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# CALL TO EUROPE V: 'ISLAM IN EUROPE'

## FINAL PROGRAMME

### DAY 1

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

*Venue: Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Bruxelles*

*Translation: EN/FR/IT/DE provided*

08:30

**REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**

09:00 – 10:00

**OPENING**

**Massimo D'ALEMA**, President of FEPS and former Prime Minister of Italy

**Gianni PITTELLA**, President of the S&D Group to the European Parliament

10:00 – 13:00

**SESSION 1: POLITICS & RELIGION**

#### ACADEMICS

**Cosimo ZENE**, Reader in the Study of Religions, SOAS,  
University of London

**Hartmut ELSSENHANS**, Professor Emeritus at Leipzig University

**Elie BARNAVI**, Historian and Diplomat, former Israel  
Ambassador to France

**Joël KOTEK**, Historian, Université Libre de Bruxelles, ULB

#### POLICY MAKERS

**Marju LAURISTIN**, Member of the European Parliament

**Julie WARD**, Member of the European Parliament

**Kader SEVINC**, Representative to the European Union, CHP  
Republican People's Party Turkey

**Hurşit GUNES**, Member of the Progressive Thought  
Institute, former Member of the Turkish Parliament

#### CIVIL SOCIETY

**Haizam AMIRAH-FERNÁNDEZ**, Senior Analyst for the  
Mediterranean and the Arab World, the Elcano Royal Institute

**Amanda FIGUERAS**, Journalist, Multimedia Reporter, United  
Nations Alliance of Civilizations fellow

**Ulf CARMESUND**, Secretary General of Religious Social  
Democrats of Sweden

**Hamid BENICHO**, Founder of "Initiatives citoyennes pour un  
Islam de Belgique"

#### REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

**Philippe MARKIEWICZ**, President of the Israelit Central  
Consistory of Belgium

**Hocine BEN ADBERRAHMANE**, historian and Imam at the  
Brussels El Azhar Mosque

**Henri BARTHOLOMEEUSEN**, President of the Belgian Secular  
Action Centre (CAL) and Co-Chairman of the Central Secular  
Council (CCL)

**Tarafa BAGHAJATI**, Cultural Officer of the Islamic Community  
in Vienna, Chair of AMI 'Austrian Muslim Initiative', Member  
of ENAR' Advisory Council

**S.E. Mgr Alain LEBEAUPIN**, Apostolic Nuncio to the European  
Union

**Albert GUIGUI**, Chief Rabbi of Brussels

*Moderator: Bruno LIEBHABERG*, Chair of the Scientific Council of FEPS, Professor, Université Libre de  
Bruxelles' Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM, ULB).

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13:00 – 14:00

## LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:00

## SESSION 2: DYNAMICS OF RADICALISATION

### ACADEMICS

**Johan LEMAN**, Emeritus Professor in social and cultural anthropology at the Faculty of Social Sciences at K.U. Leuven, Belgium

**Christian DEUBNER**, Political Scientist, FEPS Scientific Council

**Hassan HAKIMIAN**, Director of the London Middle East Institute at SOAS, University of London

**Ismail Mesut SEZGIN**, Executive Director, Centre for Hizmet Studies, London

### CIVIL SOCIETY

**Jean-François DAGUZAN**, Senior Research Fellow, University of Paris, Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS)

**Carlos CARNERO**, Director General, Fundacion Alternativas

**Lena SLACHMUIJLDER**, Vice President Programmes, Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

### POLICY MAKERS

**Tanja FAJON**, Member of the European Parliament

**Afzal KHAN**, Member of the European Parliament

**Ana GOMES**, Member of the European Parliament

**Kati PIRI**, Member of the European Parliament

**Fatima ELATIK**, former Chairwoman of Amsterdam-East district, Dutch Politician

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**Noureddine SMAILI**, President of the Executive Muslims of Belgium (EMB)

**Salah ECHALLAOUI**, President of the ASBL "College of Muslim Executive of Belgium

**Albert GUIGUI**, Chief Rabbi of Brussels

*Moderator:* **Victoria MARTIN DE LA TORRE**, Founding Member of Foro Abraham (Spain) and UN alliance of Civilisations Fellow

17:00 – 17:20 **FINAL REMARKS**

**Federica MOGHERINI**, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission



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# CALL TO EUROPE V: 'ISLAM IN EUROPE'

## CONFERENCE FINAL PROGRAMME

### DAY 2

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015**

*Venue: Concert Noble, Rue d'Arlon 82, 1000 Bruxelles*

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08:45

#### REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

09:00 – 11:30

#### SESSION 3: ECONOMIC & SOCIAL POLICY IN INTEGRATION

##### ACADEMICS

**Robin WILSON**, Researcher, Analyst and Journalist

**Marwan MOHAMMAD**, Sociologist, Senior Researcher at  
National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

**Erkan TOGUSLU**, Researcher, Interculturalism, Migration and  
Minorities Research Centre, KU Leuven

**Stefano RIZZO**, former Professor of International Affairs at the  
University of Rome La Sapienza, FEPS Scientific Council

##### POLICY MAKERS

**Muna DUZDAR**, Member of Vienna State Parliament and  
the Vienna City Council

**Enrique GUERRERO SALOM**, Member of the European  
Parliament

**Rachid MADRANE**, Minister of Youth Aid, Houses of Justice  
and Promotion of Brussels to the Federation Wallonia-  
Brussels

**James McKAY**, Cabinet Member for Inclusion, Birmingham  
City Council

##### CIVIL SOCIETY

**Michaël PRIVOT**, Director of the European Network Against  
Racism (ENAR), Scholar of Arabic language and Islamic Studies

**Ghias AL-JUNDI**, Syrian Journalist and Human Rights Activist

**Rainer MUNZ**, Head of Research & Knowledge Center (Erste  
Group)

**Ignacio CEMBRERO**, Reporter, *El Mundo*

##### REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

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**Mehmet CELEBI**, Member of the Board, Central Council of  
Muslims in Germany (ZMD)

**Tarafa BAGHAJATI**, Cultural Officer of the Islamic  
Community in Vienna, Chair of AMI 'Austrian Muslim  
Initiative', Member of ENAR Advisory Council

*Moderator: Piotr PLEWA, Senior Expert at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Poland*



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11:30 – 13:30

## PROGRESSIVE LEADERS ON ISLAM

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Opening: **Massimo D'ALEMA**, President of Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)  
former Prime Minister of Italy

