



# MEMORIAL SERVICE

2 JUNE 2026

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
FORMER MEMBERS ASSOCIATION



# **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

FOR DECEASED MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS  
OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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HEMICYCLE

17.45 – 18.15

*with the participation of:*

AVELINE MONNOYER (MEZZO-SOPRANO)

ANNIE LAVOISIER (HARP)

PHILIPPE LAMBERT (TRUMPET)

## **PROGRAMME**

*Ombra mai fu. Extrait de Serse*

*by* Georg Friedrich Haendel

*played by* Aveline Monnoyer (Mezzo-Soprano) and Annie Lavoisier (Harp)

### **WELCOME**

*by* Klaus HÄNSCH

President of the EP Former Members Association  
Former President of the European Parliament

*[please be seated]*

### **TRIBUTE**

*by* Katarina BARLEY

Vice-President of the European Parliament

**FIRST READING**  
*read by Jean-Pierre AUDY*

*À Villequier*

*Maintenant que Paris, ses pavés et ses marbres,  
Et sa brume et ses toits sont bien loin de mes yeux ;  
Maintenant que je suis sous les branches des arbres,  
Et que je puis songer à la beauté des cieux ;  
Je dis que le tombeau qui sur les morts se ferme  
Ouvre le firmament ;  
Et que ce qu'ici-bas nous prenons pour le terme  
Est le commencement.*

*by Victor Hugo*



Victor Hugo (1802–1885), poet, writer, novelist, politician, member of parliament, and socially conscious intellectual.

Excerpt from a poem published in 1856 in the collection “Les contemplations” (Contemplations).

A poem written by Victor Hugo following the tragic death of his daughter Léopoldine Hugo, who accidentally drowned with her husband in the Seine River while she was pregnant.

## SECOND READING

*read by Edit HERCZOG*

*Jaj, régi telek, hová lettetek?  
És barátaim, kik hová lettetek,  
és széllé már, fűtyülve dátumokra:  
visszaemlékszem hangotokra.*

*Halott nevek a mobilomban,  
egyre többen: már hallhatatlanok,  
de a jegyzékben számuk ott van,  
ameddig én még itt vagyok.*

...

*Az antennák és hófogók között  
visszanézek egy másik évbe,  
és nem tudom, ki ott jár távolodva,  
abból az évből visszanéz-e.*

*Lemerül lassan ez az év is,  
de bennünk mentve minden emlék,  
halottak hívnak és élők üzennek,  
a PIN-kód: kettő, nulla, kettő, öt.*

*by Tóth Krisztina*



### THIRD READING

read by Godelieve QUISTHOUDT-ROWOHL

*So nimm denn meine Hände und führe mich  
Bis an mein selig Ende und ewiglich  
Ich kann allein nicht gehen, nicht einen Schritt  
Wo Du wirst gehen und stehen, da nimm mich mit*

*In deiner Gnade hüte mein schwaches Herz  
Und mach es endlich stille in Freud und Schmerz  
Lass ruhen zu deinen Füßen dein armes Kind  
Es will die Augen schliessen und glauben blind*

*Wenn ich auch gar nichts fühle von deiner Macht  
Du führst mich doch zum Ziele auch durch die Nacht  
So nimm denn meine Hände und führe mich  
Bis an mein selig Ende und ewiglich*

by Julie von Hausmann



## FOURTH READING

*read by Paul RÜBIG*

*Mich lässt der Gedanke an den Tod in völliger Ruhe.  
Ist es doch so wie mit der Sonne:  
Wir sehen sie am Horizont untergehen,  
aber wissen, dass sie „drüben“ weiter scheint.*

*by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*



*Loosin Yelav*

*by Luciano Berio*

*Nana*

*by Manuel de Falla*

*played by Aveline Monnoyer (Mezzo-Soprano)  
and Annie Lavoisier (Harp)*

## HONOUR ROLL CALL

*[all rise]*

*read by* Monica BALDI  
Vice-President of the European Parliament  
Former Members Association

*Abide with me*  
*by* William Henry Monk  
*played by* Aveline Monnoyer (Mezzo-Soprano)  
and Annie Lavoisier (Harp)

## MINUTE OF SILENCE

*[remain standing]*



*Amazing Grace*  
*by* John Newton  
*played by* Philippe Lambert

**CLOSING ORATION**

*by* Josep BORRELL

Former President of the European Parliament

*Ave Maria*

*by* Giulio Caccini

*played by* Aveline Monnoyer (Mezzo-Soprano)  
and Annie Lavoisier (Harp)

**EUROPEAN HYMN**

*by* Ludwig van Beethoven

*played by* Aveline Monnoyer (Mezzo-Soprano)  
and Annie Lavoisier (Harp)

*[all rise]*



# **IN MEMORIAM**



\* 8 November 1947

† 30 April 2025

## Ruth HIERONYMI

EPP-ED, GERMANY (1999-2009)



Ruth Hieronymi, a great European and a highly regarded colleague whose influence and success extended far beyond her key areas of expertise, passed away at the age of 77.

