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**Sigrid de Vries** is Secretary General of CLEPA, the European Association of Automotive Suppliers in Brussels. CLEPA is the voice of over 3.000 companies that manufacture state-of-the-art systems and components and develop innovative technology for safe, smart and sustainable mobility. Automotive suppliers in Europe directly and indirectly support five million jobs across the continent and are among the largest investors in R&D, investing over 30 billion euros annually. A Dutch national, Sigrid studied journalism in the Netherlands and joined the country's financial daily in Amsterdam in 1994. From 1998, as EU correspondent in Brussels she covered EU politics, the internal market and enlargement. Sigrid moved to Berlin, Germany, in 2002 to report on the country's politics, international relations, economy and industry. In 2006, she became director of communications and public relations at the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA) in Brussels. From 2012, she led the external relations and communications department at CNH Industrial in Turin, Italy, as VP and member of the EMEA region's management committee. Before joining CLEPA in 2017, she was Secretary General of the Association of the European Construction Equipment Industry (CECE) in Brussels.



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**Gabriel Felbermayr** has been Director of the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) in Vienna and Professor at the Vienna University of Economics and Business since October 2021. Professor Gabriel Felbermayr, PhD, was born in June 1976 in Steyr, Austria. After studying economics and trade at the University of Linz, he went to Florence, Italy, to pursue his doctoral studies. From 2004 to 2005, he was an Associate Consultant with McKinsey & Co. in Vienna. From 2005 to 2008, he was Assistant Professor at the University of Tübingen. From 2009 to 2010, he held a chair in International Economics at the University of Hohenheim (Stuttgart). From 2010 to 2019, he led the ifo Center for International Economics at the University of Munich, where he also served as a Full Professor in International Economics. From 2019 to 2021, he was President of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and held a chair in Economics and Economic Policy at Kiel University (CAU). Gabriel Felbermayr holds various roles and positions. The most important are: Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy, Chairman of the Statistics Council of the Statistics Austria Federal Institute, and Associate Editor of the *European Economic Review*. His research and consulting work focuses on issues of international trade theory and policy, labor market research, European economic integration, and current economic policy issues. He has published a large number of articles in international academic journals, policy briefs, and newspapers. His research has been recognized with several awards.



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**David Haugh** is Senior Economist in the Office of the OECD Chief Economist. In this capacity, he manages a team of economists supporting the Chief Economist, working on topics including the global outlook, macroeconomic policy, international trade, digitalization and climate change. Previously, Dr. Haugh held several positions in the OECD Economics Department's Country Studies Branch, carrying out surveys of Estonia, Ireland, Mexico, Portugal and Spain and the Macroeconomic Policy Division, working on fiscal policy and international trade issues. He has co-authored a variety of journal articles and Economics Department Working Papers. Before joining the OECD, Dr. Haugh worked on economic forecasting and business cycle research at the New Zealand Treasury. Dr. Haugh, a New Zealand citizen, holds a PhD in economics from the Australian National University as well as an MA and an LLB from the University of Auckland.



**Ricardo Hausmann** is the founder and Director of Harvard's Growth Lab and the Rafik Hariri Professor of the Practice of International Political Economy at Harvard Kennedy School. Under his leadership, the Growth Lab has grown into one of the most well regarded and influential hubs for research on international development. His scholarly contributions have had a significant impact on the study and practice of development. These include the development of the Growth Diagnostics and Economic Complexity methodologies as well as several widely used economic concepts, such as Dark Matter, Original Sin, and Self-discovery. His work has been published in some of the top journals in the world, including *Science*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, *Economic Policy* and the *Journal of Economic Growth*, among many others. These publications have been cited more than 34,000 times, and their main findings have been highlighted in mass media outlets such as *The New York Times*, *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. Since launching the Growth Lab in 2006, Hausmann has served as principal investigator for more than 50 research initiatives in nearly 30 countries, informing development policy, growth strategies and diversification agendas at the national and subnational levels. Before joining Harvard University, he served as the first Chief Economist of the Inter-American Development Bank (1994–2000), where he created the Research Department. He has served as Minister of Planning of Venezuela (1992–1993) and as a member of the Board of the Central Bank of Venezuela. He also served as Chair of the IMF-World Bank Development Committee. He was Professor of Economics at the Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administracion (IESA) (1985–1991) in Caracas, where he founded the Center for Public Policy. He holds a PhD in economics from Cornell University.