- **Sergei STANISHEV** – President of the Party of European Socialists
- **Pedro SÁNCHEZ** - Leader of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE)
- **Diederik SAMSOM** - Leader of the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA)
- **József TÓBIAS** - Leader of the Hungarian Socialist Party (MSZP)
- **Ouafa HAJJI** – President of the Socialist International Women (SIW)
- **Laura SLIMANI** – President of Young European Socialists (YES)
- **Árni Páll ÁRNASON** - Leader of the Icelandic Social Democratic Alliance
- **Charles PICQUÉ** - Minister of State, President of the Brussels Parliament, Mayor of Saint-Gilles

Closing remarks: **Jean-Christophe CAMBADÉLIS**, Leader of the French Socialist Party (PS)

Moderator: **Ernst STETTER**, Secretary General of FEPS

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13:30 – 14:00

## LUNCH

Rapporteurs: **Christophe Sente**, Université Libre de Bruxelles (in cooperation with FEPS YOUNG ACADEMICS NETWORK and S&D Group)

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## SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHIES

### AL-JUNDI, Ghias

Ghias Al-Jundi is a writer and human rights advocate who has been living in London for the last 16 years. He published books of short stories and poetry and led the research on freedom of expression on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) for several major human rights organisations. Aljundi is the editor of *Fleeting Words*, an Anthology of the Tunisian Revolution.

### AMIRAH-FERNÁNDEZ, Haizam

Haizam Amirah-Fernández is Senior Analyst for the Mediterranean and the Arab World at Elcano Royal Institute in Madrid and Associate Professor of International Relations at IE Business School. He specializes in international relations, political Islam, intercultural dialogue, and transitions to democracy in the Arab world, where he has lived for over sixteen years.

He holds a BA from the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and an MA in Arab Studies on a Fulbright scholarship from Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. He completed his studies at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium) and at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

He has lectured at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Georgetown University, Saint Louis University, Universidad CEU San Pablo, and the Universitat de Barcelona, among others.

Professor Amirah-Fernández has published extensively on Middle Eastern and North African affairs. He has worked for the United Nations in New York and for Human Rights Watch in Washington DC. He is a frequent commentator in the Spanish and international media.

### ÁRNASON, Árni Páll

Árni Páll Árnason is the Leader of the Icelandic Social Democratic Alliance since 2013. Mr. Árnason served in the government of Iceland as Minister of Social Affairs from 2009 to 2010 and as Minister of Business Affairs from 2010 to 2011.

He has served as a Member of Parliament for the Social Democratic Party since 2007. He is currently member of the Economic Affairs Committee and EU-Iceland joint Parliamentary Committee in the Althingi. He is a member of the Presidency of the Party of European Socialists. Born in Reykjavik, he received a law degree from the University of Iceland in 1991 and a postgraduate degree in European Law from the College of Europe, where he studied from 1991 to 1992. He became an attorney in 1997.

### **BAGHAJATI, Tarafa**

Tarafa Baghajati is the Chair of the AMI Austrian Muslim Initiative, established in 1999 and the Cultural Officer of the Islamic Community in Vienna. He is a former Board member (2001-2004) and Vice President (2004-2007) of the European Network against Racism ENAR.

He is currently a member of the ENAR Advisory Council, Steering Group Member of the PIE Platform for Intercultural Europe, Board member of EMISCO European Muslim Initiative for Social Cohesion, and Vice Chair of Islamic Institute for Adults Education-Vienna WIIEB. Baghajati has been actively involved for the last decade in TARGET, an organisation dedicated for prevention of female genital mutilation (FGM) in Europe and Africa. Born in Damascus, Syria, he is a civil engineer by profession.

### **BARNAVI, Elie**

Elie Barnavi is Emeritus Professor of European Early Modern History at Tel Aviv University and Scientific Advisor to the Museum of Europe in Brussels. From 2000 to 2002 he served as the Ambassador of Israel to France.

Eli Barnavi has written about twenty books on France and Europe in the turmoil of the Religious Wars and on the contemporary history of Israel and of the Jewish people. He published numerous studies in professional journals in Europe, the US and Canada, as well as political articles in the Israeli and European press. Born in Bucharest, Romania, Eli Barnavi has studied History and Political Science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in Tel Aviv University and in Paris IV-Sorbonne.

### **BEN ABDERRAHMANE, Hocine**

Hocine Ben Abderrahmane is a historian and Imam at the Brussels El Azhar Mosque. Since 2000. He has been invited lecturer several times at the Université Catholique du Louvain, at the Interdisciplinary Center on Islam and Contemporary World, where he discussed the role of Islam in Belgium and in Brussels.

He is the coordinator of the reflection group Abouyoussouf, which gathers students, professors and other intellectuals from the Muslim community in Brussels.

### **BENICHO, Halmid**

Hamid Benichou is Founder of the "*Initiatives citoyen pour un islam de Belgique*" who has been working on the subject of Islam in Belgium since 1986. District officer of the municipal police of Saint Josse.



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### **BARTHOLOMEEUSEN, Henri**

Henri Bartholomeeusen is a registered lawyer at the Brussels Bar and a former member of the Bar association.

Grand Master of the Belgian Grand Orient from 2005 to 2007, he is Honorary chairman of the Belgian Museum of the Freemasonry, President of the Centre d'Action Laïque and board member of the Foundation for moral assistance to prisoners as well as of many charitable foundations such as the Henri La Fontaine foundation.

Aside from its contributions to many masonic books such as « Devenir maçon au Grand-Orient de Belgique » or « Les trésors du temple », he is famous for its participation to many conferences, TV and radio shows as well as for its articles about humanist values, secularism, spirituality, free inquiry and freemasonry.

### **CAMBADÉLIS, Jean-Christophe**

Jean-Christophe Cambadélis is a French politician who has been First Secretary of the French Socialist Party since April 2014. He has been re-elected as PES First Vice President. He is also a member of the National Assembly of France. Leader of the PS since mid-April 2014, he has been in charge of International and European Affairs in the party's Board under the leadership of Martine Aubry and Harlem Désir.

Prior to this portfolio, he was in charge of relations with other parties and with workers' unions during Lionel Jospin's Plural Left (a red-green-red coalition) and also editor of the Revue Socialiste, the party's theoretical review and of the party's summer university. As the number two of the PS, under the leadership of François Hollande, he was in charge of the organisation and management of local branches.

