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## Speakers biographies

(in chronological order)



### Moderator:

#### Shada ISLAM

##### Specialist on European Union Affairs

Shada Islam is an influential Brussels-based specialist on European Union affairs who works independently as a commentator, advisor, analyst and strategist on Europe, Asia, Africa, Geopolitics, Trade, Migration, Inclusion, Diversity and Women's Empowerment. She runs her own Brussels-based global strategy and advisory media company, New Horizons Project (NHP).

She is a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin) and a Solvay Fellow at the Vrije University Brussel (VUB). In 2017, she was selected as one of the 20 most influential women in Brussels by the magazine Politico. Shada is a Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for Global Development. She is a member of the European Policy Centre's Strategic Council and Senior Advisor for its Europe in the World programme.

## Opening Remarks



#### Stefano MALLIA

##### President of the Employers' Group, EESC

Mr Stefano Mallia has been a member of the European Economic and Social Committee since 2010 and is the President of the EESC Employers' Group since 2020. Prior, he was the Vice-President of the Employers' Group and President of the Brexit follow-up Committee within the EESC.

During the course of his career, Mr Mallia has been involved in a number of high profile projects, including the carrying out of assignments for the European Commission as well as EU agencies such the European Agency for SMEs (EASME). He was Vice President, Deputy President and President of the Malta Chamber of Commerce (2010 – 2013).



## **Christa SCHWENG**

### **President of the EESC**

Christa Schweng was elected President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) in October 2020. She has been an EESC member for 22 years, working as rapporteur for several opinions. She is the outgoing president of the EESC's Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship and chaired the Labour Market Observatory from 2013 to 2015.

Ms Schweng gained deep expertise in social and employment issues, working as an advisor both at EU level and in her native Austria. Outside the EESC, she works for the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

She has been a member of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work since 1995 and has held every three years the rotating presidency of the Board of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work since 2001. She chaired the SME United Social Affairs Committee between 2001 and 2009.

Christa Schweng holds a master's degree in law from the University of Vienna.

## **Keynote Speakers**



## **Herman VAN ROMPUY**

### **President Emeritus of the European Council**

Elected as the first full-time President of the European Council in November 2009, Herman Van Rompuy took office when the Lisbon Treaty came into force on 1 December 2009. In 2012, he was re-elected for a second term starting on 1 June 2012 and running until 30 November 2014.

Today, Mr Van Rompuy is active in his functions as President of the European Policy Centre, Honorary President of the Club of Rome, President of the Centre international de formation européenne and as visiting Professor in the College of Europe, to list just some of his functions.

Before his time as President of the European Council, Herman Van Rompuy was Prime Minister of Belgium. Prior to that he had served in Belgium as Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007-2008) and in several government positions, including as Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (1993-1999), Minister of State (2004) and Secretary of State for Finance and Small Businesses (1988).

A former economist at the National Bank of Belgium, Herman Van Rompuy began his political career in 1973 as national vice-president of his party's youth movement. He has held various responsibilities within his party and in the Belgian Parliament, serving in turn as Senator (1988-1995) and Member of Parliament (1995-2009).



## **Daria TATAJ**

**Founder & CEO of Tataj Innovation, author of "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: A Growth Model for Europe Beyond the Crisis"**

Daria Tataj is an entrepreneur, author, and social media influencer. She founded Tataj Innovation to bring her experience in influencing power networks and driving system change to executives and teams around the world. The company's Network IQ Methodology is used for assessment and development of core leadership competencies in high-impact virtual organizations.

Dr. Tataj is a well-known expert and her book "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" has impacted the model of the key funding institutions in Europe as well as the 100 billion EUR budget for research and innovation.

Dr. Tataj believes that 'a small group of committed citizens can change the world.' She is followed by over 24.000 decision makers on LinkedIn and hosts monthly webinar series on leadership, skills for future, and the power of strategic networking.

