operation with international organisations: acting as an observer at the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York;
- Preparing training seminars for Commonwealth Chief Justices, in India and Zimbabwe;
- Providing EU legal advice in the field of State aid, to EU Member State Governments, Candidate Countries, public sector bodies and private companies;
- Writing two authoritative European law books – *EC Law and Civil Remedies in England and Wales* (1994) and *EC Law on State Aid* (1998) – and over 40 articles in legal journals;
- Developing a distance learning Masters degree in EU Law whilst Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Glamorgan, Wales, U.K.;
- Providing policy advice to the Commonwealth Law Ministers’ Meeting, New Zealand;
- Holding Lectureships at the Kenya School of Law, and Universities of Cardiff and Bristol;
- Guest speaking at major international symposia in Jamaica, Cyprus, New Zealand, Canada and Malaysia;
- Establishing a network of European lawyers and advising on regional and local EU State-aid issues for law firms in Cardiff, Wales, U.K.;
- Designing legal training courses, funded by European Commission programmes

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The Bulgarian ESC is “the civil parliament” of Bulgaria and it is constructed on the basis of the EESC model. It unites a variety of Bulgarian civil society organisations of similar interests. The operation of the ESC is guided by independence, consensus on all economic and social issues, equality and cooperation with other state and civil society organisations. The ESC comprises a President and 36 members, which are organised in three groups of 12 members as per representation. These are the employers' group, employees’ group and various interests' group.

**What do I do?**

I am the current President of the Bulgarian ESC, where my main responsibilities are:

- manage the activity of the Council and represent it at national and international level
- convene plenary sessions and chair the meetings of the plenary session and of the Presidents board
- sign the acts adopted by the plenary session, order their submitting to the interested bodies and their publication
- inform the public about the activities of the Council.

I am also the Head of Department "Human Resources and Social Protection" at the University of National and World Economy. It is the biggest and oldest Economic University in South-East Europe with more than 40 specialities and over 16,000 students. The work of Human Resources and Social Protection Department is focused on:

- social insurance issues
- labour market
- human resources

**URL:** http://www.esc.bg/en/about-esc/mission
The Environmental Pillar was included as the fifth pillar of the Irish national Social Partnership in April 2009, and is made up of 27 national environmental NGOs, acting together as one alongside the Trade Unions, the Employers, the Farmers and the Community and Voluntary Pillars. The Environmental Pillar is actively working with the other social partners and with Government at the national and local levels to promote the protection and enhancement of the environment. NGOs of the Environmental Pillar have expertise in nature protection, natural resource management, agriculture, fisheries, climate change, waste, water, transport and strategic planning in the terrestrial and marine environment, and economics. The Pillar aims to work in partnership and engage with all sectors and the public in developing a sustainable future through better decision-making and environmentally sound policy development.

### What do I do?

I work for BirdWatch Ireland, Ireland's largest wildlife NGO and a member of the Environmental Pillar which works for the protection of birds and biodiversity. My primary functions include:

- representing the Environmental Pillar as a national and European social partner
- engaging with NGOs to progress the environmental sector
- proactively engage with other sectors in the interest of biodiversity protection and sustainable development
- develop policy within BirdWatch Ireland and in partnerships with others to address environmental concerns in Ireland

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Founded in 1919, NCVO is the largest umbrella body for civil society in England with sister councils in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. NCVO represents the views of its members, and the wider civil society to government, the European Union and other bodies. We are also at the leading edge of research into, and analysis of, civil society. NCVO aims to give a shared voice to civil society organisations and to help them achieve the highest standards of practice and effectiveness in all areas of their work. NCVO believes passionately in the civil society sector.

What do I do?
I am the Chief Executive Officer of NCVO. My main functions are to:

- determine the organisation's mission and strategic direction as conveyed through policies and concrete objectives, which are met through the effective management of human, financial and material resources
- allocate material, human and financial resources to implement organisational policies and programmes; formulate and approve campaigns; and approve overall human resources planning
- represent the organisation in negotiations or other official functions
- advise elected representatives on policy questions

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The Consumer Council, Denmark is the only consumer organisation in Denmark. It has existed since 1947 and represents consumers vis-à-vis industry, government etc. The organisation is the oldest in Europe and No 2 in the world. *Forbrugerrådet* is an umbrella organization consisting of 25 national organizations f. inst. household and women's organisations, organisations representing youth and the elderly, environmental organisations and educational organisations. The Consumer Council is also a membership organisation with about 90,000 members. Local consumer groups are also represented on the council. The daily work is performed by a secretariat of about 70 staff members. The Council is represented on more than 200 committees etc. The Consumer Council publishes 2 magazines. The main one from 1964 is called TÆNK (Think). It is the only independent consumer magazine in Denmark and often sets the agenda in the debate. The other magazine is a money magazine.

The Consumer Council is a member of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation of ANEC, the European organisation on consumer influence into Standardization and of Consumers International.

### What do I do?

I am a lawyer and Chief Counsel with The Danish Consumer Council. After having been the Executive director of the organisation for 20 years I am now dealing with many legal and other issues and European and International affairs. I have been a member of The Consumers Consultative Committee of the EU Commission since it started in 1975 and have been president of BEUC and ANEC and Treasurer of Consumers International. I am also involved in Transatlantic work being a member of the European Steering Committee of TACD, the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue. I am also the European member of the consultative Committee of TEC, the Transatlantic Economic Committee set up by the United States and the EU Commission.

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What unites us all is the goal of making our world more social and more liveable.

**What do I do?**

I'm deputy chairman of the union VIDA in Austria and Group Works Council of the Marriott hotel in Austria as well as an apprentice lawyer and Vice-President of the Board of Trustees in Austria.

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**What do I do?**

I am a qualified Economist and Member of the Managing Board of the General Confederation of Craft Industries of Greece (GSBEE)
The European Movement – Latvia (EML) is one of the biggest and most influential NGOs in political sphere in Latvia. The main aim is to strengthen EU awareness/information and participation in EU affairs and to act as a watch dog on EU affairs towards the decision makers.

The EML has approx. 700 members and 11 regional branches throughout Latvia. The main target groups are young people, NGO representatives, opinion and decision makers and mass media. The EML headquarters are in Rīga. The EML is closely cooperating with several other NGOs and NGO networks and with EU related bodies in Latvia and on EU level, like the Cabinet of Ministers, Foreign Ministry, European Commission Representation, European Parliament Information Bureau and others.

The EML is a fully fledged member of the European Movement network, founding member of the Latvian Civic Alliance (LPA) and the Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS), initiator and co-editor of the NGO and Government Cooperation Memorandum and member of its implementing body, the Cooperation Council. Co-editor of the NGO and Parliament Cooperation Declaration and co-organiser of its implementing body, the Cooperation Forum.

Regular activities are seminars, conferences, trainings, street actions, Europe week, the nomination of the European of the Year and other activities.

What do I do?

I am the President of the European Movement in Latvia. My main tasks and areas of activity are:

- chairing one of the leading and most known NGOs in Latvia: management of information, PR, human resources and processes in the pre- and post accession time of Latvia in the EU
- networking and co-operation with national and international EU related Institutions and Organisations, innovation/modernisation state-non state cooperation mechanisms
- provision of training, consultation and pro-European "lobby" and multiplication activities

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The Austrian Chamber of Agriculture (LKÖ) is the representation of interests of all farmers (including forestry) at national and regional level. In this respect the main task of the LKÖ is to support the members’ farming and rural interests towards authorities, other professional interest groups and concerning legislative processes. The LKÖ is part of the so called "Sozialpartnerschaft" (Austrian social partnership) and member of COPA, the professional interest group of European Farmers.

### What do I do?

I am Head of the Brussels Office of the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture (LKÖ). My chief areas of responsibility are:

- dealing with all aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and related policies  
- contribution to policy and opinion making of COPA  
- informal contacts to the European Institutions (EP, EC, Council)  
- monitoring and reporting of all relevant activities at European level

**URL:** [www.lk-oe.at](http://www.lk-oe.at)
The Confederation of Italian Cooperatives (Confcooperative) is the main organisation, legally recognized, representation, assistance and protection of the cooperative movement and social enterprises in Italy. Being inspired by the cooperative principles, as set by the International Cooperation Alliance, it promotes the development, growth and spread of the cooperative movement through timely targeted actions. Confcooperative represents about 20,500 cooperatives that generate annual sales of over € 61 billion, and is divided into nine sectoral federations.

What do I do?

I am a Member of the Presidential Council of Confcooperative and national President of Federsolidarietà-Confcooperative (organisation for political and trade union representation of entities belonging to Confcooperative). The latter organisation represents about 5,500 cooperatives, with over 208,000 members and generates employment for over 200,000 workers. Federsolidarietà represents their associated institutional interests and assists at the union level, legal and legislative, technical and economic levels.

The main areas that characterize my work within the organisation can be summarized as:

- active employment policies and social inclusion
- welfare systems
- social economy
- services of general interest

URL: http://www.confcooperative.it/C3/Homepage%20English/default.aspx
**GUIMET Joseph, Honoré (FR)**

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In 1945, the National Council of Resistance and in 1975 the French Legislature bestowed a mission on UNAF to defend and represent the entire spectrum of family issues such as; family benefits; justice and solidarity; work and family balance; accommodation; education; employment; families as economic actors; poverty and exclusion; health; the right to live as a family; retirement and access to new technologies.

**What do I do?**

I am a Vice-President of the National Union of Family Associations (UNAF). My chief areas of expertise are:

- agricultural welfare
- training of young people

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The Centre for Community Organising is Czech NGO with motto:"...community development, public participation....." We are focused for the principles of the participative democracy, improvement of the public services, protecting the citizens' rights, implementing partnership principles and methodologies and sustainable local and regional development.

**What do I do?**

I am the Director of the Centre for Community Work of central and eastern Moravia and Moravian-Silesian Region and a member of the Czech government’s Council for Non-Governmental Non-Profit Organisations and chairman of its committee on regions and partnership. My main tasks are:

- design and implementation of public participation programs including various approaches e.g. citizens' advisory boards, public hearing, participatory planning, action planning, small groups techniques, etc.
- NGO participation in regional development
- facilitation and mediation
- organising training sessions on the above topics (incl. LEADER programme EU)

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**HEINISCH Renate (DE) 🇩🇪**

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The Federal Association of German Senior Citizens' Organisations (BAGSO) brings together over 100 organisations with some 13 million members representing the elderly. Our main objectives are to enable self-determination and independence in later life and to promote better health and dialogue between the generations.

**What do I do?**
I am a qualified and practicing Pharmacist. I am a representative of the Federal Association of German Senior Citizens' Organisations (BAGSO). I was an elected Member of the European Parliament from 1994-1999. I am also chairman of the Parents Association of Baden-Württemberg and lead the European educational projects: "A good start gets you there". My husband and I lead our pharmacy and I am still active in the field of health policy and research. For many years, I have been involved with the work on demographics at the AARP (American Association Retired People) and UNECE in New York. My main areas of interest are:

- health policy and pharmaceutical issues
- life-long learning and long-life learning
- media policy
- quality of life for the elderly, active, healthy and dignified ageing
- future of cities and rural areas
- technological needs
- innovation partnership DG Research, DG Sanco, DG INFSO (Europe 2020)

**I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Germany.**

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THE Network of Estonian Non-profit Organisations, NENO (or EMSL in Estonian) is the single and largest Estonian organisation uniting public benefit non-profit entities. Established in 1991 as the Estonian Foundation Centre, we opened our membership to associations in 1994 and have since transformed ourselves from a mere service provider into one of Estonia’s largest civic initiative organisations. NENO is dedicated to the implementation and protection of the common interest of Estonian public benefit nonprofits. NENO unites roughly 110 large and medium-sized active and operational public benefit non-profit organisations in Estonia from all fields, both associations and foundations. At the same time, our information network involves nearly 4000 organizations.