Since 2012, Cambadélis is the first Vice President of the Party of European Socialists and he worked on the PES's programme and strategy. Cambadélis represents the city of Paris, and is a member of the Socialiste, radical, citoyen et divers gauche. He is also an academic who has written many publications on the Left, and on Right-wing populism. In the past, Jean-Christophe Cambadélis was a student leader. He was one of the founders of the International Students Association.

### **CARMESUND, Ulf**

Ulf Carmesund is the international secretary of the Religious Social Democrats of Sweden, one of four branch of the Social Democratic Party in Sweden. Part of his work is dedicated to anti-racism and dialogue between politics and religious groups in Sweden. He has a PhD in Theology from Uppsala University in 2010.





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Ulf Carmesund in the Chair of the educational committee in Alingsås Municipality in South West Sweden. From 1994 to 1997 he worked in the Old City of Jerusalem as director of the Swedish Christian Study Centre.

### **CARNERO, Carlos**

Carlos Carnero is the Managing Director of the Fundación Alternativas, and is a Professor at the University San Pablo CEU in the Master's on the European Union. Carnero has been the Spanish ambassador-at-Large for Projects within the Framework of European Integration (2009-2012). He has served as Member of the European Parliament (1994-2009), and as Vice-President of the Party of European Socialists (2006-2009).

He was Member of the Convention that drafted the European Constitution (2002-2003). Mr. Carnero is also member of the Scientific Council of the Real Instituto Elcano. He is a recipient of Medal of the Order of Constitutional Merit of Spain, Medal of the European Parliament, and Medal of the Order of Civil Merit of Spain. He also holds a University Diploma in Tourism.

### **CELEBI, Mehmet**

Mehmet Celebi is a Board member and Deputy Chairman of the Central Muslim Council of Germany (ZMD) since 2015. He has been the Board Member of the youth organization "Union of Turkish-Islamic Associations in Europe" (ATIB).

Mr Celebi has worked as an investment banker till 2010. He has a Diploma in Business Administration and Economics from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt, and a Master degree in Business Administration from Bond University in Australia.

### **CEMBRERO, Ignacio**

Ignacio Cembrero is a Spanish journalist specializing in North Africa. He is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, of the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and of the Centre de Formation de Journalistes in Paris.

He worked as a journalist for the Spanish daily newspaper El País from 1979 to 2004. He was successively correspondent in the Middle East, Brussels, diplomatic correspondent covering the Spanish foreign policy, and correspondent in the Maghreb.

He left journalism to coordinate the Media Democracy program of the European Commission in 1996/97. Since last year he has worked for the newspaper El Mundo on the Maghreb and Muslims in Spain. He has received several journalism prizes, the latest issued by the Club Internacional de Prensa de Madrid as best Spanish correspondent in 2014.





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## **D'ALEMA, Massimo**

Massimo D'Alema is the current and first President of the FEPS, elected in 2010.

In 1998 Mr. D'Alema became Prime Minister of Italy. He was in office until 2000. On the same year, he was elected President of the Democrats of the Left (DS). In 2003, he was elected Vice-President of the S.I. In 2004 Mr D'Alema became a Member of the European Parliament, where he holds the position of Chair of the EP Delegation for relations between the EU and the Mercosur.

Mr. D'Alema is currently a member of the Chamber of Deputies and since January 2010 he is the Chairman of COPASIR (Parliamentary Committee for the Security of the Republic) which is responsible for the Parliamentary control on intelligence services. He has also been the President of a political Foundation *Fondazione di cultura politica Italianeuropei* since 2000.

Massimo D'Alema's political activities began in 1963. From 1975 to 1980 he was General Secretary of the Italian Young Communists' Federation (FGCI). In 1987 he was elected member of the Italian Parliament. In 1989, he was actively engaged in the process which transformed the Italian Communist Party into the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS).

In 1992 Mr. D'Alema became President of the PDS parliamentary group in the Chamber of Deputies. He was re-elected MP both in 1994 and 1996. In 1994 he was elected General Secretary of the PDS. In 1997 Massimo D'Alema was elected Chair of the parliamentary Committee on Constitutional reform.

In 2006 he was elected MP for Apulia representing the Olive Tree coalition. In 2006 he was appointed deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary in the Prodi government. In 2008 he was elected MP for Apulia representing the Democratic Party (PD).

He studied Philosophy at the University of Pisa. He is a professional journalist and was Chief Editor of the daily newspaper "L'Unità" from 1988 to 1990.

## **DAGUZAN, Jean-François**

Jean-François Daguzan is Deputy Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS) in Paris. He is associate professor at the Université de Paris II Panthéon-Assas and President of the Scientific Committee of Institute Choiseul. Additionally, he is Director of the magazine *Maghreb-Machrek* and Editor-in-Chief and co-founder of the magazine *Géoéconomie*.

His recent publications include: *Guerre et Economie* (edited with Pascal Lorot), L'Harmattan,

Paris, 2004 ; *Terrorisme(s) abrégé d'une violence qui dure*, Presses du CNRS, Paris, 2006 ; *Les Forces armées arabes et Moyen-orientales après les printemps arabes* (edited with Stéphane Valter), ESKA, Paris, 2014; *La fin de l'Etat-nation? De Barcelone à Bagdad*, CNRS Editions, Paris, 2015. He is also the author of several articles on the Arab world and on the issues of defense and security.

### **DEUBNER, Christian**

Christian Deubner is a member of the FEPS Scientific Council and an independent consultant on European Politics and Political Economy, and on French-German relations. He holds a doctorate and a habilitation from the FU Berlin, in Political Science and in Economy.

His professional career includes academic teaching and research in German universities in Berlin, Constance and Bremen, and in US-universities in Paris and Berlin. In addition, he has conducted policy research and political counseling with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik in Germany. Christian Deubner has opened and led the office of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Paris, France, as well as conducted European policy research and political counseling with the French Commissariat Général du Plan, and for the CEPII in Paris.

He has published numerous authored and edited books, as well as articles in German, French and US scientific journals and other publications.

### **DUZDAR, Muna**

Muna Duzdar is deputy member of the Council of Vienna for the social democrats and works as an Austrian Lawyer. Before, she was member of the Austrian Federal Council. Muna Duzdar was born in Austria and is of Palestinian origin.

Since the Arab Spring she travelled in many Maghreb states particularly Tunisia where she developed contact to the Tunisian civil society in particular Tunisian Women's Association. She published recently an article about the new book of Tunisian Ministry of Culture Latifa Lakhdar dealing with Islam and Modernity.