Ruth, who completed her studies in history and sociology with a Master's degree from the University of Cologne in 1977, enjoyed the support and trust of the citizens of her beloved home town of Bonn and its region for over four decades, who elected her to the Beuel District Council, Bonn City Council, the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia and the European Parliament (EP). A committed Christian Democrat who had adopted the principles of Catholic social teaching as her guiding principle and applied them at all political levels, she was particularly active in the fields of social, educational, welfare and cultural policy. Her special passion, however, lay in media policy.

The CDU parliamentary group in the state parliament, of which she was deputy chair for a time, appointed her as its media policy spokesperson as early as 1991 and sent her to the Broadcasting Council of Westdeutscher Rundfunk, Europe's largest radio and television broadcaster in terms of staff numbers. When she left the EP in 2009, she took over as chair of this body for six years until her departure. In the relevant EP committee, Ruth served for a decade as rapporteur for almost all groundbreaking media policy reports. This staunch advocate of public service broadcasting, even in the digital age, said in 2008 that EU media policy legislation must consider not only the "laws of the market, but also the requirements of our cultural and values-based community".

Our thoughts are with her husband Albert, their children Tonia and Philipp, and their families.

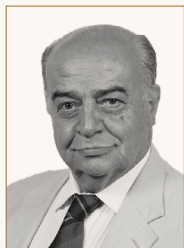
– by Elmar Brok

\* 16 February 1928

† 6 May 2025

## Lucio MANISCO

GUE, GUE/NGL, ITALY (1994-1995, 1995-2004)



It was a privilege to have been Lucio's colleague during the years we spent together in the European Parliament.

Until then, I hadn't known him personally, but I was familiar with his work as a journalist dedicated to helping us learn about and understand the United States. First, he was a correspondent for *Il Messaggero* and later was a correspondent for TG3 during Sandro Curzi's time as editor-in-chief. In this sense, I can say that I grew up alongside him and followed with greater awareness the events which, starting with the Vietnam War, helped shape my political consciousness and that of so many others of my generation.

Later, I was fortunate enough to meet him, and my admiration gave way to affection for a man who often managed to swim against the tide, combining his expertise with the irony of his character and the wit derived from the great professionalism he had acquired through his journalistic work.

In this time of ideological disarray, we feel his absence more strongly than ever.

– *by Pasqualina Napoletano*

\* 29 August 1965

† 20 May 2025

## Patrick O'FLYNN

EFDD, UNITED KINGDOM (2014-2019)



It is my privilege to pay tribute to Patrick's life – a friend but also colleague.

Monday 16th June 2025 saw family, friends and political colleagues celebrate his life, and acknowledge what his loss meant to so many.

Tributes were paid by those who had worked alongside him from 1996-2014 in the Westminster Parliamentary press gallery, UK House of Commons, when he was Political Editor of The Daily Express – a UK national newspaper.

Latterly those tributes reflected the enormous contribution he made to the Brexit debate both before and after his election as an MEP in 2014. His commitment at EU ECON Committee level was unsurpassed.

Renowned for his steely character masked by a genial façade. Fluid and eloquent with words as befits a top rank political journalist. Calm under pressure but motivated when the moment arose. A man of huge intellect, commitment and social responsibility.

His final goodbye featured music selections from The Jam, Frankie Goes to Hollywood and some truly hilarious but also extremely moving commentary from family and close friends. He left as he had lived – with style!

– by Diane James

\* **31 March 1928**

† **19 June 2025**

## **André FANTON**

EPD, EDA, FRANCE (1980-1982, 1984-1989)



Mr André Fanton served as a French Member of the European Parliament from 1980 to 1989. At a national level, he represented Défence des intérêts de la France en Europe and Rassemblement pour la République. Within the Parliament, Mr Fanton was a Member of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and the Group of the European Democratic Alliance.

During his legislative term, Mr Fanton was a Member of the Committee on Energy and Research, the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China.