Our mission is to give voice to and advocate on behalf of Estonian public benefit organisations and its work is dedicated to the development and promotion of civic action and civil society in Estonia.

What do I do?

I am a charter and board member of NENO responsible for EU issues. My full time job is an Executive Director of the Open Estonia Foundation (OEF), which is a non-governmental not-for-profit public benefit foundation that was established in April 1990.

The foundation is to contribute to the development of an open society in Estonia and elsewhere. OEF´s programmes are driven by a vision of democracy, civil society, social responsibility, and equal opportunities in democratic decision-making processes.

URL: http://www.ngo.ee/1057
The Association of Communication Users (Asociación de Usuarios de la Comunicación - AUC) is a non-profit and independent organisation, whose main aim is to defend the interests of citizens as users of the mass media, receivers of the messages disseminated by them and possible "targets" of their content. The AUC's importance during the past few years shows the growing importance of communication in everyday life, thanks to both its technological advances and the risks involved in the abuse of these developments.

What do I do?

I am the Secretary-General of the Association of Communication Users (AUC) and I specialise in communications media. My main responsibilities are to oversee the implementation of the main objectives of the AUC, which include:

- the right to receive true and accurate information
- the right to honour and privacy
- the right to non-discrimination on grounds of sex, age or belief
- protection of children and young people
- the right of organised consumers to take part in public decision-making
- to denounce any possible breaches of the laws within the field of communication: advertising, television, Internet, telecommunications, etc.
- to carry out activities in the field of education, in raising social awareness and in creating public opinion (the training of teachers, cross subjects to taking part in all types of meetings and conferences, etc.)
- to prepare reports and research on the trends in the content of television, advertising, information's society and other media

URL: http://www.auc.es/
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FEBECOOP is an inter-sectoral platform composed of companies and business groups cooperatives which promotes and represents cooperative entrepreneurship. In existence since 1970, FEBECOOP gathers together, over the whole of Belgium, companies and associations of social and cooperative economy in industries as diverse as IT, food, service to the public, business consulting, insurance, pharmacy etc. Our goal: to promote all forms of participatory enterprise adhering to principles of solidarity, democracy and economic meeting of the general interest.

**What do I do?**

I am the Chairman of the Belgian Cooperative Council.

As the Secretary-General of FEBECOOP I am in charge of Institutional representation and operational management of the organisation tasked with ensuring that our main areas of activity are implemented and achieved. They are to:

- represent the mandates of the cooperative movement and the social economy at various federal, regional and/or European levels
- provide information to its members and make contacts with political and institutional bodies
- organise and provide on behalf of its affiliates, or any other companies or associations of the social economy, training missions, communication services and practical advice
- promote the development of the social and cooperative economy by way of supporting the organisation of seminars and events, as well as the carrying-out and publication of various studies and publications

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Belgium.

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The Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia is the umbrella organisation which covers all natural persons and legal entities that work in the fields of agriculture, forestry and fishing in the Republic of Slovenia. The Chamber’s main objective is to protect and represent their interests, advise them, and promote economically efficient and environment safe activities.

Major activities of the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia include promoting the development and improvement of economic conditions in the above-mentioned sectors, providing specialist services in agricultural advisory, selection and production control in stock breeding, forestry advisory and participating in creating legislation, improvement of social living conditions and preservation of rural settlement areas in Slovenia and promoting Slovenian agriculture both in Slovenia and abroad.

The Chamber with its headquarters in Ljubljana, with 13 district subsidiaries established throughout Slovenia and 60 local units is actively working on national, regional and local level.

What do I do?

As a director of Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia I manage its activities and represent the Chamber on national and international level. Within COPA-COGECA I am a member of Rural development working party. I am a president of Chamber of agriculture on region level in region Novo mesto and also a member of working groups in Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. To stay in touch with young people, I also give lecturers on Agricultural school and Biotechnical Grammar School. I am also an active small-scale farmer, married and father of three children.

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The Romanian Academic Society (SAR) is a non-profit association based in Bucharest, promoting transparency, good governance and EU integration, through public sector research and advocacy. Established as a think tank in 1996, SAR aims to further the ideas of freedom, democracy and good governance in Eastern Europe. Starting with our own country we seek to raise the public awareness level of policy issues, contribute through research and advocacy to informed policy formulation and assist administrative reform through performance assessment. We believe that countries can do more or less out of their European accession process and our goal is to help improve their performance in this process so that integration brings a maximum of benefits. Finally, we are confident that both Europes – the old and the new one – will meet each other in an enlarged European Union where civil society will be a crucial actor.

**What do I do?**

I am a Research Director at SAR and one of its public communication vectors, specialising in economic-related issues. I also act as an international expert with the Council of Europe and the UNDP and have held various other teaching and training posts and carried out international report writing assignments.

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ACLI - Christian Associations of Italian Workers - promotes through its network of local branches, services, enterprises and ad-hoc projects employment and active participation in social life. It upholds the rights and the development of workers, citizens and all those suffering from marginalisation and social exclusion. It was established as a non-profit organisation and is today the largest associations’ network in Italy and it is also present in 40 countries worldwide. The Association has 980,000 members and 8,000 territorial structures on different levels including regional, provincial, and local branches. Over 3 million people use its services every year. Since its foundation in 1944, ACLI has reached out beyond Italian national borders, along the routes traced by Italian emigration. ACLI is present in various European countries (Belgium, France, Germany, England, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Switzerland), in North and South America, Australia and South Africa. The main fields of activity next to the promotion of social rights are among others: vocational training (Enaip); cultural activities (Unasp); the promotion of women (Coordinamento donne), of the elderly (Fap), and the young (Ga); the promotion of peace, international development and solidarity (Ipsia); the defence of immigrants’ rights (Acli Colf and Progetto Immigrati).

What do I do?

At the EESC since 2002, a member of the SOC and REX Sections, author of several opinions on social agenda, family issue, immigration and external relations, aid and developing countries.

President of FOCSIV (federation of development cooperation NGOs) from 1994 to 2000, among the founders of the Italian Third Sector Forum, currently President of the national council of ACLI.

- degree in political science
- former international relations journalist, responsible for development programmes in Africa and elsewhere
- communication initiatives and public campaigns, studies and research engaged in several Italian and European social economy networks

URL: http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.group-3-presidency
Agrarian Chamber of the Czech Republic is the most important non-governmental agrarian organisation which represents interests of 103 000 members who are, amongst others, farmers, foresters, food producers and also beekeepers. We are an organisation which wants to play its role not only in the traditional concept of producing raw materials for food production and landscape management.

We play an irreplaceable role in the new and modern concept of the rural development where we want to be a valuable partner for municipalities and all other entities within rural space. Agriculture, cultura agri, has always been an integral part of the countryside and we maintain that this will not change in future.

**What do I do?**

I am first and foremost a farmer and run my domain which is called "Poradenství Jiřívec". Then I am also Chairman of the supervisory board of the district Agrarian Chamber, Chairman of the supervisory board of the district Chamber of Commerce and a member of the COPA-COGECA working group on oilseeds and protein crops.

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The Wales Council for Voluntary Action is the lead body for charities and NGOs in Wales. It provides a coordinated voice for its member organisations in discussions on policies and funding plans with all layers of government. It manages large grants for European and other governmental bodies.

**What do I do?**

I am primarily a beef and sheep Farmer and former President of the Wales Young Farmers Movement, committed to sustainable, quality food production and vibrant rural communities.

I am also a Legal Services Commissioner for England and Wales, responsible for Legal Aid Administration. Currently, I am Vice President of the WCVA, committed to the role of the Voluntary Sector and the Social Economy in strengthening Communities.

As a Welsh speaker, I support minority languages and cultures in a Europe which celebrates Diversity.

URL: [http://www.wcva.org.uk/about/index.cfm?display_sitedeptid=2](http://www.wcva.org.uk/about/index.cfm?display_sitedeptid=2)
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I actually represent two organisations. They are:

HÖOK (The National Union of Students) Foundation and the National Civil Fund.

The NUSF is made up of former student representatives and is active in social and higher educational matters.

The National Civil Fund aims at strengthening the operation of civil society organisations and the development of the third sector through grant supports. Set up by the Government in 2003, the NCF is made up of all those private foundations and non-governmental organisations (excluding employers’ and employees’ interest groups, political parties and insurance associations) who are registered and operating in Hungary at least for a year can gain support from the Fund. The grants are distributed by the Boards composed of the representatives of civil society organisations. The principles of the grant-support system are laid down by the governing body, the Council that has a majority of delegates from civil society organisations, too.

The exceptionality of the National Civil Fund is the decision-making process; civil society representatives - free from government influence - are responsible for decisions. The applicant organisations can be sure that their applications are considered by the delegated members who dispose the available resources.

**What do I do?**

I am an expert on international affairs at the HÖOK Foundation. At the National Civil Fund I am member of the Board responsible for selection and distribution of grants.

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Hungary.

**URL:** [http://www.hookahallgatokert.hu](http://www.hookahallgatokert.hu) / [http://www.nca.hu/?page=webtext/show&wte_code=english](http://www.nca.hu/?page=webtext/show&wte_code=english)
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The Estonian Chamber of Disabled People (ECDP) is a non-profit NGO that operates in the field of social, educational and cultural improvement of the situation of those living with disabilities. We aim to function as a co-ordinator of the work concerning persons of disability living in Estonia. To achieve this goal, we co-operate closely with government authorities and bodies and participate in the policy-making process, initiate and implement legislative suggestions concerning the rights of persons with disability.

We are also very active in the following fields: social inclusion and employment, active participation of disabled people in society, help solving problems with health care, rehabilitation, vocational education, adult education, encouraging personal independence, gathering information to support scientific research, informing and influencing public opinion.

**What do I do?**

I am specifically responsible for Foreign Relations and European Policy. Amongst my main areas of activity are:

- co-operation with like-minded organisations in other countries, to exchange information, know-how and encourage a better sharing of good practices
- participation in international co-operation projects
- monitoring the implementation of the UN Standard Rules for Equal Opportunities for Disabled People in Society

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The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK) represents an industry that uses renewable natural resources in a sustainable and economical way. It represents at national level interests, working and living conditions of farmers, private forest owners and countryside entrepreneurs. The union is functioning all over the country and is the only national farmers’ organisation in Finland. Currently, it has approximately 170,000 members and it publishes the third biggest professional newspaper called *Maaseudun Tulevaisuus*. MTK has also an own office in Brussels.