### **ECHALLAOUI, Salah**

Salah Echallaoui is the President of the NGO College of Muslim Executive of Belgium. He is President of the Belgian Muslim General Assembly. He serves also as President of the Belgian Muslim Movement. Additionally, he is inspector of Islamic religious classes.

### **ELATIK, Fatima**

Fatima Elatik is a Dutch politician, born and raised in Amsterdam. She studied biology at university but her engagement in community activism led to a career in local politics. At the age of 23, she became an adviser for the Mayor of Amsterdam on the multicultural society. A year later she became the first female politician from Moroccan ancestry in the Amsterdam City Council. In 2009, she became the Chairwoman and President of the city district Amsterdam-Zeeburg and in 2010, of the newly merged district Amsterdam-Oost.

After 16 years in local politics, she resigned in 2014. She started her own consultancy enterprise specializing in public policy, radicalization, diversity and leadership.

## **ELSENHANS, Hartmut**

Hartmut Elsenhans is one of the most prominent German political scientists and an emeritus professor of International Relations at the University of Leipzig. Professor Elsenhans helped to build up the department of International relations at the University of Leipzig and participated in the building up of European Union studies in India.

From 1983 to 1993 he was a professor of international relations at Konstanz University, 1976-1983 in Marburg University, 1964-1975 in Frankfurt University, 1970-1979 Assistant professor at Berlin University. Has been a visiting Professor in JNU in New Delhi, India in 1990 and in 2002, in Salzburg, Austria in 1987, in Dakar, Senegal in 1986, in Montreal, Canada in 1978, in Lisbon, Portugal in 1991, and in Islamabad, Pakistan in 2014.

Professor Elsenhans has studied political science, history, sociology and Romance studies at the University of Tübingen and the Free University of Berlin. He earned his doctorate in 1973 with a study on the decolonization of Algeria in the Algerian War 1954 to 1962. In 1976, he gained habilitation at FU Berlin. Numerous publications in Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Pakistan, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tunisia, United States.

## **FAJON, Tanja**

Tanja Fajon is a Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chair and Member of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D) and a Vice-Chair Woman of Social Democrats of Slovenia (SD).

Tanja Fajon graduated in journalism at the University of Ljubljana and holds a Master Degree in International Politics from the College of Interdisciplinary Studies in Paris.

In 2001, she became a journalist correspondent for Radio Television Slovenia in Brussels. Mrs Fajon was for the first time elected to the European parliament in 2009. In 2014 she was re-elected as a Member of the European Parliament. Mrs Fajon became the first woman in the Slovenian history who won her mandate with preferential votes.

In June 2014 she was elected Vice President of S&D Group in the European Parliament. She serves as a full Member of LIBE Committee as well as the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo and as a Substitute Member of AFET Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.

## **FIGUERAS, Amanda**

Amanda Figueras is a Cairo-based reporter, a passionate journalist with extensive experience working in traditional media and Internet.

Formerly she was a staff reporter at the Foreign Desk of the leading Spanish daily national newspaper, EL MUNDO. A veteran in the coverage of European Union affairs, Figueras



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founded the 'Eurocámara', a EU section in ELMUNDO's website, which was twice the recipient of grant from the European Parliament.

As part of her work at EL MUNDO, Figueras contributed to enhance the synergies between print and online editions in an age of multiplatform information access. She was working in the Finance section and the Breaking news department before joining the International section. Figueras also has experience in visual media content, having travelled throughout the European continent to produce special video reports.

Raised in Madrid, Amanda Figueras holds a degree in Journalism from the Universidad Complutense (Madrid), complimented with additional studies undertaken at Universidade Catolica (Lisbon, Portugal), due to an Erasmus Grant.

Figueras is a participant in the Abraham Interfaith Forum, and since 2004 she has undertaken informal studies of Islamic culture and he has researched in numerous countries, a fact reflected by her numerous reports on Muslim affairs.

In 2012 Figueras was chosen as one of the twelve United Nation Alliance of Civilizations fellows (UNAOC). She is a new Muslim.

## **GOMES, Ana**

Ana Gomes is a Member of the European Parliament since 2004. In this mandate (2014-2019), she is full member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, and of the Subcommittee for Security and Defence, as well as full member of the Delegation for the relations with the United-States and the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Ms. Gomes has been Rapporteur for Libya, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the PCA with Indonesia, on the "EU CBRN Action Plan" report, the "Maritime Dimension of CSDP" report, on the "Human Rights and corruption" report, among other files. In her previous mandate, she was elected Coordinator for Foreign Affairs of the Socialists & Democrats Group in the European Parliament.

Ana Gomes' academic background is Law. She was a career diplomat since 1980 until she suspended it to enter party politics in 2003. She had joined the Portuguese Foreign Service in 1980 and served in the Portuguese Missions at the UN in New York and Geneva and also in the Embassies in Tokyo and London. Between 1999 and 2003 she was Head of the

Portuguese Interests Section and then Ambassador in Jakarta, where she played a role in the process leading up to the independence of East Timor and in the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between Portugal and Indonesia.



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### **GUERRERO SALOM, Enrique**

Enrique Guerrero was elected a Member of the European Parliament for Spain in 2009 and he became Vice-President of the S&D Group in January 2012, after being Secretary General of the Spanish Socialist Delegation.

He is a member of the DEVE committee and he is also Standing rapporteur of Humanitarian Aid. He is also a substitute member in the AFCO (Constitutional Affairs) committee and DROI (Human rights).

Enrique Guerrero has worked closely with the socialist governments in Spain. Among other positions, he became the Secretary General for relations with the Parliament (1993-1996) and Deputy Director of the Prime Minister's Office (2004-2008).

### **GUIGUI, Albert**

Albert Guigui is Chief Rabbi of Brussels and Attaché Chief Rabbi to the Israelite Central Consistory of Belgium. He is Permanent Representative of the European Rabbi Conference to the EU.

Albert Guigui is founding member of the Belgian Interreligious Council, which gathers different religions and spiritual movements to promote tolerance. He is also member of the Association of Imams and Rabbis.

He received his diploma in Oriental Studies at the Université Paris – Sorbonne. His recent publications include: *A la découverte du judaïsme en 101 mots*, Racine, 2010, 2012, 2014 (3 editions), *Les fêtes juives*, Racine, 2012, *La Bible: miroir de notre temps Tome II* Racine, 2014.

### **GUNES, Hursit**

Turkish politician and professor of Economics, who had served as deputy chairman of Republican People's Party (CHP); and he has been deputy of Kocaeli Province since 2011.

