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Biographical Information on Speakers and Chairs



Ewald Nowotny is the Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and a Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB). Before taking on his current position in September 2008, he was CEO of the Austrian BAWAG P.S.K. banking group and served as Vice-President and member of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank (EIB). He was also a member of the Austrian Parliament and chaired the parliamentary Finance Committee for close to 15 years. Governor Nowotny studied law and political science at the University of Vienna and economics at the Vienna-based Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS). He held research tenures and professorships at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Harvard University, TH Darmstadt and the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where he was also Vice-Rector and member of the University Board.



Peter Praet joined the European Central Bank as Member of the Executive Board in 2011. He is responsible for the Directorate General Economics. Before joining the ECB, he was Executive Director of the National Bank of Belgium, responsible for International Cooperation, Financial Stability and Oversight of Financial Infrastructures and Payments Systems. Peter Praet was Chief of Cabinet for the Belgian Minister of Finance, as Chief Economist of Générale de Banque and Fortis Bank, as Professor of Economics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and as Economist at the International Monetary Fund. Peter Praet served on several high-level international committees, including the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems, the Committee on the Global Financial System, and the European Banking Authority. He earned a PhD in Economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1980.



Klaus Regling is the first Managing Director of the European Stability Mechanism. He is also the CEO of the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), a position he has held since the creation of the EFSF in June 2010. He was Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission. For 40 years he has worked as an economist in senior positions in the public and the private sector in Europe, Asia and the U.S., including a decade with each the IMF in Washington and Jakarta and the German Ministry of Finance, where he prepared the Economic and Monetary Union in Europe. During 2008 to 2009, he researched financial and monetary integration in Asia at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. Mr. Regling studied economics at the Universities of Hamburg and Regensburg.



Michael Landesmann is Senior Research Associate of wiiw (has been Scientific Director of wiiw over the period of 1996-2016) and is Professor of Economics at the Johannes Kepler University Linz where he is also department head of economic theory and quantitative economic research. His research focuses on East-West economic integration, structural change, economic growth, general topics in international economic relations, globalization and labor markets and migration. He was a member of the Group of Economic Policy Advisors under the chairmanship of former EU Commission President Romano Prodi and participated in and coordinated a wide range of EU projects on different aspects of European integration. He has a D.Phil. from Oxford University, was a Lecturer, Fellow and Senior Research Officer at Cambridge University and held visiting Professorships at Harvard University and a wide range of other, international universities.



Iain Begg is a Professorial Research Fellow at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science. His main research work is on the political economy of European integration and EU economic governance. His current projects include studies on fiscal policy coordination and on consequences of Brexit for EU economic governance. He has undertaken a number of advisory roles, including being a member of the research committee of the Czech National Bank and acting as an expert witness or specialist adviser on EU issues for the House of Commons Treasury Committee, the House of Lords European Communities Committee and the European Parliament. His recent publications include work on fiscal transparency, the governance of the euro and the political economy of monetary union.



Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz has been Mayor of the City of Warsaw since 2006. Prior to that she was Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development as well as a member of the Polish Parliament and Chairman of State Treasury Commission. From 1992 to 2000 she was the president of the Polish National Bank, administering the independence of the Central Bank, reforms of the banking system and the zloty denomination and its liquidation. Having worked as academic for many years, she advised Senate and Parliament within the scope of administrative, economic and banking law. She is now a professor at Warsaw University and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University at the Faculty of Law and Administration and director of Administrative Law, Economic Law and Banking Law Institute. Mayor Gronkiewicz-Waltz 1975 holds a doctorate degree in law from Warsaw University.



Aneta Krstevska is Chief Economist at the National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia, where she was previously Director of the Research Department in the period 2001 - 2010. Currently, she is a member of the Monetary Policy Committee and she is involved in the macroeconomic forecasting, macroeconomic and financial sector analysis and EU integration process. She is a part-time professor at University American College Skopje. Her research spans over several fields including Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Banking and Financial markets.



Wolfgang Petritsch currently serves as the President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation. He was the EU's Special Envoy for Kosovo (1998-1999), EU chief negotiator at the Kosovo peace talks in Rambouillet and Paris (1999), and then High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina (1999-2002). He served as the Austrian ambassador to the UN in Geneva (2002-2008) and to the OECD in Paris (2008-2013). He was the Joseph A. Schumpeter Fellow at Harvard University (2013-2014). He studied Political Science and International Relations at the University of Southern California. He holds a PhD on South-Eastern European History and Politics from the University of Vienna.



György Surányi has been board chairman of CIB Bank and Resident Regional Head of Central and East European Region for Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy since 2001. Prior to that he was president of the Hungarian National Bank between 1990 and 1991 and again in 1995. During his second tenure as central banker he managed to lower inflation by two thirds, which brought Surányi international recognition. He is professor of finance at Corvinus University, Budapest, from which he obtained his doctorate degree in economics. He furthermore holds a PhD from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest. He is board member of several national and international institutions, such as Bruegel Think Tank, Convergence Committee of the Republic of Hungary, UN Development Programme (UNDP), Economic Council of Corvinus University etc.