**What do I do?**

As Director for International Affairs, my brief within the MTK comprises of the following areas of interest:

- EU and international affairs:  
- agriculture and forestry  
- trade and development  
- contact with international organisations

**KAMIENIECKI Krzysztof (PL)**

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The Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD) is a non-governmental think-thank type organisation which was found in 1990 on the initiative of few members of the Polish Ecological Club. ISD works for the promotion and implementation of the principles and solutions which contribute to Poland's sustainable development.

In its activities, the Institute is guided by its mission to:

- build positive relations between socio-economic development and environmental protection
- act in the interest of the present and future generations

The Institute is a member of the European Environmental Bureau and takes part in the national NGO coalitions, e.g. the Climate, for EU Funds and of Forum for the Animation of Rural Areas.

**What do I do?**

As Vice-President of the ISD, it is my task to manage the organisation, to initiate, co-ordinate and follow-up on a variety of projects, linked to our goals, as outlined above.

URL: http://www.ine-isd.org.pl/lang/EN/
**KEKELEKI Evangelia (EL)**

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The Greek Consumer Protection Centre (KEPKA) is a non-governmental, non-profit, independent Consumers' organisation. Our main activities are raising consumers' consciousness in Greece and protecting consumers' rights, informing consumers on products, services, economic interests, health, nutrition, environmental problems, human rights, ethics and urging the Greek Government, the European Commission and the European Parliament to develop a consumer policy towards the improvement of the quality of the consumers' and citizens' lives. KEPKA has neither commercial activities nor any income coming from political parties, organizations or enterprises. The members’ contribution (annual subscription), governmental and EU grants are the only financial sources of the organisation.

Since February of 2008, the President of KEPKA is a member of the Executive Committee of the Consumer and Market Council.

**What do I do?**

I am the Secretary-General of the Greek Consumer Protection Centre (KEPKA) and in this capacity my areas of speciality are:

- consumers' education
- consumers' rights
- food safety
- product and services safety

Since February 2010, I have also been a member of the European Consumer Consultative Group (ECCG)

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The Consumer Advice Centre in Berlin gives legal and practical advice to the public on a wide range of matters, such as: construction and housing, energy and environment, nutrition, health care, financial services and insurance, market rights, media and telecommunications, travel, hobbies and mobility.

What do I do?

I am a Professor of German, European and International Commercial, Company, Labour and Business Law at the University of Applied Sciences (HTW) in Berlin. I am an Honorary Professor at the Technical University Berlin and Kuban State University, Krasnodar (Russian Federation) and Director of the Research Institute for German and European Real Estate and Cooperative Law at the HTW, Berlin My areas of specialisation are:

- questions of German and European consumer law
- energy law
- competition and antitrust issues
- collective redress

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The Danish Women's National Council is an umbrella organisation for 45 organisations with a total of more than one million members. The Women's Council member organisations are women's organisations, the equal status committees of the political parties, trade unions, and professional women's groups, migrant- and refugee women, women's studies researchers, youth organisations, religious and humanitarian women's organisations. Women's Council works for women's rights as well as social, professional, economic and cultural interests.

The object of The Women's Council is to strengthen women's rights and influence in society and create real equality between women and men. The Women's Council represents member organisations as the co-ordination body in dealing with the government, the Parliament, public authorities, and so on, as well as in national and international organisations. The Women's Council is a non-governmental organisation (NGO), which works for women across all lines, at all levels and within all areas of society.

**What do I do?**

As Vice-President, I am responsible for the following policy areas:

- gender equality and equal treatment
- labour relations
- general integration issues
- youth and the elderly
- monitoring economic changes and assessing their impact on society

**URL:** [http://www.kvinderaadet.dk/english/english](http://www.kvinderaadet.dk/english/english)
**KONSTANTINIDIS Kostakis (CY)**

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The Cyprus Consumer's Association was founded in 1973 and joined the consumer's International as a full member in 1980 and BEUC in 2002. It is a non-political, independent, consumer's NGO.

Our mission is to safeguard consumer's rights, to educate and represent Cypriot consumers in all relevant local and international bodies dealing with consumer matters. The association is very active in promoting public awareness and active citizenship of consumers.

**What do I do?**

Through the higher levels of the CCA, I play an active role in ensuring a high level of consumer protection. I am also involved in involving consumer organisations in EU consumer policy and assessing its impact on both communities on the island of Cyprus.

**URL:** http://www.cyprusconsumers.org.cy/index.php?pageid=1
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The Swedish Disability Federation is the united voice of the Swedish disability movement before government, the parliament and national authorities. The federation was founded 1942 and consists today of 39 national disability organisations with about 500,000 individual members. Each organisation makes its own decisions and determines its own activities but on issues where all member organisations agree, common action is taken.

**What do I do?**

I have been involved in different disability organisations and have committed myself to promote equal opportunities for disabled persons and to improve the social and economic situation of people with disabilities. I have a special interest in the fight against cancer and have been President of the Swedish Breast Cancer Association and the European Breast Cancer Coalition Europa Donna.

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**KRAUZE Armands (LV)**

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The Latvian Beekeeping Association (LBA) is a member of the Agricultural Joint Consultative Council.

**What do I do?**

I am Chairman of the Board of the LBA, a project manager and an expert in beekeeping and organic beekeeping.

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Latvia.

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UNIZO is an organisation of SMEs and independent professionals of the Flemish Community of Belgium. It has over 82,000 members including craftsmen, service providers, liberal professions, companies in the commerce and distribution (retail) sectors as well as 423 local branches (one in every municipality, managed by volunteers). Most of them are located in the northern and Dutch-speaking part of Belgium (region of Flanders and Brussels). We champion the interests of SMEs during every phase of the development of the company, whether prior to the establishment of the company or of a company that operates in the international market and we provide practical information, expert advice and advocacy support to our members. UNIZO is also a member of UEAPME.

What do I do?

I am a general advisor to UNIZO and I specialise in:

- lobbying
- media
- communication
- press

URL: http://www.unizo.be/eu/
LIBAERT Thierry (FR)

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Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation Nicolas Hulot for Nature and Humanity's mission is to change individual and collective behaviour to preserve our planet. State-approved, the Foundation uses all means at its disposal to initiate a new form of society based on the awareness of the interdependence of humans and all living things.

**What do I do?**

I am a consultant on communications and institutional issues. I am a member of the Editorial Board on Communication and Organisation of the Environment Watch Committee of the Nicolas Hulot Foundation, which is a major French NGOs working in the environmental field. I hold a Masters of Public Law, a Diploma of the Institute of Public Studies (Paris), a Masters in Communication and Social Policy and a PhD in information and communication (University of Louvain), where I am currently also a teaching Professor.

My main areas of speciality are:

- communication in general (including, use of language, publicity and advertising)
- marketing and sustainable development

**URL:** http://tlibaert.info - http://www.fondation-nicolas-hulot.org/
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My parent organisation is the Pan-Hellenic Confederation of Unions of Agricultural Cooperatives (PASEGES). It is the institutional representative of Greek Agricultural Cooperatives. As a non profit ideological and political organisation, it represents 750,000 farmers and 6,350 Agricultural Co-operatives at national and international level. Its main aim is to serve the interests of its members.

What do I do?

I am a Board Member and past President of the Pan-Hellenic Confederation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (PASEGES) and as such was appointed as one of five representatives of PASEGES to serve on the Economic and Social Council (OKE), where I am a Vice-President.

URL: http://www.paseges.gr/
**LONGO Antonio (IT)**

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The Defence of the Citizen Movement (MDC) was established in Rome in 1987. It is independent of political parties and trades unions. Our main aims are to promote the protection of the rights of citizens by keeping them informed and providing them with legal means of self-defence along with providing assistance and protection through expert advice. MDC is a member of the National Council of Consumers and Users (CNCU) established at the Ministry of Economic Development and the Consumers’ Forum.

In our advice to consumer we focus on topics such as: public relations / public administration, banking and insurance, food security, network services (power and telephone)

**What do I do?**

I am the current President of the Movimento Difesa del Cittadino (citizens' rights movement) and a member of CNCU (national council for consumers and users), where consumer organizations are recognized by the Ministry of Economic Development. The CNCU is the advisory body of the Parliament and the Italian government on all questions of interest to consumers.

URL: [www.mdc.it/it/presidente_longo.html#](http://www.mdc.it/it/presidente_longo.html#) - [www.helpconsumatori.it](http://www.helpconsumatori.it)
**LUCAN Eugen (RO)**

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The mission of the ANGEL organisation is to promote the harmony and the welfare of the child, of the family and of the community. We also promote human rights, environment protection, cultural and spiritual values. ANGEL Association supports actions for helping children, families and disadvantaged categories in Romania and abroad. We promote liberal professions, especially social assistance and we organise training courses for these professional categories.

**What do I do?**

I have diplomas in social assistance, international law and management. I am the President of ANGEL Association in Romania and I am responsible for the general management and coordination of the organisation and of its various projects. As President of ANGEL Association in Romania, I tackle issues in the following fields of activity:

- social services (integration of the children, families and disadvantaged categories: children of the streets, homeless people, single mothers, roma community, youth, etc) and in-depth research on social issues
- education, training, lifelong-learning, social-media and culture
- environment protection, free-energy research and sustainable development
- human rights, equality, anti-discrimination
- democracy and civic education
- promotion: of the not-for-profit sector, of liberal professions (especially social workers ) and social economy in Romania and Europe
- organising Romanian and European NGOs networks for promoting national and european policies, based on citizens initiatives

I am also the Vice-President at the National College of Social Workers in Romania, the first professional college of that type in Europe, promoting the social worker as a liberal profession in Romania’s legislation.

The Pan-Cyprian Farmers Union (PEK) was founded in 1942. The members are farmers and ranchers from all over Cyprus. Its head office is located in Nicosia and there are provincial offices in all districts of Cyprus. Governed by a Council elected by its members, it seeks to defend the economic, political and social interests of its members in general and particularly, the farmers in the country. It is European orientated and was one of the first agricultural organisations who supported the accession of Cyprus to the European Union.

What do I do?

I have been Secretary-General of PEK since 1985 and, as such, am responsible for the overall management and functioning of the organisation, its Council and all meetings. One of my main duties is to represent the organisation in its external relations and activities abroad. I also help to designate policy on various issues and initiatives to promotion.
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**What do I do?**

I am the Director of the Agricultural Cooperative of Lithuania and agricultural quality representative of the Lithuanian Chamber of Agriculture.
**MADER Reine-Claude (FR)**

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The Consumer association, housing and Living conditions (CLCV) is a federation of 396 organisations located throughout the French territories, including overseas. It acts to defend the interests of consumers, representing them to institutions, informing them of current issues, through its publications and its website. It works on all the major issues that affect consumers and aims to constructive in its actions. CLCV is a member of the European Bureau of Consumers Unions and of Consumers International.

**What do I do?**

I am the CLCV President. I am in charge of the implementation of the policy priorities of the organisation in all its areas of activity. A lawyer by training, I specialize in competition matters and financial services. I am a member of the Competition Authority, the Financial Sector Consultative Committee and the National Consumer Council.

**URL:** www.clcv.org
**MELÍCIAS LOPES Vítor (PT)**

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The Union of Charitable Organisations of Portugal (UMP), a member of the Portuguese Economic and Social Council, is a nationwide organisation that brings together approximately 400 compassionate institutions and private charitable grass-roots organisations who are involved in areas such as: social protection, health and regional development, the prevention of and fight against poverty and social exclusion.