**Robert Holzmann** has been Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank since September 2019. He is a full member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and holds honorary positions at the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur and the University of New South Wales in Sydney. In addition to his academic positions, Professor Holzmann served as senior economist at the OECD and the IMF. At the World Bank, he led the pension strategy work as Sector Director of the Bank's Social Protection & Labor Department. Professor Holzmann also served internationally as senior advisor on pensions, financial literacy and education as well as labor market and migration issues. He has published extensively on financial, fiscal and social policy issues. He has travelled to over 90 countries in the world.



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**Andreja Jaklič** is Full Professor and Head of Research at the Centre of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. Her research and teaching spans across three disciplinary areas, including international business, international economics, and European studies. Her research experience in international trade, foreign direct investment, global value chains and internationalization strategies originate from several academic and applied international research projects (European framework programs, regional projects, business intelligence projects and workshops, and consultancy to international organizations such as the European Commission, UNCTAD and the OECD), but also national projects (related ministries, governmental agencies and business). As a visiting professor and researcher, she cooperated with a number of European and Chinese universities. Her publications include over 50 scientific articles in scientific journals, several monographs (including *Enhanced Transition through Outward Internationalization*, 2003) and book chapters. She is a co-founder and executive board member of the Central and Eastern European Chapter of the Academy of International Business (AIB – CEEC), served in editorial boards (IBR, EBER, JEEMS, TNCR, CIR Analysis, et al.) and as board member of the European Academy of International Business (EIBA) from 2010 to 2016.



**Mārtiņš Kazāks** holds a BSc in economics from the University of Latvia, a Diploma in economics from the University of Cambridge as well as an M.Sc. in economics (with distinction) and a PhD in economics from the University of London. He has lectured at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga (1996–2008), the University of London, Riga Stradiņš University and Riga Business School, and has served as Chief Economist at Swedbank AS in Latvia (2005–2009) and as Deputy Chief Economist at the Swedbank Group (2010–2018). From 2006 to 2011, Mārtiņš Kazāks was a member of the Strategic Analysis Committee of the President of the Republic of Latvia and, from 2014 to 2018, member of the Fiscal Discipline Council of the Republic of Latvia. On August 1, 2018, he was appointed member of the Council of Latvijas Banka by the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia and on December 12, 2019, Governor of Latvijas Banka. Mārtiņš Kazāks is a member of the Governing Council and the General Council of the European Central Bank and serves as Governor of the International Monetary Fund for the Republic of Latvia.



**Peter Kažimír** has served as Governor of Národná banka Slovenska (NBS) since June 2019. From 1993 to 2006, he worked in the field of commercial real estate and served as member of the Management Board of DDP Credit Suisse Life and Pensions from 2001 to 2006. In 2006, Peter Kažimír was appointed Deputy Finance Minister of the Slovak Republic. From 2010 to 2012, he was a Member of Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee. In April 2012, Peter Kažimír was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic. As Finance Minister his main priorities included combating tax fraud and evasion, implementing structural reforms, and rationalizing public spending through projects such as the Value for Money spending review. In the second half of 2016, during the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the European Union, he officially represented the European Union and the Eurogroup at the G20 and G7 meetings as well as at the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group. As NBS Governor, he is also a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank, member of the General Board of the European Systemic Risk Board, Alternate Governor of the European Bank for

Reconstruction and Development for the Slovak Republic and, since June 2019, Governor of the International Monetary Fund for the Slovak Republic. Peter Kažimír was chosen for the 2018 European Finance Minister of the Year Award by the *Banker*, a British magazine. The award recognizes his work and the resulting improvements in the Slovak economy. In October 2019, he received the GLOBSEC European Award for his contribution to maintaining euro area stability and unity during the most critical moments of the European debt crisis. Peter Kažimír holds a master's degree from the Faculty of Commerce of the University of Economics in Bratislava.



**Mark Keese** is the Head of the Skills and Employability Division in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD. He is responsible for the OECD's work on employment and skill development policies to promote a more inclusive and resilient labor market. He is in charge of the OECD's Future of Work Initiative and also contributes to G20 work on employment issues. Mark Keese has been at the OECD since 1985, covering both macro-economic and labor market issues. He was a member of the taskforce that developed the first OECD Jobs Strategy in 1994 and was closely involved in the development of the OECD's international survey of adult skills (PIAAC). He has worked extensively on ensuring that people have better employment choices at older ages. His published works include articles on labor markets in transition countries, earnings inequality, minimum wages, the future of work, skills, and ageing and employment policies.