\* **18 October 1932**

† **28 June 2025**

## **Leopold Józef RUTOWICZ**

NA, UEN, POLAND (2004-2006, 2006-2009)



Mr Leopold Józef Rutowicz served as a Polish Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009. At a national level, he represented Samoobrona RP. Within the Parliament, Mr Rutowicz was a non-attached Member and a Member of Union for Europe of the Nations Group.

During his legislative term, Mr Rutowicz was a Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand and the Delegation for relations with Mercosur.

\* 3 September 1945

† 30 June 2025

## **Jorge Salvador HERNÁNDEZ MOLLAR**

EPP, EPP-ED, SPAIN (1995-1999, 1999-2004)



Mr Jorge Salvador Hernández Mollar served as a Spanish Member of the European Parliament from 1995 to 2004. At a national level, he represented Partido Popular. Within the Parliament, Mr Hernández Mollar was a Member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group) and the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats.

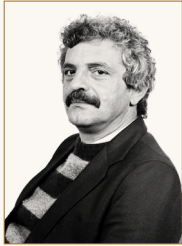
During his legislative term, Mr Hernández Mollar was the Chair of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs and the Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union and the Delegation for relations with the Mashreq countries and the Gulf. He was a Member of Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, the Committee on Petitions, the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, and the Conference of Committee Chairmen. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South America, the Delegation to the EU-Lithuania Joint Parliamentary Committee and the Delegation to the EU-Lithuania Joint Parliamentary Committee.

\* 12 November 1939

† 5 July 2025

## **Emilio MOLINARI**

RBW, ITALY (1984-1985)



Mr Emilio Molinari served as an Italian Member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1985. At national level, he represented Democrazia proletaria. Within the Parliament, Mr Molinari was a Member of the Rainbow Group: Federation of the Green-Alternative European Links, Agelev-Ecolo, the Danish People's Movement against Membership of the European Community and the European Free Alliance in the European Parliament.

During his legislative term, Mr Molinari was Member of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with Japan.

\* 8 Mars 1941

† 13 July 2025

## Yves A.R. GALLAND

LD, LDR, ELDR, FRANCE (1979-1985, 1985-1994, 1994-1995)



Yves became President of the Liberal Group in Parliament in December 1991 and served until 1994.

Elected to the European Parliament in the first direct elections in 1979 for the Parti Radical Valoisien, a liberal party which joined forces in Strasbourg with Giscard d'Estaing's republican UDF. The 38-year-old Galland was a widely respected lawyer and independent Liberal with a background in business (Boeing). A heavyweight on economic issues, Yves Galland was elected Vice President of Parliament in 1989. His quick wit and gallic charm made him the obvious candidate to succeed Valéry Giscard d'Estaing as Liberal Group President when the latter announced to the world in December 1991 that the Liberal Group was joining the European People's Party despite not having consulted his colleagues, only three of whom followed him. Most of the French members remained in the Liberal Group with Yves Galland.

He is remembered by colleagues as a man of courage, verve and integrity and will be sorely missed.

– by *Sir Graham Watson*

Yves Galland has held various professions and led many different lives. He has succeeded in all of them. As a business leader, he built up several advertising agencies and went on to head major firms in the insurance and aerospace sectors. As an activist in the Radical Party, he rose to become its secretary-general and then its president. As a local councillor and deputy mayor of Paris, he made a decisive contribution to the renovation and development of social housing in the capital.

A member of the government on several occasions, he lent his name to a number of important laws concerning local government and competition.

A Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1986 and from 1989 to 1995, he made his mark within the Liberal Group, which he chaired from 1992 to 1994. His natural authority was complemented by a thorough knowledge of the issues and by a precise eloquence perfectly suited to the demands of European debate.

Outside of politics, he managed to carve out a happy private life with an exemplary wife and their three children.

He was my friend. I feel as though I have lost a parent.

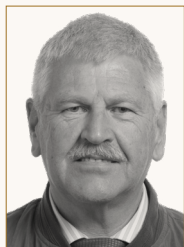
– *by Florus Wijsenbeek and Jean Thomas Nordmann*

\* **14 April 1952**

† **17 July 2025**

## **Udo VOIGT**

NA, GERMANY (2014-2019)



Mr Udo Voigt served as a German Member of the European Parliament from 2014 to 2019. At national level, he represented Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands. Within the Parliament, Mr Voigt was a non-attached Member.

During his legislative term, Mr Voigt Molinari was Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with Iran.

\* 22 September 1936

† 11 August 2025

## Mario FORTE

EPP, ITALY (1989-1994)



Born in Naples into a family with deep roots in Catholic-democratic culture. He nurtured strong family ties, with his wife, to whom he was devoted throughout sixty-one years of marriage, and with his children and grandchildren.