UMP consists of a vast network of social, health and social economy entities, such as nurseries, kindergartens, nursing homes, hospitals, palliative care hospices, home assistance for the elderly, homeless shelters, centres for those with disability. Thus the capacity for UMP for rapid and consistent intervention at local level and to the benefit of the individual is immense.

**What do I do?**

Having been President of the National Executive for 15 years and then President of the General Assembly, I chaired the International Confederacy and still chair the European Union of Mercy. I was recently proclaimed Lifetime Honorary President of the Union

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OFOP is an all-Poland Federation of Non-governmental Organisations which aims at representing its members on the national and international (incl. European) levels. Its main objectives are to be active in all fields which influence the activity of non-governmental organisations (eg. legal, financial). One of its priorities is to ensure that civil society organisations are taken into account in terms of cohesion policy, with the special emphasis on the partnership principle.

**What do I do?**

I am an advisor to the OFOP on a number of key issues and report back and inform of developments at EU level that would have an impact on our member organisations.

URL: www.ofop.eu
**METZLER Arno (DE)**

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The Federal Association of Liberal Professions is a federation of umbrella organisations of the Liberal Professions in Germany, chambers, organisations and associations, representing the interests of 1.1 million self-employed with 3.5 million employees.

**What do I do?**

I am a Lawyer by training. As Chief Executive, I head of the offices of the organisation in Berlin and Brussels and represent the BFB on all national and international bodies.

**URL:** [http://www.freie-berufe.de/UEber-uns.10.0.html](http://www.freie-berufe.de/UEber-uns.10.0.html)
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The Agricultural and Rural Youth Association is a Hungarian young farmers’ association and all our members are professional young farmers. We organise different training and information events as well as study trips. AGRYA is part of the national rural development decision-making process a leading NGO partner and our contacts with the Rural Development Ministry are very good. We also have a strong connection within the CEE with other young farmers’ associations in Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, Poland and the Czech Republic. We have for this a specialised project called Central European Rural Youth Centre - CERYC. My organisation is a full member of the European Young Farmers’ Committee - CEJA. Last year we launched a new branch called Second Wave Programme aimed especially at rural youth.

**What do I do?**

I am the Executive President since 27 February 2010. Prior to that, I was a founding member of the first President. Our main task is to lead our national administration. I’m responsible for the projects, office administration work and the financing of AGRYA.

URL: www.agrya.hu - www.youngfarmer.eu - www.ceryc.eu
The Equality Commission Northern Ireland was set up to ensure that the principles of fairness, equality of opportunity and good relations lie at the foundation of all parts of Northern Ireland society. ECNI works with people in Government, in public life, in business and within all sections of the community to help develop a society where these principles, enshrined in law, are given full practical effect.

What do I do?

I am the Deputy Chief Equality Commissioner for Northern Ireland and a consultant specialising in:

- communications & media
- international exchange of experience initiatives

I was former Deputy Speaker Northern Ireland Assembly and elected Member representing the Northern Ireland Women’s Coalition (1998-2003). Other post that I have held include:

- European Commission representative to Northern Ireland (1992-1997)
**NARRO Pedro (ES)**

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ASAJA is a farmer's Union in Spain that represents more than 200,000 members from all the farming sectors. My organisation represents the interests of its membership from 17 provinces spread across Spain, giving them a platform to express their views and concerns at EU level and provides analysis and monitoring of draft EU legislation in the agricultural field to assess its possible negative and positive impacts on its core interest group, Spanish farmers. ASAJA is member of CEJA (European Council of young farmers) and COPA (European Committee of professional agriculture organisations).

**What do I do?**

I am responsible for European Affairs and my main tasks are to follow EU and international activities on agriculture, environment or trade, where I:

- disseminate information on EU initiatives  
- provide information to EU decision makers  
- coordinate horizontal issues and relations with EU institutions  
- give advice and assistance to members on EU projects  
- organise conferences and other training initiatives

URL: [http://www.asajanet.com](http://www.asajanet.com)
**NĚMEC Jaroslav (CZ)**

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Archdiocese Caritas Prague (Caritas) is a legal entity in accordance with the Code of Canon Law. It is a part of the Roman Catholic Church. Caritas is a nongovernmental provider of social and health services for various disadvantaged groups of clients. It operates in the territory of Prague and Central Bohemia Region. Caritas offers its clients all types and forms of social services - social counselling, social care services, social prevention services (residential, ambulatory and field form). Development cooperation and humanitarian aid are an important part of Caritas activities. Caritas runs projects in India, Uganda, Zambia, Democratic Republic of Congo and Belarus.

Caritas aims at educating poor children in the target countries in order to give them better prospects in life and a happier childhood. Caritas helps children, their families and whole communities in achieving a broader development, reaching self-sufficiency and sustainably higher standard of life.

**What do I do?**

I am the current Director of Archdiocese Caritas Prague and a Board Member of Caritas Czech Republic. I am also a Board Member of the Czech Republic's Board of humanitarian organisations (CRHO).

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The Advocacy Academy aims to strengthening civil society in advocacy field, through advocacy campaign, training, consultancy, monitoring decision making process and advocacy research programs. The Advocacy Academy is an expert non-profit organisation supporting civil society sectors in amending relevant policies and fostering their participation and professional intervention to policymaking. Its founders are business associations.

What do I do?

I am the President of the Advocacy Academy Association where my main duties and responsibilities are to:

- legally represent my organisation in relations with all external bodies
- manage and lead my team of colleagues and experts
- develop a strategic action plan and annual work programme
- control and monitor the progress and development of the organisation and its projects
- coordinate external relations with other like-minded organisations throughout the EU

The main objective of the Estonian Farmers’ Federation is to protect interests of Estonian farmers, to develop advisory service and agricultural co-operatives. Our membership consists of family-run farms, young farmers, forest owners and agricultural co-operatives.

**What do I do?**

I am the Director-General of the ETK. My function is to manage the organisation and keep our members informed of developments at national and European level in relation to relevant legislation that would impact on all aspects of farming and forestry.

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My organisation promotes the importance of the spiritual lives of older people in all settings. We also run training programmes.

Scottish Social Services Council - the registration body for all social care workers in Scotland which carries out skills council and workforce development activities.

What do I do?

I am the Director of Faith in Older People, an Associate at Mowat Research and a Member of the Scottish Social Services Council. I am also an expert in charity governance and act as a consultant to voluntary organisations on governance and organisational change. My specific areas of expertise are in:

- planning and delivering training
- management and financial control
- policy development

My previous experience includes working with a range of voluntary sector organisations which have a focus on:

- ageing and older people
- mental health
- disability

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The Employment Institute is non-government, non-profit organisation focused on studying problems of employment and unemployment on the regional, national and European level. It collects information and provides research and studies on labour market by scientific, mainly statistical, means.

IZ Bratislava is focused on the Slovak labour market in the sense of its differences by regions, age, qualification, etc. Employment Institute describes and puts forward problems of active labour market policies, life-long learning, middle and long term strategies and forecasts based on regional differences. It organises conferences and seminars focused on labour market. On the European level IZ Bratislava participate on some networks of non-profit and research organisations (Tandem plus, Good Old Europe network). Its target groups are all stakeholders and decision-makers at labour market.

What do I do?

I am the President of IZ Bratislava, where my main focuses are on:

- strategic decisions and coordination of projects
- activities and cooperation with other organisations and target groups
- oriented research of labour market, focus on mathematical and statistical methods
- representation of IZ on national and international level

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### The Federation of Finnish Enterprises (FFE)

The Federation of Finnish Enterprises (FFE) has the largest membership of all business-related federations in Finland. Today our membership consists of more than 110,000 enterprises of all sizes, from all corners of the country. We influence and interact with Finnish decision-makers at all levels: locally, nationally and also at EU level. The FFE is a member of UEAPME, which is the European umbrella organisation for SME federations that aims to monitor and influence EU legislation.

### What do I do?

I am the Head of International Affairs at the Federation of Finnish Enterprises. I am responsible for the internationalisation of business and for innovation. I work at:

- promoting entrepreneurship throughout the EU  
- influencing policy decisions taken by the Finnish government in the European Union  
- maintaining close links and dialogue with European organisations and the EU institutions  
- liaising and co-ordinating with prominent people representing each business sector who are appointed by the FFE to follow international developments within their field of responsibility

### URL:
- www.yrittajat.fi
**PANZANI Jean-Paul (FR)**

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As one of the largest stakeholders in the French and European social movement, the FMF has over 1 million of men and women as members who are gathered in solidarity from far and wide across the country to provide a localised service and brings together more than 160 organisations active in the health insurance sector with over 2.5 million persons protected by the scheme. It is a major actor in the area of national health and social welfare and works for a system of compulsory social based on solidarity and ensuring that all rights are respected to the highest level. It concentrates on the reduction of health risks, particularly those related to environment and labour, for equal access for all to prevention and quality care for the development of hospital services and responding to social needs.

**What do I do?**

I am the Chairman of the Federation of French Mutual Health Insurance Schemes (FMF) and Vice-President of the National Federation of Mutual Insurance Societies (FNMF). Within my organisation, I am responsible for the daily running and management of the organisation, from personnel to financial matters and it is my top priority to ensure that the organisation functions efficiently and provide the highest standard of care and service to our customers and members.

The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association (ZHP) provides dynamic, values-based, non-formal educational and leadership training programmes for over 100,000 young people in Poland between the ages of 6 and 25 years. ZHP aims to provide a safe environment for young people to develop their fullest potential as responsible and active European citizens, who participate in their local communities and all areas of society. The Scout Motto is "Czuwaj", translating literally as "be aware" or "stay awake", symbolizing readiness. ZHP is a founding member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Since many years each Polish President is an honorary protector of ZHP.

I act in ZHP as volunteer member. Currently my main position is adviser to the Chief Scout. Previously, within more than 30 years I served on various levels of organisation, including more than 20 years on national level with the highest position as Vice President of ZHP. Professionally I work as an independent researcher and adviser on social policy and labour problems – for the state and governmental institutions, research and scientific institutes, various civil society organisations, international organisations.

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Poland.

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The Portuguese Consumers' Protection Association (DECO) has its Headquarters in Lisbon and has several other delegations in the largest cities of Portugal. It comprises of more than 300,000 shareholders (the largest consumer association in Portugal) with a wide-ranging representation of the interests of consumers, including the ability to sue for group actions.

My organisation is a member of group Test-Achats (Belgium) and is associated with both BEUC and Consumers International.

What do I do?

I am a legal counsellor who specialises in the areas of:

- providing advice on legal questions at national level
- opinions on questions of Community law
- participating in conferences, seminars and training courses

URL: http://www.deco.proteste.pt/quem-somos-s345851.htm
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The National Council of Professional Associations (CNOP) represents the professions (Orders) such as, lawyers, medical doctors, economists, engineers, biologists, dentists, veterinarians, nurses, certified public accountants, solicitors, notaries, pharmacists, architects as well as other liberal professions. The Orders govern their professions and act under delegated powers by the National Parliament.