Kurt Pribil is Executive Director and Member of the Governing Board of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB). In prior positions, he worked as a Member of the Executive Board of the Austrian Financial Market Authority (2001–2013), as Head (and Deputy Head) of the OeNB's Foreign Research Division, as an Economic Advisor to Minister of Economic Affairs and Vice Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel and as OeNB representative in Brussels. Since 2013, Kurt Pribil has been Chairman of the Supervisory Boards of several companies associated with the OeNB. He holds a Master's degree in economics from the Vienna University of Economics and Business and a doctoral degree in economics from the Johannes Kepler University Linz.



Anna auf dem Brinke is a research fellow at the Jacques Delors Institut – Berlin. She is an expert on political economy and quantitative analysis. At the JDI she works on economic and monetary policy in the EU. Prior to her current position Anna worked at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, DIW Berlin, the Berlin Social Science Center, and the Federal Foreign Office. She holds a BA from University College London and an MSc Research from the London School of Economics. She received a PhD from the European University Institute. Her dissertation was awarded the Linz-Rokkan Prize. Before completing her thesis she was a visiting researcher at Yale..



Heiner Flassbeck is a German economist, honorary professor at Universität Hamburg and Co-Editor of the online magazine Makroskop. From 2003 to 2012 (until his retirement) he served as Chief of Macroeconomics and Development of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. From 1998 to 1999 he was a State Secretary in the German Federal Ministry of Finance where he also advised former finance minister Oskar Lafontaine on a reform of the European Monetary Union. Holding a doctorate degree from Freie Universität Berlin, Mr. Flassbeck works on globalization, development theory and monetary theory.



Fabian Zuleeg has been Chief Executive and Chief Economist of the European Policy Centre since 2013, with overall managerial and strategic responsibilities. Before joining the EPC he has worked as an economic analyst in academia, the public and private sector. He is currently Honorary Fellow at the Europa Institute of the University of Edinburgh and Honorary Professor at Heriot Watt University. He holds a PhD on the political economy of EU accession from Edinburgh University. His research focuses on the economic and Euro crises, including the reform of the new economic governance at Eurozone level. He also works on the Single Market, Digitalization, European labor markets and the EU budget. He has a long standing interest in the political economy of European integration, with a particular focus on the UK-EU relationship, as well as the process of separation. He was appointed to the Standing Council on Europe, established by Scotland's First Minister after the Brexit vote in June 2016.



Philip Reading has been Director of the Financial Stability and Bank Inspections Department at the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) since 2008. Prior to his position at OeNB he has gained extensive experience in the banking sector and held executive positions at several major Austrian banks (BAWAG P.S.K. and Oesterreichische Postsparkasse AG). Four times he was awarded the Standard and Poor's Austrian Investment Funds Performance Award. Mr. Reading holds a diploma in Economics from the University of Vienna and a M.A. in modern languages from St. John's College, Cambridge.



Stefan Bruckbauer has been Chief Economist at Bank Austria und UniCredit Group and head of Economics and Market Analysis at Bank Austria since 2009. Prior to that he was deputy head of the economics department at Bank Austria, responsible for macro- and banking research. His areas of expertise are the Austrian economy, financial markets, CEE and the EU, the euro and the banking market in Austria and Europe. He holds a Master's degree in economics from the Johannes Kepler University Linz, where he participated in the project "labor market research and served as an assistant and lecturer at the Institute of Economic Theory. At present he lectures economics at the University of Vienna and runs courses for fund and portfolio managers at the Association of Austrian Mutual Fund Companies and at the Banking Academy. Stefan Bruckbauer is an expert for the Austrian Fiscal Advisory Council.



Daniela Gabor is an Associate Professor at Bristol Business School, University of the West of England. Her research focuses on central banking, on the governance of global banks, shadow banking activities, in particular repo markets and the implications for central banking. Her latest publications include a co-edited book entitled “Central Banking at Crossroads” (Anthem Press, 2014) and journal articles on the European Financial Transaction Tax on shadow banking and “The (impossible) repo trinity: from fiscal to financial dominance”. She leads two research grants, one on Shadow Money funded by the Institute for New Economic Thinking, and another on the Capital Markets Union in Europe, funded by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies. Ms. Gabor holds a PhD (Banking and Finance) on Monetary Policy Processes in Romania from University of Stirling.



Nicolas Véron is Co-founder of and Senior Fellow at Bruegel, Brussels and Visiting Fellow at Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington DC. His research focuses on financial systems and financial services policy. He has participated in numerous parliamentary hearings in the US Senate, European Parliament, and in several European member states. He is a financial policy expert for the European Commission and Court of Auditors and a consultant to the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. He is also an independent board member of the global derivatives trade repository arm of DTCC, a financial infrastructure company that operates on a non-profit basis. A graduate of France's Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole des Mines, his earlier experience includes senior positions in the French government and private sector. In September 2012, Bloomberg Markets included him in its yearly global “50 Most Influential” list, with reference to his early advocacy of European banking union.