## **Panel Experts**



## **Christophe NAULLEAU**

**CSR Senior Vice-President at Orange Europe**

Christophe Naulleau is Europe CSR Vice President and Chairman of the Board at Orange Brand Service Ld, London for the French telecoms company for which he has worked in varying positions for more than 24 years.

Mr Naulleau currently holds office as the Head of Group in the UK and Board member at Orange Spain and Orange Slovakia and acts as the Director of the Orange board members program for the 500 subsidiaries of the Group.



## **Daniela DUCATO**

**Co-founder of EDIZERO green industries**

Born in 1960 in Cagliari (Italy), Daniela Ducato is co-founder and CEO of biomaterial manufacturing company EDIZERO green industries which was included in 2016 at the World Economy Forum among the ten excellences in the field of biotechnology as it turns different types of waste into reusable biomaterials.

In 2018 Ms Ducato was recognized as Italy's "Most influential innovative woman" for her role in guiding new visions and creating collaborative networks capable of transforming social and environmental values into economic values within the green industry. In 2015, she was awarded the Order of Knight (Cavaliere) in recognition of environmental services to the Italian Republic.



**Emiliyan ENEV**  
**CEO of ReCheck B.V.**

Emiliyan Enev is a digital entrepreneur and co-founder of ReCheck. As a regular speaker at blockchain and business events he advocates the potential of emerging technologies to create new business models. He is in the boards of several organisations committed to supporting early stage innovative companies. With ReCheck Mr Enev is determined to contribute to the practical application of the blockchain technology as a means of transparent environment for secure transactions.

Mr Enev has launched successfully several new projects in the last 5 years – a platform for mobile marketing, a co-working space and initiative for national hackathons. Emiliyan is winner in the competition App Challenge 2.0 organised by UniCredit Bulbank and winner in the competition The Outstanding Young Persons of Bulgaria 2018 organised by JCI.



**Martin PEI**  
**Executive Vice President & CTO at SSAB AB**

Dr. Martin Pei has a BSc degree in Ferrous Metallurgy, Northeastern University, Shenyang, China and a PhD degree in Process Metallurgy, the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. Dr. Pei started his working experience in 1994 at Danieli and since 2001 he has been employed at SSAB, holding several management positions as R&D manager and GM for primary operations in Oxelösund, Sweden. Since 2007 he has served as Executive Vice President & CTO at SSAB. During 2010 and 2014 Dr. Pei also served as head of SSAB Business Area APAC.

Dr. Pei is the initiator of the HYBRIT initiative, a cooperation between SSAB, LKAB and Vattenfall, and served as the first term Chairman of Board for Hybrit Development AB. He is currently Chairman of Board for SWERIM – the Swedish Research Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Metals Research, and Member of Board for Jernkontoret. Dr. Pei is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy for Engineering Sciences (IVA).



**Dominick MOXON-TRITSCH**  
**Vice-President, Regulation & Public Policy, Bolt**

Dominick Moxon-Tritsch is Vice President of Regulation and Public Policy for Bolt, Europe's leading ride-hailing platform. He has previously served as Head of Public Policy Europe for Uber and as Head of Government Relations work for the German logistics giant, Hermes.

Operating at the intersection of technological innovation, regulation and the policy-making process, Dominick has helped cities, national governments and supra-national policy bodies across the world to make sense of innovation and transport regulation.

## Closing Remarks



### **Antje GERSTEIN**

#### **Member of the Employers' Group, EESC**

Antje Gerstein, Managing Director of the German Retail Federation (HDE), is in charge of driving sustainability for the retail sector and heads the Brussels office of HDE. Furthermore she is member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

Before joining HDE in 2017 Ms Gerstein was for eight years Managing Director with the Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA) and Permanent Delegate of BDA within BUSINESSEUROPE. Previously, she has supervised International Social Policy as Deputy Director of the "European Union and International Affairs" department of BDA and was the delegate of the German employers at the International Labour Conference of the ILO in Geneva.