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**Ricardo Mourinho Félix** has been Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) since October 16, 2020. The Vice-Presidents, together with President Werner Hoyer, form the Management Committee that runs the bank on a day-to-day basis. Vice-President Mourinho Félix has oversight of the Bank's funding and treasury, economic analysis and research activities as well as of lending operations supporting the Blue Economy, EIB's migration response, as well as those in support of EU programs, such as the Recovery and Resilience Facility, Invest EU and the Just Transition Mechanism in the context of the European Green Deal. He also oversees the relations with rating agencies, national promotional institutions, the OECD and think tanks. Vice-President Mourinho Félix is responsible for institutional relations with Spain and Portugal, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Latin-American and the Caribbean States. Before joining the EIB, Ricardo Mourinho Félix was Deputy Minister and Secretary of State of Finance in Portugal for five years. He was nominated member of the Portuguese Government after a 20-year career at Banco de Portugal where he became Head of the Portuguese Economy Division in 2013. He holds a master's in Economics from the NOVA School of Business and Economics and a degree in Economics from ISEG Lisbon School of Economics and Management.



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Education

- 2003: PhD in economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business
- 1996: Master of Science in development studies, London School of Economics
- 1995: Master's degree in social anthropology, University of Vienna
- 1994: Master's degree in economics, Vienna University of Economics and Business

Selected professional activities

- from Oct. 2021: Director, Economic Analysis and Research Department, OeNB
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- Sept. 2013–Feb. 2014: Senior economist, Research Department, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- 1997–2007: Country desk officer, Austrian Development Cooperation

University teaching

- 2002–2007: University lecturer at Webster Vienna Private University
- 1996–2002: University lecturer at University of Vienna



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**Jiří Rusnok** graduated from the Faculty of Economics of Prague University of Economics and Business in 1984. He began his career in the department for long-term outlooks at the State Planning Commission. Later, he served as Head of the Social Strategy Section at the Federal Ministry for Strategic Planning and worked at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs for some time. From 1992 to 1998, he served as Adviser and Head of Department at the Czechoslovak Confederation of Trade Unions. From August 1998, he held the position of Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, and then served as Minister of Finance from April 2001 to July 2002 and as Minister of Industry and Trade from July 2002 to March 2003. From May 2003 to June 2013, he held a managerial position in the insurance section of ING's branch in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. From 2005 to 2012, he served as President at the Association of Pension Funds of the Czech Republic. At the same time, he was Chairman of the Board and General Director of ING PF, a.s. Following his position as Chairman of the Committee for the Financial Market – an advisory body to the Czech National Bank Board – from 2006 to 2009, he served as President of the Audit Public Oversight Council until 2013. From 2010 to 2013, he was a member of the National Economic Council of the Czech Government (NERV). From June 2013 to January 2014, he served as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. Jiří Rusnok was appointed member of the Bank Board of the Czech National Bank (CNB) by the President of the Czech Republic with effect from March 1, 2014, and Governor of the CNB for a term of six years with effect from July 1, 2016.



**Eduard Schock**  
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**Education**

1978–1986: Studied economics at the Vienna University of Economics and Business and the University of Vienna (including doctoral studies); graduated with a master's degree in economics in 1984 (master's thesis on state-owned highway and road construction financing companies, supervised by Prof.

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1978–1983: Studied law at the University of Vienna; received doctoral degree in law in 1983

1977: Graduated from Bundesrealgymnasium Waltergasse in Vienna

**Professional background**

2011–2019: City Councillor (without portfolio) in Vienna and Member of the Vienna Provincial Government; Spokesman for financial matters, Club of the Vienna Freedom Party at the Vienna City Hall

2006–2010: Chairman of the Vienna Provincial Parliamentary and City Council fraction of the Freedom Party; Club of the Vienna Freedom Party at the Vienna City Hall

1998–2006: Economics Department, Creditanstalt, later Bank Austria

1996–1998: Financial and budget expert, Freedom Party’s parliamentary club (office of the Freedom Party’s leader)

1995–1996: Economics Department, Creditanstalt

1992–1993: Risk manager in the Credit Department (corporate lending), Creditanstalt

1992: Project and investment financing, Creditanstalt

1991: Training in corporate banking, balance sheet analysis, risk management and export financing, Creditanstalt

1987–1991: Secretary of the Freedom Party’s parliamentary club

1985–1987: Head of State Secretary Holger Bauer’s Cabinet, Federal Ministry of Finance

1983–1985: Research and training assistant at the University of Vienna, Institute for Constitutional and Administrative Law (department for economic law)

Political activities

2011–2019: City Councillor (without portfolio) in Vienna and Member of the Vienna Provincial Government

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