CNOP’s main aims are: to defend the public interest of the citizens and the public at large, to defend the ethical values and ethos of the Orders and Liberal Professions as well as their characteristics and interests; to create and coordinate initiatives aimed at strengthening promoting and increasing the influence of the Liberal professions and represent all of the regulated professions at national and international level.

**What do I do?**

I am the President of the Executive Board and my principal task is to coordinate the participation in this national Council of the Liberal Professions Orders.

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Portugal.

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The Swedish Consumers’ Association (SK), formed in 1992, is a democratic-political, non-profit umbrella organisation with almost thirty member organisations making it the largest consumer organisation in Sweden. We are a lobby organisation that works to improve the everyday lives of the Swedish consumers, their conditions (environment, ethics, quality) and consumer law. We have our own magazine which provides expert advice to consumers and we also lead public opinion and spread our message via the media through television and radio interviews. My organisation is a strong Swedish "consumer voice" that monitors and defends consumers in our contacts with politicians, businesses and governments: we always put consumer interests first. We follow very closely issues such as: EU Consumer Rights Directive, eco-friendly consumption, advertising aimed at children on the Internet, standardization, SMS loans, consumer studies in primary education, ethical buying toys, craft, and various services.

**What do I do?**

I am the President of The Swedish Consumers Association. By training I am a household economist and I also specialise in the analysis of welfare systems.

**URL:** [http://www.sverigeskonsumenter.se/OM-OSS](http://www.sverigeskonsumenter.se/OM-OSS)
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The Economic, Social and Environmental Council of France is a constitutional assembly representing a large part of civil society. The functions of the French CESE are vast, covering all matters of topical interest on which it issues opinions and recommendations to the French authorities at the request of the government or on its own initiative. It can also be consulted on Citizens' Initiatives and has a European Affairs Section. Consultation focuses on economic, social, scientific and cultural affairs where the assembly's main roles are to be:

- a constitutional assembly which is completely independent of both the Executive and Parliament which encourages fruitful dialogue between the various socioeconomic groups
- a representative assembly consisting mainly of members designated by nationwide social and economic an other civil society groups that makes recommendations to the government and thus is instrumental in deciding the country’s economic and social policy
- an advisory assembly, which issues opinions and recommendations to the French government on matters of economic and social relevance thus providing information to France's political assemblies.

What do I do?

I am a member of the European and International Affairs Section of the French CESE. I am also a member of the REX and SOC sections at the EESC in Brussels. In the past I was the Rapporteur for the opinion on Societal Responsibilities of Enterprises in the field of international trade. Moreover, I am a specialist in following European public consultations and the EU2020 strategy.

URL: http://www.conseil-economique-et-social.fr/ces_dat2/english/frm_1.htm
**PIRVULESCU Cristian (RO)**

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The APD is a non-governmental, non profit and non-party affiliated organisation established in 1990. It currently has 31 clubs in which more that 1000 citizens (members and volunteers) participate in implementing our projects. Our mission is to strengthen democracy at national and international level by encouraging civic participation. The main fields of interest of APD are:

- strengthening the relation between the electorate and its elected representatives  
- observing the correctness of the electoral process  
- fostering civic education  
- encouraging citizens' participation in the process of drafting public policies  
- monitoring the transparency of public institutions and their scrutiny by the civil society  
- protecting human rights

**What do I do?**

I am the President of the Pro-Democracy Association and am responsible for the general management and co-ordination of the organisation and its various projects. I am also a Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration which is a public institution of higher education and research (university).

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Romania.

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The Federation of Polish Women's Lobby is a platform dedicated to interaction between organisations of women's human rights and equal opportunities for women and men in family life, professional, cultural, social and political life. Its main goals are to:

- represent the problems, needs and aspirations of women in a dialogue with national institutions and other transnational and international bodies
- counteract all forms of discrimination against women, violence and social inequalities
- mirror and implement the policies, ideas and achievements of the European Women's Lobby, as the representative of transnational community of interests of women and women's NGOs.

**What do I do?**

I am a gender and diversity consultant and International affairs adviser to the Polish Women's Lobby (PLK). I specialise in the following areas:

- gender equality issues
- women's rights
- anti-discrimination
- human diversity

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The Council of Home Economics and Consumer Associations is a coalition of different, mainly women dominated, non-political, consultative organisations working in the fields of domestic, rural and family policy, home economics education, consumer interests and legal rights, living conditions and interests of the blind, and home economics and technology research. Oldest of the associations, the first Martha Club was founded in 1899, the Rural Women’s advisory work started soon after, and the first Finnish Consumers’ Association in 1965. The organisations are regularly consulted by the government, business and media on their areas of expertise. They publish journals and IT advisory materials, arrange training and education, and are active in international aid programs and in their global organisations. There are approximately 0.5 million members in these seven central home economics and consumer organisations.

**What do I do?**

I have been a member and a Board member of the Kuluttajat-Konsumenterna Association several periods since 1960s, and a member of a Martha Club. In recent years I have been the President of the first Finnish Women’s Organisation, founded 1884, as well as the President of a Zonta Club in Helsinki.

During my career as a civil servant in consumer policies and food control fields I had regular contacts with these organisations on issues such as:

- consumer interests and product safety
- food quality and safety, nutrition
- consumer economics and research
- household technology, incl. housing, environment and energy
- status of women and families.

**I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Finland.**

**RECKINGER Paul (LU)**

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The Chamber of Tradesmen and Crafts is a public institution established by the law of April 4, 1924 and is one of six employers' associations and employees in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Its membership consists of representatives from all trades and crafts in Luxembourg. The main goals and activities of the Chamber are to:

- safeguard and promote the business interests of the Trades and Crafts sector  
- give its opinion on draft legislation and regulations that the Government has drawn-up  
- provided individualised advice young and new entrepreneurs and businesses and those looking to sell their business  
- management of contracts and provision of end-exam material to apprentices  
- organisation of training courses and examinations leading to a Masters Certificate  
- holding conferences and specialised courses under the Ongoing Education Program  
- conducting studies and analysis of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) crafts  
- offer general assistance, service and advice on a sectoral and individual basis for SMEs

**What do I do?**

I am the Honorary Chairman of the Chamber of Trades of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. I hold a Diploma in Engineering and I am Director of a heating, air-conditioning and general sanitation installation firm. I am also a Member of the Sustainable Development Board.

URL: [http://www.cdm.lu](http://www.cdm.lu)
The European Nature Heritage Fund (EuroNatur) is a non-governmental and non-profit making organisation dealing mainly with nature conservation, regional developing and agriculture policy issues. It stands up for the conservation of the European nature heritage on many different levels, e.g. via special species protection projects, re-naturation measures, and site protection as well as political lobbying activities or environmental education. Our initiatives are long-term and often cross-border projects aiming not only at the protection of nature, but also at an ecological development of the respective rural areas.

What do I do?

I am the Director of the Department for Nature Conservation Policy EuroNatur. As a Policy Director my main areas of specificity are:

- nature conservation policy
- common agriculture policy
- sustainable development
- climate change
- EU budget/ subsidies

URL: http://www.euronatur.org/Objectives.515.0.html
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The Union of Small Farmers and Ranchers (UPA) is the trade association that represents and defends the professional interests of 80,000 agriculture and livestock producers in Spain. UPA is the umbrella organisation of the majority group in agriculture, family farms whose owners are small and medium farmers. UPA is also a member of the Spanish Economic and Social Council (CES) and participates in all forums for dialogue at national or regional level. Moreover, UPA is a member of the Committee of Agricultural Organisations in the European Union (COPA).

**What do I do?**

I work at the International Relations Secretariat of the Union of Small Farmers and Livestock Breeders (UPA).

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The National Forum for Voluntary Social Work (FFSA) was founded in 1993 and is the umbrella organisation for Swedish NGOs involved in social work. Our aim is to improve the conditions for voluntary social work within Sweden through influencing public opinion, facilitating the exchange of knowledge and introducing new methods of work. The Forum’s members are national NGOs involved in voluntary social work ranging from the Red Cross, Save the Children, the Swedish Church to life-long-learning organisations, women's rights and Swedish temperance movement organisations.

In addition I represent Famna, the Swedish Association for Non-Profit Health and Social Services which was founded in 2005. Famna works with influencing decision makers and other stakeholders highlighting the added value and quality non-profit providers contribute to health and social care in Sweden.

What do I do?

I am the EU Policy Adviser for both the FFSA and Famna and also Vice-Chair of CEDAG. My main areas of interest are:

- Internal market policy
- Services of General Interest (SGI) and Social Services of General Interest (SSGI)
- Public procurement and state aid issues
- Social inclusion, social cohesion and active integration policies
- Civil dialogue and democracy
- Volunteering

**ROSSITTO Corrado (IT)**

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The Confederation of Academic Professionals is constituted in order to represent the interests of both individuals and associations of executives, professionals, employees and self-employed, researchers and high professionals. It seeks to create synergies between the different professional categories and academics to present a common front to the Government and the Parliament, to enterprises and public administrations, on national, regional, local and business levels. It promotes the transfer of skills and professional mobility in the European and in the international context, to safeguard employees and their jobs and assist them in the development and expansion of their career.

**What do I do?**

I am the current National President of the Italian Confederation of Academic Professionals (CIU) and a Member of the Italian National Economic and Labour Council (CNEL). In the past, I have worked as a manager Chartered Accountant, a journalist.

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Lithuanian Scientific Society, Conference of the Rectors of Lithuanian Universities, Conference of the Directors of the Lithuanian Research Institutes. These organisations represent practically all scientists and university teachers of Lithuania. Vilnius University Research Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astronomy is an academic research institution in modern physics and astronomy as well as in their applications.

What do I do?
As the delegate of the three abovementioned organisations as well as the member of the European, Latvian and Lithuanian Academies of Sciences I am involved in the fundamental and applied research on national and international levels, particular attention paying to global problems of planetary emergencies, sustainable development, climate change, energy and quality of life. Science organisation and international cooperation are also on my agenda.

For a long time I have also served as the Director of the Institute mentioned in a previous section. Now I am its leading researcher and I deal with theoretical atomic physics and its applications to:
• astrophysics
• plasma physics (laser and thermonuclear plasma included)

I am also involved in international thermonuclear (fusion) project (ITER) as well as in a number of the other projects on:
• energy
• sustainable development
• climate change
• cyber terrorism

I have also initiated the establishment of the Lithuanian Economic and Social Council and have chaired the Governmental working group which prepared the relevant draft law.

URL: http://www.tfai.vu.lt/
SÁNCHEZ ANSÓ Javier (ES)

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COAG, the main Union of Farmers in Spain, is an independent and progressive organisation. It defends a social model of agriculture at Spanish and European level. Currently, COAG is consolidated in most Spanish Regions. The Territorial Unions enjoy genuine autonomy and decisions are made at the state level and, like those of each Union, democratically, as a result of strong faith the organisation has in democracy at all levels of society.

**What do I do?**

My two main responsibilities are member at COAG, a Member of the Coordinating Committee of Via Campesina International and Secretary-General of the Aragon Union of Farmers and Livestock Breeders (UAGA)

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The Spanish Fishing Confederation consists of the Spanish Federation of Fishing Ship-owners (FEABP), the Spanish Federation of Fishing Organisations (FEOPE) and the Spanish National Federation of Fishing Associations (ONAPE) 47 other ship-owner associations.