He was born on to Turan Güneş and his wife Nermin Solmaz in Ankara, Turkey on 23 April 1957. After his high school education in Ankara College, he received his BA with honors in Economics and Politics from University of Kent at Canterbury in 1980. He later received his Magister in Scientia Economica degree from University of Wales, Cardiff.

He started his academic career as a research assistant at Marmara University in 1984. Meanwhile, he received his PhD from Bosphorus University in 1988 with the thesis titled "The Determination and Control of Money Supply in Turkey".

In 1986, he was invited to be one of founding members of European Economic Association, established in Belgium. In 1990, he won the European Integration Project Award given by

EU, with two of his colleagues. He acted as the chief economic advisor for late Erdal İnönü during the DYP-SHP coalition government prepared the drafts of Competition Law and Consumer Protection Law.

He was a visiting professor at University of Manchester in 1994. He was appointed as a full-professor by 1996. During 1995- 2002, he gave consultancy services to most financial institutions in the country. He was the chairman of Marsh Insurance Turkey during 2002-2007. He designed a banking simulation system interactive with macro-economic models and a real-time consumer confidence index for Turkey (CNBC-e CCI). He was also a columnist at the daily newspaper Milliyet during 2001-2010.

He taught at Marmara University for more than 25 years on Monetary Economics for undergraduate students and Advanced Macro Theory for post-graduate students. He retired at the beginning of 2010, and started working at Bahçeşehir University. He then was invited to be the Central Committee of CHP.

### **HAJJI, Ouafa**

Ouafa Hajji is the President of the Socialist International Women. She is a member of the Political Bureau of the Socialist Union of Popular Forces Morocco (USFP), Coordinator of the Party Committee on Studies and member of the party's Foreign Relations Commission.

Ms. Ouafa Hajji has a strong political background, being an active member of the party since 1976. She has also significant experience in foreign relations. She is also the former Operations Director at the Central Bank of Morocco.

### **HAKIMIAN, Hassan**

Hassan Hakimian is the Director of the London Middle East Institute and a Reader in Economics at SOAS, University of London.

He has published widely on Middle Eastern economies with reference to Iran as well as human resources and labour markets in the Middle East. He is the author of Labour Transfer and Economic Development (1990) and co-editor of The State and Global Change (2000), and Trade Policy and Economic Integration in MENA (2003). His most recent book (co-edited with Parvin Alizadeh) is entitled Iran and the Global Economy: Petro Populism, Islam and Economic Sanctions (Routledge, 2014). His current research is focused on inclusive growth in the MENA region. He is a Founding Member and Executive Secretary of the International Iranian Economic Association (IIEA) and a Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum (ERF), a network of Middle East economists based in Cairo. He is the founder and Series Editor for the "Routledge Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa", which has produced a number of pertinent titles dealing with MENA's economies.





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## **KHAN, Afzan**

Afzal Khan is a British Labour Member of the European Parliament. He is Vice-Chair of the Security & Defence Committee and a Member of the Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament.

He has recently been appointed by the Socialists and Democrats Group in the European Parliament as a member of the Task Force Working Group on countering terrorism and is also the spokesperson for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Before he became an MEP, he was the first Asian Lord Mayor of Manchester and served as a Councillor for 15 years. From 2000 to 2004 Khan was an advisor for the Department of Trade and Industry.

Following the 2005 London bombings he was a member of a Home Office working group aimed at preventing extremism.

He was a Trustee of the British Red Cross Human Appeal International and BBC's Children in Need. He was Assistant Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain. He is currently Secretary General of the British Muslim Heritage Centre.

He has worked extensively in the community to build bridges between different communities and faith groups and was awarded a CBE for this. During the Bosnian war he led humanitarian aid campaign for Bosnian refugees who had fled to the UK.

## **KOTEK, Joël**

Joël Kotek is a Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and lecturer at the Science Po Paris. He is also the Belgian correspondent of the Kantor Center on the Fight against Racism and Antisemitism of the Tel Aviv University.

He has been a lecturer at the Ottawa University. Next to his university tasks, he has also worked as the director of training at the Mémorial de la Shoah in Paris. He is member of the Scientific Council of the Shoah Museum and Human rights in Mechelen and the editorial board of the Revue d'histoire de la Shoah in Paris.

He has a doctorate in political sciences from the Institute d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. He received scholarship from the Wiener Anspach Foundation to spend a year in the St Antony College in Oxford.

His publications include: 1939, *Le quatrième partage de la Pologne* (sld), Académie Royale des Sciences, Bruxelles, 2015, *Israël et les médias belges francophones au miroir du conflit gazaoui de l'été 2014*, CCOJB, Bruxelles, 2015, *Mickey à Gurs, les cahiers de Horst Rosenthal, Calmann-Lévy*, Paris, 2014 (with D. Pasamonik), *Dictionnaire de la Shoah*, with E. Husson, G. Bensoussan, J.M Dreyfus, Larousse, April 2009.





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### **LAURISTIN, Marju**

Marju Lauristin is an Estonian Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Group of Socialists and Democrats. In the European Parliament she is an active member of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee where she has been appointed rapporteur of the data protection directive, as well as shadow rapporteur of data protection regulation, EU-US umbrella agreement, and the committee's opinion on TTIP negotiations.

Mrs Lauristin has an academic career in social sciences and is a Professor in Tartu University since 1995. She was one of the establishing members of 'Rahvarinne' in 1988, the first large-scale independent political movement in Estonia since the beginning of the Soviet occupation. She has since been Chairman of the Estonian Social Democratic Party, deputy speaker of the Estonian parliament, minister of Social Affairs of Estonia, and member of the Estonian Parliament.

### **LEBEAUPIN, S.E. Mgr Alain Paul**

His Excellency Monsignor Alain Paul Lebeaupin is Apostolic **Nuncio** to the European Union.

He was ordained to priesthood on 1975 for the Diocese of Nice. He entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1979. His diplomatic mission included the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, the Dominican Republic and Mozambique.

He was the Head of delegation of the Holy See to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE, now OSCE) (1989-1998). He was concurrently appointed as **Chargé d'Affaires** of the Holy See to the European Community (1996-1998). He was then Apostolic **Nuncio** in Ecuador.

In 2005, he became Apostolic **Nuncio** to Kenya and Permanent Observer at the United Nations Environment Programme and UN-Habitat. He has been Apostolic **Nuncio** to the EU since 2012.

