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| **Alain Coheur**, President of the Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption (INT), EESC | |
| COHEUR, Alain | Alain Coheur is the President of the INT Section of the EESC since October 2020 and was appointed as EESC Group III member in 2015. During the previous mandate, he was President of the EESC Temporary Study Group on Social Economy Enterprises and co-spokesperson for the Social Economy Category. During his career, he was in charge of various positions in the development of social economy organizations. He is currently the Director for European and International Affairs at the Belgian National Union of Socialist Mutual Health Funds (since 2002). |

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| **Ferre Wyckmans**, Member of the EESC | |
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| **Milena Angelova,** EESC Quaestor, Secretary-General of BICA | |
| cid:image005.jpg@01D85A4D.5A9670E0 | Dr Milena Angelova has been serving as Secretary-General of the Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association since 2002. She is a member of the EESC since 2007, used to be the EESC Vice-President in charge of the budget and is now a quaestor. She is the Executive Vice-President of the European Social Partner representing the services of general interest providers - CEEP since 2011. Dr Angelova is a member of the Bulgarian Economic and Social Council since 2005. Before joining BICA, she worked in the real estate sector and tourism. She is senior research fellow at the Institute of Economics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and was lecturing in different programmes in the area of international business and marketing. She issued more than 50 scientific publications in the area of marketing and of corporate governance. |

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| **Birgit Weidel**, Head of unit responsible for SMEs, Directorate-General GROW, European Commission | |
|  | Since June 2018, Birgit Weidel is heading the unit responsible for promoting the competitiveness of SMEs and designing SME support policies in DG GROW.  Birgit joined the Commission in 2004. She has extensive experience in the internal market for goods and industrial policy. Before joining the SME unit, she served as Deputy Head of Unit in the advanced engineering industries, dealing with standardization, digitalization and trade negotiations.  Previously, she worked as assistant professor at the Vienna University of Economics, where she conducted research on the external economic relations of the EU.  Birgit holds a law degree from the University of Vienna as well as a master degree in European Community law from the College of Europe in Bruges. |

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| **Luca Aguzzoni**, Expert for SME matters, Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission | |
| Luca Aguzzoni's Email | Luca is working as a Policy officer in the European Commission in the Recovery and Resilience Task Force, which is responsible for steering the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and for coordinating the European Semester. Before he worked as an economist specialized in competition policy at DG COMP (chief economist team) and in private practice. He has experience on cases of abuse of dominance and collusion, mergers, follow-on private damages claims, IPRs damages assessment, technical assistance (World Bank projects), ex-post merger evaluation. Before specializing on competition issues he worked as an economist on social security and pension issues. Luca graduated in Economics at Bocconi University and holds a PhD in Economics from the European University Institute. |

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| **Vicente Hurtado Roa,** Head of the Energy Taxation and other Indirect Taxes Unit, European Commission | |
| https://e-camara.com/web/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/foto-Vicente-Hurtado-Roa-002.jpg | Vicente Hurtado Roa is the Head of the Unit in the European Commission responsible for Energy Taxation and other indirect taxes. His first steps in the Directorate General for Taxation started in 2006 when he was responsible for drafting the review of the Savings Directive before becoming the assistant to two previous Director Generals responsible for taxation. His experience in the European Commission also covers seven years in the Secretary General, working first on the European Semester and then in the relations with the European Council. Previously to join the European Commission, Vicente had been a tax consultant in Garrigues for ten years with an expertise in international taxation. |

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| **Paolo BORCHIA ,** Member of the European Parliement (Identity and Democracy Group) | |
| cid:image001.jpg@01D7CCB1.BC505D20 | Political science graduate of the University of Padua, Mr Borchia started his career as an administration and production manager for the family-run business, and later took up a consultancy post in the financial sector. Between 2010 and 2019, he served in the European Parliament first as an accredited parliamentary assistant and later as a political advisor. After running for the 2019 European elections and winning by gathering 37,441 preferences, he took up duties as coordinator of the “Identity and Democracy” political group in the committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). His primary legislative objectives focus on supporting SMEs' growth, especially in terms of simplifying tax systems, streamlining of bureaucracy, modernizing work tools through concrete and immediate tax incentives and, last but not least, ensuring access to direct economic support in case of exceptional difficulty |

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| **Henna Virkkunen,** Member of the European Parliament | |
| Henna VIRKKUNEN | Henna VIRKKUNEN has been working for the European Parliament since 2014. She currently is a MEP in the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats). She is a member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy  (ITRE) and the Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). Previously, she has served as a Minister of Education, Minister of Local Government and Administration and Minister of Transport. She has a master of Arts of University of Jyväskylä and she is a licentiate of Philosophy in the same University. |