What do I do?

I am a Representative of the Spanish Fishing Confederation (CEAPE)

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The Federal Association of Non-Statutory Welfare Services is made up of independent associations. Their common objective is to secure and further development of social work through community initiatives and social activities. The associations themselves are structured on a federal level, that is, its organisations at local and national level and its member organisations are usually legally independent. The BAGFW maintains an office in Berlin, an office in Brussels and the Department of Welfare in Cologne. Our core activities centre on: the sick or disabled, children and young people requiring educational assistance, old people in need of care, foreigners and refugees, people without jobs or incomes, marginal groups in society such as the homeless, delinquents and addicts, or people finding themselves in other desperate social situations and seeking advice and assistance. In the facilities and services of the non-statutory welfare organizations around one million people provide committed support as full-time workers and over one and a half million on a voluntary basis.

**What do I do?**

I am a Legal Adviser to the Federal Association of Non-Statutory Welfare Services

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The German Confederation of Skilled Crafts is divided into two pillars: the chambers of skilled crafts and the national confederations of skilled crafts. Chambers of skilled crafts are non-profit corporations under public law with compulsory membership for each skilled craft enterprise. The chambers offer a wide spectrum of services ranging from advice on technical, financial and legal matters to consultancy on vocational training. They keep the crafts register and are responsible for holding examinations. As self-governing business entities they also represent the interests of the crafts sector in their chamber district vis-à-vis the political institutions and the public administration. This task is taken over at federal state level by a state’s working group of chambers or the state skilled crafts sector representatives. The 54 chambers of skilled crafts are confederated at national level in the German Confederation of Chambers of Skilled Crafts (DHKT).

**What do I do?**

I am the General Secretary of the German Confederation of Skilled Crafts (ZDH). I am responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation, its personnel and its finances.

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The structure of the National Association of Farmers' Groups and Agricultural Organisations (KZRKiOR) comprises of 49 branches of provincial and regional associations of county and municipal agricultural organisations.

**What do I do?**

I am the President of KZRKiOR and a Vice-President of CopaCogeca

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The main mission of the Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF) to develop the capacity of civil society organisations and communities and to improve the lives of people through information, financing, training and advocacy. CSDF is actively involved in influencing and amending legislation related to the context in which the nongovernmental organisations operate. The initiatives in which we took on a role as a mediator between the civil society organisations and authorities are reflected in the elaboration of new policies and laws in the social field like the 2% initiative, the legislation concerning the structure and function of associations and foundations, an improved fiscal framework for NGOs. CSDF assumed a leading role in the establishment of the NGO Coalition in the social field and of the Federation of Non-governmental Development Organisations.

**What do I do?**

As Executive Director of the CSDF, I am responsible for the management and ensuring that we answer to the diversity of not-for-profit’s sector by fulfilling the following roles:

- a national resources centre
- a centre for research in the aaria of not-for-profit sector
- a promoter and of the not-for-profit sector
- an administrator/technical assistant for the EU NGO funding programmes

The Federal Committee of Liberal Professions is the umbrella organisation of the professions in Austria. We count amongst our members, medical doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons, pharmacists, lawyers, notaries, tax advisers and accountants, patent agents, architects and civil engineers.

The main aim of this body is to represent and defend all inter-professional interests of our membership.

What do I do?

From 1979 to 2001, I was Secretary-General of my organisation. My role now is as an advisor on European Affairs where I:

- inform my organisation of all relevant processes which may be of concern for them
- am in permanent contact with the current Secretary-General in order to assess additional need of activities
- try to link the function of the liberal professions as "mediator between public force and citizen" in the context of the EESC's mission as "a bridge between citizens and EU"
- focus my activities on items of public interest

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The Portuguese National Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives (Confagri) is in existence for 25 years. Its goals are to reinforce a commitment to quality information for the agriculture, agri-food and forestry sectors, providing useful information and advice on issues such as agriculture and rural development. The General Assembly consists of 231 delegates who are elected by their respective associations.

### What do I do?

I am the Secretary-General of my organisation (Confagri).

URL: http://www.confagri.pt
SLAVOVA Dilyana (BG)

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National Association of Milk Processors (NAM) is a non-governmental organisation that supports, promotes, and represents the interests of its members. At present the organisation has 130 members (milk processing establishments). The mission of National Association of Milk Processors is to support the Bulgarian dairy industry to remain competent, efficient, competitive and sustainable, in order to be able to face the competition on a European level as well as world-wide. Two of our top priorities are to help companies by providing the dairy business with scientific, technical, technological and legislative information and to organise vocational training courses for the staff of the milk processing industry.

The National Dairy Board provides representation and support for its members’ interests in contacts with the governmental and non-governmental institutions, organisations and other parties. It promotes co-operation, assistance and information exchange among its members and gives advice and carries out informational campaigns upon implementation of Bulgarian and European legislation in dairy sector, upon the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013. Another function of the NDB is to suggest proposals to the Minister of Agriculture and Foods concerning dairy sector issues.

**What do I do?**

I am the President of the National Association of Milk Processors and CEO of the National Dairy Board. President of the National Association of Milk Processors; As President, I lead and manage the whole activity of the most numerous associations of milk processors in Bulgaria. I am also a Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Rural Development Programme. I am involved in lobbying for the interests of Bulgarian milk sector in the country and in EU. As the CEO of the National Dairy Board, I have the task of communicating and managing the whole activity of the Bulgarian dairy branch associations. Moreover, I am the representative of Bulgaria in the High Level Group on Milk in the EC.

URL: http://www.milkbg.org
SMYTH Michael (UK)

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The University of Ulster makes a major contribution to the economic, social and cultural development of Northern Ireland as a region within a national and international context and plays an important role in attracting inward investment. The University of Ulster’s business activities are teaching and learning, widening access, research and technology and knowledge transfer.

**What do I do?**

I am the Head of the School of Economics with responsibility for 14 academic staff. I also teach Regional Economics and Macroeconomics at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and I represent the University in a number of external bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors.

Moreover, I am an adviser to the Northern Ireland Assembly (regional parliament)

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The Walloon Federation of Agriculture is a farmers’ union whose purpose is the management of farmers in Wallonia, to defend their rights and to represent their interests. The FWA offers its members a powerful team of advisors who analyze the political context in which the farming industry operates. Based on this analysis, it is then nominated by the farmers who decide basic options to consider and to conduct lobbying activities. In addition to its lobbying role, the FWA also provides agricultural representation in all decision-making circles federal regional and European offers a comprehensive personal service to its members.

**What do I do?**

I am the Deputy Secretary-General of the FWA. More specifically, I am in charge of monitoring European agricultural policy and general North / South connections with agriculture and relations with civil society.

**URL:** [http://www.fwa.be](http://www.fwa.be)
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SKUP – Community of Private Institutes is a non-governmental organisation founded in 2009.

The mission of the community is to develop services for the quality of life. Community serves to all interested civil society organisations in the fields of development of civil society, social economy, human rights protection and alternative dispute resolution methods.

**What do I do?**

I am the President of the Board of Experts and my main areas of expertise are:

- civil society development  
- social economy  
- human rights protection  
- development of mediation and ADR methods

**URL:** http://www.skup.si
The Slovak Foreign Policy Association was founded in 1993 as an independent and open discussion forum on international affairs and foreign policy without links to any political party or movement. Its overall goal is to enable open space for free exchange of opinions and ideas on the scope of foreign policy. The SFPA is a voluntary association of individuals and bodies corporate with interest in the area of foreign policy. The main substance of its activities is to actively support integration of the Slovak Republic into the community of democratic countries and their political and security structures.

What do I do?

I am the President of the Board of Directors and a Professor at the Faculty of Business Management at the University of Economics in Bratislava.

I am also the EESC Communication Contact Point for Slovakia.

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The German Civil Servants Association defends the rights and interests of close to 900,000 civil servants and roundabout 360,000 employees in public and privatized services. It is the umbrella organization of 39 trade unions.

The dbb is appreciated as a constructive partner for reforms of the public administration, the labour market and the welfare state. The public employees recognize the dbb as a social partner in collective bargaining.

**What do I do?**

I am the Second President of the Federal Board of the German Civil Servants Association with its 1.26 million members and President of the “dbb tarifunion” which is the branch that organizes the 360,000 employees.

Main political interests are:

- social Dialogue and processes of collective bargaining  
- public services  
- rights of employees  
- systems of social security  
- demographic change

URL: http://www.dbb.de
TISZBIEREK Teresa (PL)

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The Association of the Voluntary Fire Brigades of Poland is a nationwide, self-governing association which unites Voluntary Fire Brigades and other entities to represent their interests and the promotion and implementation of its statutory objectives. ZOSPRP fulfils many roles and performs the tasks of informing the public about fire safety. It supports various forms of cultural-educational projects and promotes the historical achievements of the fire-fighting movement. Moreover, it trains artistic and athletic guards in the Volunteer Brigades.

**What do I do?**

I am the Vice President of the Voluntary Fire Brigades RP. In my organisation I deal with and work with youth, I promote fire protection and I perform rescue services and cooperate with the other countries.

We are seeking new solutions in these areas and we also support talented youth, who we want to educate in the spirit of fire protection and security. We support the development of culture and art in local environments.

I am taking part in preparing new systems' solutions, we prepare new training programmes and we also look for new ways to provide support for the volunteer rescuers in case of threats. My organisation associates 700,000 volunteers, including women, men and children. It is a multi generational which operates on the basis of voluntary actions. That is why I have here much work to do.

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The Association of the Hungarian Drug Therapy Institutes is a professional umbrella organisation representing all the institutes working in Hungary providing long term therapy for people with severe drug and other kinds of dependencies.

My association takes the necessary steps to improve the functioning of the institutions and representing the interests of its clientele. It voices its opinion regarding drug policy and social issues and participates in the process of professional development and shaping quality assurance measures.

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The Czech Council of Children and Youth (CRDM) was established in June 1998. CRDM is the national youth council in the Czech Republic, a member of the European Youth Forum, and a reliable partner of government administration. It is composed of more than 100 non-governmental children and youth organisations with more than 205,000 individual members. The organisations range from very small to the largest ones, regional youth councils are members of CRDM as well.

The mission of the CRDM is to promote conditions for quality life and overall development of children and young people. CRDM fulfils its mission by supporting non-formal education and activities of its members, especially by creating legal, economical, social and cultural conditions suitable for their activities. CRDM represents interests of its members towards home and foreign bodies, organisations and institutions.

**What do I do?**

I am a former CRDM President and currently its EU relations and project manager. My main tasks in my organisation are:

- observing and influencing EU policies in relation to children and youth, education (with special focus on non-formal education)
- development and realisation of EU funded projects
- support of volunteering (enabling environment, legislation and finance)

**URL**: http://www.crdm.cz
**TRÍAS PINTO Carlos (ES)**

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Created in 1981, the General Association of Consumer (ASGECO) is a nationwide confederation that brings together numerous organisations and associations of consumers, totalling more than 300 locations open to the public and consisting of more than 350,000 members. ASGECO pursues the following aims: to represent and to defend the rights of consumers, to promote responsible consumption, to ensure protection against risks that may affect the health or safety of consumers and to defend the legitimate economic and social interests of consumers.