He holds a doctorate in civil law and masters in canon law and theology.

### **LEMAN, Johan**

Dr. Johan Leman is Emeritus Professor in social and cultural anthropology at the Faculty of Social Sciences at K.U. Leuven. Professor Dr. Leman's main research field is religion in migration. He is the former and first chairholder of KU Leuven Gülen chair for intercultural studies (GCIS).

He is the former Chief of cabinet of the Royal Commissioner for Migrant Policy in Belgium (1989-1993), and the former Director of the federal Centre for equal opportunities and opposition against racism (1993-2003). Since 1989, he has been president of Foyer, a regional minority centre in Brussels. He holds a PhD in social and cultural anthropology,



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MA degree in philosophy, and a MA degree in eastern philology and history from the K.U. Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, and a MA degree in theology (exegesis Old Testament).

### **LIEBHABERG, Bruno**

Bruno Liebhager is Chairman of the FEPS Scientific Council and a Vice President of FEPS. He is also Director General of the Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE), a European think tank founded in 2010 at his initiative to contribute through its fully independent research, dissemination and training activities to a more mature, robust, stable and professional regulation in network industries, such as among others energy, telecommunications and rail transport. CERRE brings together more than forty universities, national regulatory authorities, operators and infrastructure managers active in those crucial sectors for the economy and for the citizens.

Professor Liebhager teaches at Université Libre de Bruxelles' Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management (SBS-EM, ULB). Author or editor of various articles and books including "Renewing the Left in Europe: Towards a European Reformist Left ", Editions Luc Pire (2008) and " Regulation, Citizenship , Social Contract ", GRE / PAC (2010) , he regularly contributes to European media.

Bruno Liebhager started his career as an academic at the London School of Economics and Political Science and at City University London. He then joined the European Commission where he was, among other positions, an adviser on industry in President Jacques Delors' private office.

He has an MA in Management Sciences from the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, ULB and a Ph.D in Industrial Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### **MADRANE, Rachid**

Rachid Madrane is the Minister for Youth Support, Legal Advice Centers and the Promotion of Brussels at the Federal Government of Wallonia since May 2014.

Before starting his political career, he worked as a journalist. In 2000, he was elected municipal councillor in Etterbeek. In 2010 he became the Deputy Mayor. From 2004 to 2009, he was member of the Brussels Regional Parliament where he fought for diversity in public functions.

In 2008 he drafted and got voted the law which extends the anti-discrimination legislation and helps fighting unemployment in the most concerned districts of the Brussels region. In 2010 he became member of the Federal Parliament. Next year, he was elected as the Vice-President of the Brussels Federation of the PS. He kept these positions until entering the



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Brussels Regional Government in 2012 as the State Secretary.

Rachid Madrane has a diploma in journalism and communication from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

### **MARKIEWICZ, Philippe**

Philippe Markiewicz is the President of the Israelite Central Consistory of Belgium, since April 2005 onwards. He is President of the Israelite Community of Brussels since 2008. He was President of the Coordination Committee of the Belgian Jewish Organisations between 2001 and 2008. He has been administrator for the Belgian Judaism Foundation since its creation.

### **MARTIN DE LA TORRE, Victoria**

Victoria Martin de la Torre is a Spanish journalist currently working as a press officer for the Socialists and Democrats S&D Group in the European Parliament.

Before arriving in Brussels, she worked as a reporter at the weekly magazine *Tiempo* for over a decade, covering EU-Arab World relations. She was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in 1998 and she received her MS degree at Columbia University School of Journalism in New York in 1999. In 2003, she specialized in EU Foreign Policy at the College of Europe in Bruges.

In 2009, she founded the Abraham Forum for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue in Madrid. She is a fellow of the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

She is the author of two books "*Viaje a la ciudad de Belén. Cuna del amor, semilla de intifada*" (A trip to Bethlehem, cradle of love, seed of intifada) published in November 2008, and "*Europe, a leap into the Unknown*" (Peter Lang, 2014).

### **MOGHERINI, Federica**

Federica Mogherini is the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission since 1st November 2014.

She has been the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs from February to October 2014 and a Member of the Italian Parliament (Chamber of Deputies), where she was elected for the first time in 2008. In her parliamentary capacity, she has been the Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of its Political Committee (2013-2014); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-2013); Secretary of the Defence Committee (2008-2013) and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She also coordinated the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Development Cooperation.

She has been in the leadership of the Democratic Party since it was founded, in 2007: first as Secretary for Institutional Reforms, then as a member of the National Council, and in 2013-2014 as Secretary for European and International Affairs. She was previously a member of the Bureau of PES (Party of European Socialists), Vice-president of the European Community Organisation of Socialist Youth (ECOSY), member of the Bureau of the European Youth Forum, and a member of the Secretariat of the Youth Forum of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

She is member of IAI – Istituto Affari Internazionali, of the Council for the United States and Italy and a fellow of the German Marshall Fund for the United States.

She is also member of the European Leadership Network for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (ELN) and of the Group of Eminent Persons (GEM) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO). She was born in Rome in 1973 and graduated in Political Science at the University of Rome “La Sapienza”. She is fluent in English and French, and has a good understanding of Spanish.

She's married to Matteo and mother of two daughters, Caterina and Marta.

### **MOHAMMED, Marwan**

Marwan Mohammed is a sociologist at the *Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique* (CNRS). His research focuses on the norms, deviances and social reaction, way out of crime, but also on racism, particularly islamophobia.

He is the author of several articles and four books, including the most recent "*Islamophobie. Comment les élites françaises fabriquent le 'problème musulman'*" (with Abdellali Hajjat, Paris, La Découverte, 2013). He wrote and co-directed the documentary "*La tentation de l'émeute*" which was aired in 2010 by the Freno-German channel ARTE.

### **McKAY, James**

James McKay is Birmingham City Council's Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Community Safety. He was first elected to the Council in 2011, and joined the Council's Cabinet in May 2012.

Between 2005 and 2011, James worked as a Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham, on a series of projects examining the political and social role of pressure groups in Britain since 1945. His co-authored monograph, *The Politics of Expertise: How NGOs Changed Modern Britain*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2012.



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## **MÜNZ, Rainer**

Rainer Münz is Senior Advisor to Erste Bank with a focus on demographic and macroeconomic research, as well as Senior Fellow at the European think tank Bruegel in Brussels, at the Migrationpolicy Institute (Washington DC) and at the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI).