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| **Özgür Öner**, Director at GdW- Federal Association of German Housing and Real Estate Companies representing SGI Europe | |
| C:\Users\daber\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Gdw _0184 Kopie.JPG | Dr. Özgür Öner was born in 1968. He studied Political Science and worked in 1998 as head of office of the then Vice President at the European Parliament, Magdalene Hoff, in Brussels, Belgium. From 1998 till 2001 he served as senior officer in charge of European Affairs at the Ministry for European Affairs of the German Land North Rhine Westphalia, in Bonn, Germany and from 2001 till 2006 he was managing director of the EU-Representation of the Deutsche Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband in Brussels (German Welfare Association) and speaker of the German health care and social service providers at European level. From 2007 till 2010 he was senior consultant for public affairs at eacon in Brussels. Since 2010 he is director of the EU-Representation of GdW in Brussels - the German public and private real estate and housing association and chair of the Urban Affairs Committee of Housing Europe. He was the former president of European public housing companies' section and former Vice-president of Housing Europe, the European Housing Federation |

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| **Lina Konstantinopoulou**, Policy Director, Eurochambers | |
| C:\Users\daber\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\2019_08_26_Lina_020 (2).jpg | Lina Konstantinopoulou is the Policy Director at Eurochambres. She is currently managing a team of Heads of Policy and Policy Advisors in five policy priority areas Global Trade, Single Market, Skills and Entrepreneurship, SME and Economic Policy, Sustainable Europe, Neighbourhood and Enlargement.  She has been leading NGO strategic planning and programming activities, management of various multi-stakeholder platforms and policy / public affairs and communication activities as well as managed a wide range of European research & innovation projects earlier in her career. |

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| **Steffen Engling**, Climate Policy Adviser, Business Europe | |
| Steffen Engling | Steffen Engling has been working on European climate policy since 2016. In 2021 he became the adviser on EU & International Climate Policy at Business Europe, which is one of the leading advocates for growth and competitiveness at European level. BusinessEurope represents companies of all sizes from across the continent, binging together 40 business and employer federations from 35 countries.  He holds a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree in International Relations. |

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| **Victor Meseguer,** Director, Social Economy Europe | |
| Portrait session with Career Coach Birgitta Bechtold | Dani Oshi | Víctor Meseguer joined Social Economy Europe, the voice of the 2.8 million social economy enterprises and organisations in the EU, in 2014. Since 2018 he represents Social Economy Europe at the European Commission Expert Group on social economy and social enterprises and at the UN Taskforce on Social and Solidarity Economy. He studied a BA in Political Science at the Pompeu Fabra University of Barcelona. SEE is responsible for the secretariat of the European Parliament’s Social Economy Intergroup formed by more than 80 Members of the European Parliament belonging to the main political groups. |

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| **Guido Lena,** Director Sustainable Development, SMEunited | |
| C:\Users\daber\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\Foto Guido Lena SMEunited.jpg | Guido Lena (Italian–1965) has been Director for Environmental Affairs in UEAPME from 1999 till 2008, when he was appointed Director for Sustainable Development, extending his competences to energy and climate change. His experience covers the challenges and the opportunities of sustainability in SMEs. He’s been a member of several consultative committees and high level groups set up by the EU Commission and worked as an expert for the EESC. He’s currently a member of the European Circular Economy Platform Coordination Group. Due to the r name change of his organisation, he’s been Director for Sustainable Development in SMEunited since November 2018. |

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| **Mark Bergfeld,** Director Property Services & UNICARE, UNI-Europa | |
| Mark Bergfeld | Mark Bergfeld is the Director of Property Services and UNICARE at UNI Global Union—Europa, representing cleaners, private security workers and care workers across Europe. He coordinates the European Works Councils in the sector and European Sectoral Social Dialogue committees amongst others. He holds a PhD from Queen Mary University of London. In a previous life, he was active in the mobilisations around the Copenhagen Climate Summit in 2009 and active in climate justice networks in the UK and Germany. |

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| **Arthur ten Wolde,** Executive Director, Ecopreneur | |
| C:\Users\daber\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\7519C8DF.tmp | Arthur ten Wolde is the executive director and circular economy expert of [Ecopreneur.eu](http://Ecopreneur.eu). In addition, he is a member of the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform Coordination Group (ECESP-CG), certified Trainer Circular Design for [CIRCO](https://circonl.nl/english/) and Head and Owner of Circular Future. Based in the Netherlands, Arthur worked earlier for various employers including the Dutch Industry Confederation VNO-NCW. He has a Ph.D. in experimental physics and is certified polymer technologist**.** |

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| **Stefano Pogutz,** Director of Full Time MBA, SDA Bocconi School of Management | |
| image.png | Stefano Pogutz is the Full Time MBA Director and Professor of Corporate Sustainability at SDA Bocconi School of Management. He is Internal Fellow at the Sustainability Lab, SDA Bocconi School of Management and Research Fellow and he is part of the Department of Management and Technology, Università Bocconi.  Since 2012, he is member of the Sustainability Committee of Univeristà Bocconi. Since 2019, he is the Head of Vertical on Sustainability, at Bocconi for Innovation (B4I), the university hub for pre-acceleration, acceleration of startups and corporate entrepreneurship. His research interests and expertise are in corporate sustainability, environmental management, corporate social responsibility, technology and innovation management. His research has been published in several books and international peer-reviewed journals.  Stefano earned a Degree in Business Administration from Bocconi University and a PhD in International Management - Innovation, Services and Sustainability, from the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa. |