**What do I do?**

I am the Director of the General Association of Consumers (ASGECO) and Director of the Spanish Union of Consumer Cooperatives (UNCCUE). My main managerial responsibilities are to:

- coordinate the team
- define the strategy
- represent my organisation at national and EU level

**URL:** [http://www.asgeco.org](http://www.asgeco.org)
VALENTIN Julien (FR)

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The National Centre of Young Farmers (CNJA) is the only professional syndicate composed exclusively of young people under 35 years old. My organisation has 50,000 members spread throughout the country and we strive to regenerate and breathe new life into the farming sector. Our main aim is to defend the interests of young farmers and young people getting set up in the business and offer them support and advice and spread information on best practices in the industry.

**What do I do?**

I am a farmer and Head of the New Information Technologies and Communication (NTIC) service at the CNJA.

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The Children’s Rights Alliance is a coalition of over 90 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working to secure the rights and needs of children in Ireland, by campaigning for the full implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It aims to improve the lives of all children under 18, through securing the necessary changes in Ireland’s laws, policies and services. The Alliance is a designated Social Partner within the Community and Voluntary Pillar. The Alliance is recognised for its participation in the international monitoring and reporting process of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the publication of two shadow reports critically evaluating progress made by the Irish State to implement the Convention’s provisions into domestic law, policies and services. The Alliance has played an important role in influencing the development of several key initiatives for children, including the publication of a National Children’s Strategy; the establishment of the Office for the Ombudsman for Children; and the inclusion of children’s rights in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

What do I do?
I am the Chief Executive of the Children’s Rights Alliance and in charge of the strategic direction of the organisation. In addition I am:
• Member of the National Children’s Advisory Council
• EESC representative on the EU Forum on the Rights of the Child
• Vice Chairperson of the European Movement Ireland
• As a volunteer, I represent the Irish Girl Guides on the National Youth Work Advisory Committee and am a Leader with a local unit

Formerly I was:
• President of the National Youth Council of Ireland
• Member of the Management Committee of the National Economic and Social Forum (NESF)
• Chief Commissioner, Irish Girl Guides
• Council member of The President’s Award
• Secretary General of the ECB-BEC (predecessor to European Youth Forum) and in that role I was a founder of the European Youth Forum.

**VARDAKASTANIS Ioannis (EL)**

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The National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece (N.C.D.P.) is the umbrella organisation of the National Disability Movement. The N.C.D.P. was founded in 1989 by organisations of people with disabilities and their families and it is a strong, independent representative body for all people with disabilities in the country. It includes more than 450 organisations of disabled people and their families in all around the country and it has officially been recognized as the national co-partner of the Greek State dealing with disability issues. The N.C.D.P’s aim is to combat discrimination against disabled people in all areas of life and also to protect and promote their human rights as well as the rights of their families. The N.C.D.P actions are the following: the coordination of its member - organizations’ action, the submission of proposals to the Greek state for the configuration and implementation of policies that promote the human rights of people with disabilities and their families, the monitoring of legislative initiatives and submission of proposals for amendments and improvements, the provision of life long learning projects to people with disabilities and the implementation of projects in National and in European level in disability area. The N.C.D.P. is a founding member of the European Disability Forum, which is un umbrella organization representing more than 80 million people with disabilities across Europe.

**What do I do?**

I have been the President of the National Confederation of Disabled People of Greece (N.C.D.P) since 1993 and the President of the European Disability Forum (EDF) since 1999. I am also Vice-President of International Disability Alliance (IDA) have been Member of the Board of the European Blind Union (EBU) since 1996.

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The Lithuanian Youth Council (LiJOT) is the largest non-governmental, non-profit umbrella structure of Lithuanian national and regional unions of youth organisations. LiJOT has 62 members (non-governmental youth organisations), that means more than 200,000 young people in all Lithuania are involved. LiJOT is a full member of the European Youth Forum.

**What do I do?**

My main functions are to cooperate with youth organisations and to represent the opinion of the youth in the European Economic and Social Committee. Having a degree in economics and journalism, I am one of the founders of Lithuanian newspaper “Voice of the Youth”, which involves young volunteers into the editorial and journalistic tasks. Also, being a previous chairperson of National Union of Student Representations of Lithuania (LSAS) and having an experience of gathering and representing the opinion of Lithuanian students, my specific points of interest and priorities are:

- Higher Education
- Development of Bologna Process in European Higher Education Area
- Implementation of EU2020 strategy
- Youth and overall unemployment situation
- Other Youth issues

When COPA (Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations) first started out it had 13 member organisations from the then six Member States. Today COPA is made up of 60 organisations from the countries of the European Union and 36 partner organisations from other European countries such as Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. This broad membership allows COPA to represent both the general and specific interests of farmers in the European Union. Since its inception, COPA has been recognised by the Community authorities as the organisation speaking on behalf of the European agricultural sector as a whole.

What do I do?

I am a fulltime farmer in Ireland. Currently I am the President of the Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations in the European Union - General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Union (COPA-COGECA) where I have specific responsibility for the WTO Doha Development Agenda.

**WESTENDORP Dirk (NL)**

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**What do I do?**

Former Director-general of *Consumentenbond*, which is an independent consumer organisation with (when I retired) nearly 700,000 members (10% of the Dutch Households, 300 staff). Our main activities include testing products and services, solving consumer complaints, strong representation in arbitration committees for consumer complaints in full cooperation with trade associations (nowadays some 40 committees). Moreover, advocacy for consumers interest (negotiations with trade and industry and government). All this to create fair markets, fair competition and well informed consumers.

I am a member of supervisory bodies in the Netherlands, dealing with for instance:

- labels for insurance companies on the quality of their services meeting the criteria of a special
- independent foundation with representatives of the insurance companies and the consumers
- labels for e-commerce/sales on line that are obligatory for all members of the Dutch trade association for companies and retailers which sell products and services online, based on standard contracts negotiated with and approved by the *Consumentenbond*
- labels for call centres based on heavy criteria for the quality of their services also in a special foundation (I was President for some 10 years)
- labels on durability and responsible travel arrangements with the Dutch travel industry

I am head-hunter for independent supervisory people for companies, institutions and associations in the field of healthcare, education, housing etc. This is executed in a foundation under the responsibility of the Dutch Employers’ Association, the Dutch employees associations and an agency/centre for Directors.

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**WILLEMS Josiane (LU)**

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The Luxemburg Farmers’ Union (CPL) is an agricultural organisation aimed at the representation, promotion and advocacy of the agricultural, horticultural and wine sectors at all levels and in all areas that concern them.

**What do I do?**

I am the Director of the CPL which my main responsibilities are:

- analysis and monitoring of all records concerning the Luxembourg agricultural activities (CAP, environmental policy, social policy ... etc)
- representation of the agricultural world at national and international level
- providing information and advice to farmers and wine producers
- publishing our weekly newspaper « de Letzeburger Bauer »
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The Helmholtz Association is Germany's largest scientific research organisation with a total of 30,000 staff. It concentrates its work in six research fields: Energy, Earth and Environment, Health, Key Technologies, Structure of Matter plus Aeronautics, Space and Transport. Research Centre Juelich (my previous organisation) is member of the Helmholtz Association.

**What do I do?**

I am Director Emeritus at the Institute of Energy and Climate Research of the Research Centre Juelich and Professor Emeritus at the Heinrich-Heine University Düsseldorf. I have worked at the EESC since 1998 where I am a member of the INT and TEN Sections. I have been Rapporteur of numerous opinions on energy, innovation, R&D-policy and economic aspects. Contributions to international conferences on these and the issues quoted below.

My specificity is that I am a representative and adviser on issues of European policy such as:

- research and development
- energy
- European and international cooperation
- situation and career aspects of scientists and engineers

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The National Social Rehabilitation Centre (NTsSR) is a member of the Bulgarian Economic and Social Council.

**What do I do?**

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### SECRETARIAT OF GROUP III "VARIOUS INTERESTS"

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CATEGORY III DELEGATES

TO THE

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The National Union of Worker Producers’ Cooperatives (NUWPC) is a nationally represented organisation of production cooperatives in Bulgaria, which was established in 1919. Our member cooperatives, being small and medium enterprises /SME/ have long tradition in the production of: confection – gentlemen’s, lady’s and children’s cloths, knitted fabrics; furniture, woodwork, wooden products; metal and plastic products; shoes and leather products; souvenirs and various domestic services. Furthermore, the Union is the biggest employer of persons with disabilities, who are employed by cooperatives, specialized in this matter.

We are actively involved in formulating the motions for legislative changes in cooperative movement and labour rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. NUWPC is a member of the International Cooperative Alliance /ICA/, Cooperatives Europe, CICOPA /The International Organisation of Industrial, Artisanal and Service Producers’ Co-operatives/ and CECOP /The European Confederation of Co-operatives and worker-owned enterprises active in industry and services.

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**My Organisations:**

- CICIC Belgian branch of EURACOAL (European Association for Coal & Lignite)
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EURISCOAL (founding member in 1995) was a European association of coal importers created to promote the image of coal as clean, reliable, safe and competitive source of energy. CICIC was the Belgian branch of EURISCOAL. In 2008, EURISCOAL merged with EURACOAL grouping producers, importers and consumers of coal and CICIC became the Belgian branch of EURACOAL’s Marketing Committee.

CCI.BE is the Federation of Belgian CC grouping both Belgian regional CC and CC abroad (Belgian Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce Abroad - BLCCA). As these CC are private, an accreditation system has been established in order to guarantee ethics, reliability and representativity of CC both inland and abroad.

**What do I do?**

- After more than 30 years, in marketing coal in Europe, I remain active as consultant in coal related activities especially clean coal and CCS in close connection with EU institutions.
- Having been involved in the board of several Belgian-Lux. Chambers of Commerce, I am now acting as Vice-President of the Federation of Belgian Chambers of Commerce being responsible for the international network of Chambers of Commerce abroad.
- From 1998 through July 2002 (end of ECSC Treaty), I was the Belgian representative as member of Group III – Coal - of the ECSC Consultative Committee in Luxembourg. I continued in the newly formed CCMI, being coordinator for Category 3 and Co-President for over 2 years. My concern is to create a dynamic team spirit amongst the delegates and members of Group III/Cat.3 to enhance the efficiency of CCMI/EESC.

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GOLINI Flora

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The CIU, recognised by the Italian Government, represents the individual and collective interests of middle managers and managers, members of the professions, researchers and high-level professionals in general. The CIU is made up of individuals and associations from every region in Italy. It has created synergies between the different categories of high-level professionals in order to present a common front in consultations with the government, Parliament, business and regional and local authorities.

The CIU has worked at EU level to establish a specific European labour market for high-level professionals, to promote European and international mobility, to promote movement between the public and private sectors and the liberal professions, to safeguard employment and to promote members' experience and careers.

The CIU has set up local representation offices throughout Italy and in various European countries. Our delegates play an active role in every institutional organisation that brings in representatives of the social partners. The CIU is also a member of the National Economic and Labour Council (CNEL), the guidance and monitoring councils (CIV) of the social security institutions, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), the regional economic and labour councils (CREL), etc.