Before joining Erste Bank, Rainer Münz worked as researcher in the Austrian Academy of Sciences (1980-1986, 1990-1992) and as a Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Mathematics of Finance (2002-2004). He has worked as a university professor in the Humboldt University, as a visiting professor at the Universities of Bamberg, UC Berkeley, Frankfurt, Klagenfurt, Vienna and Zurich (1986-2003). He currently teaches at the University of St. Gallen (HSG) and the Central European University (CEU, Budapest).

Rainer Münz has worked as consultant for the European Commission, the OECD and the World Bank. He served as an advisor to the Greek (2003), Dutch (2004) and Slovene (2008) EU presidencies.

In 2000-01 he was member of the German commission on immigration reform (Süssmuth commission). Between 2008 and 2010 he was Member of the high level "Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030" of the European Union (so-called "EU Group of the Wise"). Currently he is one of the chairs of KNOMAD, the World Bank's global knowledge partnership on migration and development.

## **PICQUÉ, Charles**

Charles Picqué is the President of the Brussels Parliament and the Mayor of Saint-Gilles. He was Minister-President of the Brussels Capital Region for several legislative periods. In Saint Gilles and then in the Region he could translate into practice his vision on the city. This meant developing the districts through public policies mixing the renovation of public spaces, social action and economic development. Between 1995 and 1999, he was also Minister for Cultural for the Communauté française. Between 1999 and 2003 he was in charge of the dossier on big cities as well as economy within the federal government. He was elected for the second time Minister-President of the Region, where he continued his battle for Brussels development until 2013. Additionally, Charles Picqué is State Secretary since 2003.

## **PIRI, Kati**

Kati Piri (1979) is a Member of the European Parliament, where she focuses on foreign affairs, human rights, justice and home affairs, and civil liberties. She is the standing rapporteur on Turkey, drafting the EP's annual progress report on Turkey's accession process. Piri is also member of the EU-Ukraine delegation and the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, she worked as programme manager for the South Caucasus at the



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Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) and as political advisor for the Socialists and Democrats (S&D Group) in Brussels.

## **PITELLA, GIANNI**

Gianni Pitella is the President of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament.

He has been the Municipal Councillor of Lauria (1979) and a Member of the Regional Council and of the Regional Executive responsible for training, culture and productive activities (1980). He was Regional Secretary of the Young Socialists; a Member of the DS (Democratici di Sinistra) national leadership and the DS national official responsible for Italians in the world.

In 1996, he was elected Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the XIII Legislature of the Italian Republic. He gave up his seat as Member of Parliament to pursue his political activity in an international environment and was elected Member of the European Parliament in 1999. His mandate was then reconducted for the 6th and 7th legislature in 2004 and 2009.

In 2006, he was elected unanimously as President of the Italian Delegation in the PES group as well as in 2009. In 2009, he became First Vice-President of the European parliament, after being re-elected for the third time as the Democratic Party representative of the Southern Italy electoral district.

He has been member of the European Parliament Bureau as well as of the Committee on Culture and Education and the Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo. He has also been a substitute member in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and in the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Gianni Pitella graduated from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, specialising in legal and forensic medicine at the University of Naples in Italy. He is a Visiting Professor at the University of East Anglia's London Academy of Diplomacy.

He is the author of "*Rosso Antico*" (1996), "*Diario di Bordo*" (1997), "*Sparlare, parlare, pensare*" (1998), "*Eurodiario*" (1999-2000), "*Il triangolo della ricchezza*" (2003), "*Europ@*" (2004), "*Dal Sud in Europa con Te*" (2004), "*Partiti europei e gruppi politici nel nuovo europarlamento dell'Unione a 25*" (2004), "*Un'Europa per i cittadini*" (2006), "*L'Europa indispensabile*" (2009), "*Domani a Mezzogiorno*" (2010), "*Federalismo avvelenato*" (2011).





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### **PLEWA, Piotr**

Dr. Piotr Plewa is a Senior Expert at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Poland. He is also a member of the FEPS Young Academics Network.

Before, he was an analyst for the World Bank, International Organization for Migration, European University Institute and Universidad Pablo de Olavide de Sevilla. He has also taught at the University of Delaware (U.S.).

His area of expertise focuses on various aspects of international migration, particularly labor migration. Piotr has published widely on circular migration, return migration, and migration in the context of economic crisis. With the help of Marie Curie Fellowship, and most recently under the aegis of Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development (KNOMAD), he has conducted extensive fieldwork among migrant workers in Spain.

### **PRIVOT, Michaël**

Michaël Privot is the Director of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR). Mr Privot started as Networking and Campaigns Officer in the ENAR team in January 2006 and became the Director in March 2010. He is also an international expert on radicalisation processes within Muslim communities. Previously, he worked during four years as FNRS Research Fellow at the University of Liège (Belgium).

He has more than a decade of experience in community building of Muslim communities in Belgium and Europe. He holds a BA in Oriental History and Philology (Islamic Studies), a specialisation in Comparative History of Religions (University of Liège) and Arabic (University of Damas), and a PhD in Languages and Literature from the University of Liège (Belgium).

He has authored a book with T. Oubrou and C. Baylocq on imams in France, a number of academic publications, published op-ed articles and appeared in a variety of media, including Euronews, Voice of America, Al Jazeera, Le Soir, RTBF and European Voice.

### **RIZZO, Stefano**

Stefano Rizzo is member of the FEPS Scientific Council. He is a former parliamentary official and professor of International relations at La Sapienza University of Rome. Recent publications: *Teorie e pratiche delle relazioni internazionali. Da Machiavelli a Barack Obama* (Nuova Cultura, 2009), *Le rivoluzioni della dignità. 18 mesi di proteste, di repressione che hanno cambiato il mondo arabo* (Ediesse, 2012), *The Changing faces of Populism. Systemic Challengers in Europe and the U.S.* (edited with D. Kitching and H. Giusto, Feps, 2013). He is currently working on war and armed conflicts in the present world.



### **SAMSON, Diederik**

Diederik Samsom is the leader of the Dutch Labour Party (Partij van de Arbeid). He has been a Member of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands since 2003. He was spokesperson on environmental issues. In 2012 Samsom became party leader and helped the social democrats win 38 seats in Parliament - out of 150. Together with Prime-minister Mark Rutte (Liberals), Diederik Samsom formed a new cabinet, which was installed in November 2012. Samsom chose not to become a member of the cabinet, but stayed on as the party's parliamentary leader. Before becoming a MP for the PvdA, Samsom has been a CEO of a green energy company and a campaigner for Greenpeace Netherlands.