Peter Mooslechner is Executive Director and Member of the Governing Board of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB). He worked at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) for more than 15 years, joined the OeNB in 1996 to head the Economic Analysis Division and was appointed Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Department in 1999. Peter Mooslechner is a member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the ECB, a member of the Heads of Research Group of the Eurosystem and a Board member of the Austrian Economic Association (NOeG). He holds a doctorate degree in economics from the Johannes Kepler University Linz. He has taught economics and economic policy at the major Austrian universities. His main areas of research cover macroeconomics, monetary and fiscal policy, financial markets and banking, the development of economic institutions and Eastern European issues.



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Jürgen Matthes heads the Research Unit International Economics and Economic Outlook at the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (Institut der deutschen Wirtschaft Köln - IW Köln), the largest privately financed economic think tank in Germany. He joined the IW Köln in 1995, and since then had held several positions there. Jürgen Matthes has published on a wide range of topics covering Economic and Monetary Union, current account imbalances in the euro area, the competitiveness of nations, pros and cons of globalization, structural economic change, trade policy and the global financial crisis. His economic studies were undertaken in Dortmund and Dublin (1988-1995).



Eulalia Rubio is a Senior Research Fellow at the Jacques Delors Institute. Her research and publications focus particularly on the EU budget, the EU cohesion policy, the reform of Economic and Monetary Union governance and the future of the EU social model. She is an associate professor at the European School of Political and Social Sciences of the Catholic University of Lille (ESPOL) where she gives lectures on European economic governance. Before joining the Jacques Delors Institute, she spent several years in academia working on themes related with the Europeanization of national and regional policies, the reform of welfare systems and the impact of EU cohesion policies. Among others, she was research assistant at the Department of Political Science and was associate professor in comparative politics at the Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona). In 2007, she obtained her PhD in Political Science at the European University Institute in Florence.



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Gabriele Bischoff has been President of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) since 2015. She began her career at the Berlin Institute for Social Research and subsequently worked as a researcher at the FHW Berlin School of Economics. In 1990, she started work at IG Metall Germany as a Senior Advisor for Equality. She became Head of Department and was an active member of the EMB and ETUC women's committee. She was Social Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Germany in Brussels responsible for social dialogue. After that, she worked as a Senior Advisor for the EU Presidency in the German Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. In 2008, Gabriele Bischoff became head of the European Policy Department at the Federal Executive of the German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB). She is a member of the ETUC Executive Committee and the board of the European Movement in Germany. Gabriele Bischoff studied Political Science at the Universities of Marburg and Berlin and holds a Diploma in Political Science from the Freie Universität Berlin.



Paul Lindquist is a County Commissioner in Stockholm county, responsible for real estate and capital expenditure. As such he oversees an annual investment budget of €2 billion and a property stock totaling 2.1 million square meters health and medical care facilities. From 2003-2014 he was the mayor of Lidingö city. Lindquist is also a member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and leader of the EPP-group in its ECON commission. He has been a rapporteur of several opinions from the CoR, including “Follow-up to the Five Presidents’ report: Completing Europe’s Economic and Monetary Union”. Before entering politics, Lindquist worked in sales, marketing and management for IBM and Ericsson for 14 years, including two years in the United States. Lindquist has a BSc in Business Administration from Uppsala University.



Ulrike Rabmer-Koller was elected as new President of UEAPME, the European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in 2015. She previously held the position as UEAPME Vice President which enabled her to develop a European policy network and build up contacts with Craft and SME organizations from all over Europe. Ulrike Rabmer-Koller is the owner and General Manager of the family business “Rabmer Group” - an internationally operating SME active in the area of construction and environmental technology. Since 2015, Ulrike Rabmer-Koller also serves as Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKO) and is Chairwoman of the Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institutions. Ms. Rabmer-Koller graduated from the Johannes Kepler University Linz with a Master of Business Administration.



Heinz Zourek has been Director General in the European Commission’s Directorate General on Taxes and Customers Union, DG TAXUD from 2012 to 2015 (until his retirement). During his 20 year career at the European Commission he was Director General (and Deputy Director General) in DG Enterprise and Industry and Deputy Director General in the DG Internal Market. Before joining the Commission he gained experience in field of trade policy. He was a member of the College of EFTA Surveillance Authority, where his portfolio contained state aids and monopolies, public procurement and free movement of persons. Prior to that he was Director of departments at the Confederation of Austrian Trade Unions and the Chamber of Labor in Vienna. Heinz Zourek studied Economics at University of Vienna.



Edmond Alphandéry is the founder and Chairman of the Euro 50 Group which gathers leading European personalities concerned with monetary policy of the European Central Bank. A Board member of ENGIE (former GDF SUEZ), he is the President of its Strategic Committee. He is a Senior Advisor of NOMURA and sits on the Consultative Committee of A.T. KEARNEY, France. He attends the Consultative Committee of the Banque de France. From 1993-1995 he worked as a Minister of the Economy of France. From 1998 to 2012, Mr. Alphandéry served as chairman of CNP Assurances, and prior to this appointment, he was chairman of Electricité de France (EDF). He graduated from Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris, and after studying at the University of Chicago and the University of California, Berkeley, he obtained his French Ph.D. in Economics in 1969 and his “Agrégation” in political economy in 1971.