**What do I do?**

CIU Board member. National officer of the CIU for cooperatives of professionals (knowledge cooperatives) and for lifelong learning for high-level professionals. CIU representative on the technical committee of the national fund for lifelong learning for corporate employees, middle managers and managers (Fondazienda).

I am also a Lawyer specialising in EU policies and procedures to obtain EU funding for training, high-tech, renewable energy and SMEs.

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## My Organisation:

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BEUC is the umbrella organisation for 44 of the most important consumer organisation in Europe. We cover 33 European countries (26 EU- except Lithuania). It is our job to represent the interests of consumers in the various EU policies, ranging from CAP to pharmaceuticals, from renewable energy to air passenger rights, from nano-materials to organic food. Our organisation will be 50 in 2012 and is seen as a major stakeholder by EU institutions. We define our policy positions in close coordination with our members. Our current headlines are:

- retail financial services
- informed access to safe and healthy food
- consumer healthcare
- consumer contracts
- digital consumer rights
- affordable energy for all
- safe and sustainable products
- consumer redress

## What do I do?

Being the Director General, I am in charge of leading the activities of the policy experts, on the basis of the strategy prepared by our General Assembly. I represent the organisation in relationships with EU institutions and other stakeholders. It is quite a full time job.

Before joining BEUC, in 2007, I was secretary general of the Belgian “Commission Universitaire pour le Développement”, which managed development cooperation projects between Belgian French speaking Universities and their counterparts in developing countries.

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EVTA is a vocational training network comprised of 23 members from 15 European countries, representing different actors in vocational training. Between them EVTA's members manage approximately 2000 regional and local training centres employ 50,000 trainers and train over 1,000,000 people per year. EVTA is by its members recognized as the reference network in the field of Lifelong Learning and the management of professional competences. With its position and direct links to vocational training institutes all over Europe EVTA has a strong position in the transfer and mutualisation of products all over Europe. EVTA's priorities, resulting in three technical working groups:

- upskilling of workers, anticipating restructuring processes and employability of people (management of human capital);
- certification and transparency of qualifications (including the use of ECVET and EQF);
- competence-based and work-based learning (including mobility and the training of trainers and trainers mentors in the work-placement companies).

What do I do?
I have more than twenty years of experience in the field of vocational training and in labor market policy. I also worked for several years in the European Commission.

Having been the Vice-chairman of the EUCIS – LLL platform (civil society platform of 23 EU associations) for several years, I followed the discussions on education and training at EU level. I have a strong link with the most relevant actors at national or regional level dealing with vocational and training issues.

As the general secretary of EVTA, I'm responsible for the daily management of the central office.

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The AMSP is an open apolitical platform which brings together small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as trades people and their organisations from the Czech Republic. It represents the interests of more than 254,000 entrepreneurial entities and keeps its important position within European structures.

**What do I do?**

I am the founding member and Chairman of the Association of small and medium-sized enterprises and crafts and the Vice-President of UEAPME, which is the employers’ organisation representing the interests of European crafts, trades and SMEs at EU level and represents more than 12 million enterprises. For many years, I have been the General Manager for Sindat Group, a holding of European SME’s in the chemicals, biomedicines and textiles manufacturing sectors. I am also closely cooperating with the academic sector, where I hold the position of Dean of the Faculty of Economic Studies at the University of Finance and Administration, regularly publishing several professional texts and books on management.

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The Social Platform is the largest civil society alliance committed to social justice and participatory democracy in Europe and is a privileged dialoguing partner of the EU on social policy issues. Consisting of 43 pan-European networks of NGOs, the Social Platform campaigns to ensure that EU policies are developed in partnership with the people they affect, respecting fundamental rights, promoting solidarity and improving living conditions for all.

**What do I do?**

Being a Vice-President of the Social Platform, I am member of its Management Committee and chair its permanent Social Policy Working Group. I also serve as International Co-operation Officer to EURAG, the European Federation of Older Persons, and am a member of the Working Group on Ageing of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. Furthermore I am a lecturer of European and comparative social policy at Linz University (AT), segment “Social Economics”, as well as at the universities for applied sciences in Graz (AT) and Lucerne (CH).

My specific areas of interest and competence are:

- social policy issues
- demographic change and ageing society
- services of general interest
- social and societal consequences of economic change
- participatory democracy
- fundamental rights.

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"Rural Solidarity" is a major trade union, as so it can be interpreted as socio-economic civil society organisation in the field of economic, territorial and rural development. Given the fact that Poland is one of the largest agricultural producer among European countries, the changes in the agricultural industry, issues related to the production of genetically modified crops, climate change, causing the need to modify both the agricultural cultures and the need to adapt to these changes in the industry of agricultural machinery and tools, production of plant protection products, technologies, and storage of agricultural products as processed food, etc., in our environment causes a deep interest in the transformation of the European economy, where the vessel is connected to the Polish agriculture. This made me interesting with development of SME, especially in non-urban territories.

**What do I do?**

By profession I am a lawyer, currently working for the Institute of Mechanized Construction and Rock Mining. I am especially interested in the field of technology and industry as well as in the issues related to sustainable development and environmental protection as well as transformations in the economy of the Member States of the European Union. During my work in Institute I gained experience in the transfer of innovation from science to entrepreneurs. In the third sector I am connected with science and social foundations and the trade unions for over sixteen years. I used to represent them by the International Labour Organisation in Geneva (during three annual sessions) and have successfully worked in the last term of the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels, as a member of the NAT and INT section.
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Apcadec is a member of the International Federation of Purchasing and Supply Management (worldwide organisation). Its major objectives are:

- Research activities in the field of the global supply chain and to produce studies on various subjects to be used by its members
- Organisation of specific training courses, life long learning programs of the associates and enterprises in order to increase competences and general qualification skills of the professionals
- Partnership with the Portuguese Universities (Lisbon) and other private organisation in organisation of post-graduation courses in the field of the supply chain business
- General Purchasing surveys in some industrial sectors (automotive and chemicals)

What do I do?

Owing to my 35 years experience in the automotive industry (Ford Assembly Plants in Portugal), I am involved in the surveys and studies of specific sectors and I am teaching in the training courses.

I am also working as consultant helping industrial base enterprises (one SME and other Big Enterprises) in the fields of Strategic Management.

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LEOON Consulting is the umbrella for my consulting activities on innovation, telecommunications, competitiveness and creative industries. Recently, we worked on service innovation (DG Enterprise & Industry), participated in an innovation performance review of Belarus (United Nations Commission for Europe (UNECE)), an innovation action plan for Ukraine (European Commission), reviewed the support structures for Creative Industries in EU27 (DG Enterprise and Industry) and studied the relationship between innovation and regulation (Austrian Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology). We are also involved in a number of European projects like Erawatch.

Community-based Innovation Systems GmbH (cbased) is a start-up that has successfully developed and managed public and private eConsultations. cbased is in the process of developing a new collaborative platform that will create a community interested in participating and/or running decision making process themselves. cbased offers free and payable services.

What do I do?
Besides managing the above-mentioned companies, I am a member of the UNECE Team of Specialists on Innovation and Competitiveness Policies (TOS-ICP) and a Lecturer at the Vienna University of Technology, Institute of Management Science.

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EEAC is a network of around 30 councils from 15 European countries. All of them were established by national and regional governments with the task to provide independent, scientifically based advice and provide dialogue among relevant stakeholders. It comprises more than three decades of continuous experience both in national and international environmental and sustainable development policies and law, with around 400 key senior actors from academia, civil society/NGOs and the private sector now participating in the network. The councils and EEAC seek to “bridge the gap” between scientific knowledge and policymaking, and include stakeholder expertise and perspectives and act as a forum for dialogue, discussion and deliberation between disciplines and stakeholders, where councils can operate on the basis of consensus. EEAC prepares its policy advice in five Working Groups: Sustainable Development / Governance, Energy, Land-use, Biodiversity, Marine. It has cooperated with the EESC, and particularly the SD Observatory since its establishment.

**What do I do?**

I have been the Secretary-General and Head of a small secretariat since 1999, and moved with the job from Germany to The Netherlands to Brussels. I organise and facilitate the networks' activities, support our Working Groups with policy briefings and conducting of small studies and analyses. I have worked mainly on governance for sustainable development, including national and EU strategies for SD (and similar), institutional and procedural questions, and impact assessment, as well as related issues like indicators and economic policies. Previous studies and work experience include geography, environmental planning, EIA and SEA (environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment), law and political science. While I normally focus on EU policy-making (with linking to the national and regional level), the global dimension is now also more included, mainly through preparations for the forthcoming UN conference UNCSD 2012 (“Rio plus 20”).

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### My Organisations:

**Reseau Européen des Villes & Régions de l'Economie Sociale - REVES**  
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**The European Confederation of Workers' Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and Social and Participative Enterprises - CECOP**  
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REVES is a unique European organisation of the social economy as it is regrouping social economy organisations as well as local and regional authorities in 12 countries in Europe. It fosters the private-public partnership at territorial level and represent its unique partnership at European level

Cecop is the European Confederation of Workers' Cooperatives, Social Cooperatives and Social and Participative Enterprises representing those enterprises at EU level

### What do I do?

With regard to the two above-mentioned European organisations I am co-president of REVES and vice president of Cecop. In Sweden I am active in promoting new cooperative and social enterprises. I have a large experience in local/regional economic and social development also in relation to industrial restructuring. I am on the Board of some cooperative organisations and also President of one.
# PÈES Christian

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With its 15,000 farmers and 5,000 employees, Euralis is among the leading European agricultural and agri-food markets operators. The cooperative is a highly trusted partner to professionals in the agricultural and food sectors. Rooted in South-western France, the group is active throughout France and internationally. Originally having concentrated on corn, Euralis has diversified to offer new opportunities to its membership. Today, it is the world's largest producer of **foie gras**, it controls the primary catering distribution network in France and is a major European player in the corn market and a leading seed producer.

**What do I do?**

I have been the President of Euralis Group since 2000. I am first and foremost a farmer: I grow to Athos-Aspis (Pyrénées-Atlantiques) have 30ha of sweet corn production and I raise pigs for the production of cured ham. With my duties as Vice President of Momagri (Movement for a World of Agriculture) and Vice-President of Cogeca (General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union), I endeavour to defend the importance of maintaining agriculture in France and, more broadly, throughout Europe.

**For a country without agriculture is a country without a future!**

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| F I B E S Foundation, registered in Romania under no.386/2000 – Register of Foundations; No. RO 13127732 – Fiscal Code, has been set up as N G O – specialized in financial banking expertise study and standardisation for an independent and competitive economic policy, adjusting the applied control techniques, auditing of the banking services to the real industrial sectors towards the transition to the EURO Zone. |

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EKAI Centre is a think-tank, closely related to socio-economic policies and, very specially, to economic policy and industrial policy. The most important activities in EKAI Centre are: research, working papers and position papers, dissemination of knowledge related to socio-economic policies, publication of books, documents, etc.

At the moment, there are 13 people working in EKAI Centre, in two offices located in Mondragon.

**What do I do?**

I am the Executive President in EKAI Centre. Apart from managing EKAI, I write and publish papers and books. My latest books have been “Economic Policy” and “Industrial Policy”. At the moment, I am working on three different books related to “Monetary Policy”, “Innovation Policy” and “Regional Industrial Policy”.

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