### **SANCHEZ, Pedro**

Pedro Sánchez is the elected leader of the Spanish Socialist Worker's Party (PSOE) since 2014. Currently he is member of the Spanish Parliament and President of the Socialist Group, where he currently serves as an opposition leader.

He has been Professor of Economics and served as an adviser at different International Institutions, including European Parliament and the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia Herzegovina. He was also elected member of the Madrid City Council.

He studied economics at the Complutense University of Madrid and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Camilo José Cela University as well as Master's degrees from IESE, Ortega y Gasset Institute, and the Free University of Brussels.

### **SEVİNÇ, Kader**

Kader Sevinç is international relations practitioner, social entrepreneur and a poet. She is currently a member of the PES Presidency Council, the EU representative in Brussels of the CHP, Turkish social democratic and main opposition party, and executive board member of the Progressive Thought Institute, Istanbul. She is also a non-resident fellow of the SAIS (Johns Hopkins University – Washington DC).

Ms Sevinç is a frequent speaker in international policy circles with experience at the European Commission, European Parliament, Forum İstanbul, College of Europe and various think-tanks and a columnist at "Yurt" Turkish daily. Publishes weekly articles about EU social and political matters pertaining to Turkey. She previously worked in the Akdeniz University's EU research center, private sector, and three years at the European Parliament as political advisor in Brussels.

Kader Sevinç is an honors graduate from the Akdeniz University in Turkey, completed Jean Monnet European Integration Program (2005), pursued business communication training at

the Harvard University and obtained her MA in International Relations from CERIS/Paris XI University with *grande distinction*. She is also the founder and manager of the Brussels-based debate club the Turkish Coffee Briefings, leader of the educational initiative the "Sınıf 1B", and member of the Brussels Poetry Collective and Siirden poetry magazine's editorial board. In 2013 Kader Sevinç was recognized by the Diplomatic Courier magazine and the YFPF in Washington DC among the most influential young foreign policy leaders in the world.

### **SEZGIN, Ismail Mesut**

Dr. Ismail Mesut Sezgin is the Executive Director of the Centre for Hizmet Studies. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Marmara University in Istanbul and gained his doctorate from the Institute for Spirituality, Religion and Public Life at Leeds Beckett University.

His thesis was titled Moral Responsibility in Contemporary Islam. His research interests include ethics, Islam, Political Islam, Sufism, Hizmet movement, Fethullah Gulen and Turkish Politics.

### **SLACHMUIJLDER, Lena**

Lena Slachmuislder is the Vice-President of Programs for the international peace-building organisation Search for Common Ground.

For the past 24 years, she has worked for peace and social change across the world, with a particular focus on Africa where she lived and worked for 21 years. As Vice-President of Programs, she supports Search's work around the world, frequently leading trainings on media, creative peace building and Common Ground facilitation.

Lena Slachmuislder pioneered Search's security sector reform work in the DRC with the Congolese army and police, and in Burundi led Search's award winning Studio Ijambo production studio.

Over the last four years, Ms. Slachmuislder has supported programs across Asia, Africa and the Middle East in designing and implementing programs to counter violent extremism (CVE), and is leading Search's efforts this year to develop a global CVE toolkit to encourage collaboration between civil society and government entities.

She is a graduate of Stanford University, a former fellow at Brandeis University and is enrolled in the THNK Creative Leadership School in Amsterdam.



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### **SLIMANI, Laura**

Laura Slimani is the President of the Young European Socialists (YES) since 2015. She is also the President of the Youth Wing of the French Socialist Party. She was born and raised in Rouen, Normandy, where she is currently City Counsellor in charge of the youth and student life. She describes herself as a socialist, a feminist and and as an ecologist. She studied in the Institute of Political Science in Bordeaux and in the University of Cardiff in Wales.

### **SMAILI, Nouredine**

Nouredine Smaili is the President of the Muslim Executive of Belgium. He is professor of the Islamic religion. He serves as an Imam.

### **STANISHEV, Sergei**

Sergei Stanishev is the PES President. On the 24th November 2011, he became interim PES President and during the 9th PES Congress in September 2012 he was elected PES President. On 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015 he was re-elected.

In 1996 Stanishev became Head of the foreign policy and international relations department of the Bulgarian Socialist Party. In 2001 he was elected Member of the Bulgarian Parliament. From 2001 to 2014 he has been Chairman of the National Council of the Bulgarian Socialist Party.

He was re-elected as Party Chair in 2002, 2005 and 2009. From 2002 to 2009 he was a member of the PES Presidency. Sergei Stanishev was Prime Minister of Bulgaria from 2005 to 2009. During his term as Prime Minister Bulgaria became a member of the European Union. Currently he is a Member of the European Parliament. Prior to his political career he worked as a journalist.

Sergei Stanishev studied history, in which he holds a PhD. He was a visiting fellow in International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has written more than 50 publications on foreign policy issues in Bulgarian and international periodicals. In 2009 he published the book "Because we are socialists".

### **STETTER, Ernst**

Ernst Stetter is the current and first Secretary General of the FEPS since 2008. He is also a regular commentator on EU affairs in the media.

In 1976 Ernst Stetter began his professional career as a lecturer in economics at the DGB Trade Union Centre for Vocational Training in Heidelberg. From 1980 to 2008 he worked for the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) in various positions. He spent the first four years at the FES as a Consultant in Dakar, Senegal.



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In 1988, Ernst Stetter was appointed as Head of the Africa Department. In 1994 he started working as Head of the Central Europe Unit. In 1997 he moved to Paris and became the Director of the FES Office in France while in 2003 he was appointed as Director of the EU-Office of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Brussels.

Ernst Stetter is an economist and political scientist. He studied in Tübingen and Heidelberg (Germany) focusing on international trade, finance, economic and social policy as well as development issues. In 1980 he obtained his PhD in political science for his dissertation entitled The Association of ACP-Countries (Lomé I and II) to the European Community and the STABEX-System.

In 2003 he received the French decoration of Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite.

### **TÓBIAS, József**

Jozsef Tobias is the Leader of the Hungarian Socialist Party and the Parliamentary Group since 2014 and Member of the Hungarian Parliament since 1998.

He started his political career in 1991 as the founder of the Left-wing Youth Organization (BIT) in Hungary. Six years later, he became the chairman of BIT. In 1998 he joined the Hungarian Socialist Party and two years later, became the Member of the Presidency of the Hungarian Socialist Party.

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