It was within this context that his political commitment matured; he saw this as a service aimed at improving the quality of life for all, especially the most vulnerable and needy. He was a man who lived out the values he believed in, demonstrating them in practice through consistent actions and behaviour.

His love for his Naples was reflected not only in his tenure as mayor of the city in 1984, but also and above all in his role as finance councillor, where he pursued important projects such as the city's ring road with transparency and efficiency.

Open to all cultures and always willing to engage with all political ideas, he was committed to dialogue and mediation. His opinion was an important and authoritative reference in all the forums in which he was involved. His contributions were always measured and listened to with interest by everyone.

Elected as a Member of the European Parliament in the 1989 elections, his years of service in the coincided with a period of radical transformation in the Italian political system: the parties that had governed the country and served as a reference point for MEPs were gradually dissolving. In an increasingly fragmented political landscape, Mario Forte, with calmness and common sense, managed to bring dignity to his work, continuing to represent the concerns of his constituents and his constituency with serenity and determination.

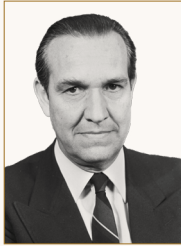
– by *Andrea Bonetti*

\* 2 June 1930

† 12 August 2025

## Alfredo DIANA

EPP, ITALY (1979-1984)



Mr Alfredo Diana served as an Italian Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1984. At a national level, he represented Democrazia cristiana. Within the Parliament, Mr Diana was a Member of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group). In Italy, he was a senator from 1983 to 1992 and from 1993 to 1994, he was Minister of Agriculture and Forests.

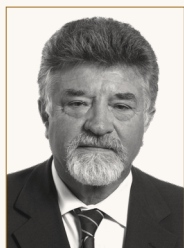
During his legislative term, Mr Diana was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation to the European Parliament/Spanish Cortes Joint Committee.

\* 21 January 1944

† 13 August 2025

## Emanuel Jardim FERNANDES

SOC, PORTUGAL (2004-2009)



Emanuel Jardim Fernandes was a distinguished lawyer, renowned manager, regional, national and European parliamentary and historical figure in Madeira.

He began his political career shortly after April 25, 1974, becoming one of the leading figures of the Socialist Party in Madeira.

To remember Emanuel is to remember a long day of work where we worked hard together on the regional development commission, and at the end of the day after having dinner with his wife, around midnight, he called saying, “Let’s have a drink, let’s listen to some jazz!” and he would continue into the night, cheerful and always available for a chat about politics, about how to change the world and how to improve society.

His passing was mourned by the entire political spectrum. Those who crossed paths with him remember him always as a tireless man in defending his homeland, his values, and his people.

Emanuel will always be a friend and a politician who will be remembered for the empathetic way he helped build and strengthen democracy and fight for social justice.

Recognising his remarkable civic, political, and social contribution, he was awarded the rank of Grande-Oficial da Ordem do Infante D. Henrique in 2001 by President of the Republic, Jorge Sampaio.

– by *Jamila Madeira*

\* 7 June 1948

† 20 August 2025

## Anna ZÁBORSKÁ

EPP-ED, EPP, SLOVAKIA (2003-2009, 2009-2019)



In 2007, I took part in the legislative procedure concerning the European initiative for the development of microcredit in the European Union. Anna Záborská was an active promoter of the inclusion of citizens in the financial system, including the newly unemployed who faced the repercussions of the financial crisis at the time.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the political groups, and specifically Ms Záborská's commitment to the process, the concept of microcredit was introduced as a separate category in the statistics and legislation of EU Member States as well as the breaking down of the collection and analysis of data.

Anna Záborská was guided by ethics, and I admire her approach par excellence.

You made it on merit, Ms Záborská.

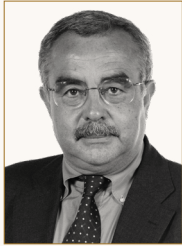
— by Mariela Baeva

\* 1 February 1947

† 20 August 2025

## Francesco MUSOTTO

EPP-ED, ITALY (1999-2008)



I remember Musotto with deep affection and sincere sorrow. We both came from the South, though from different places – lands of extraordinary beauty and dignity, yet also marked by the difficult burden of organised crime. Perhaps it was this shared origin, and the awareness of what it means to serve institutions in such complex territories, that created an immediate understanding between us.

Our paths had many points in common. We had both served as mayors, carrying the same sense of responsibility toward our communities. We also shared a similar cultural and legal background: he as a lawyer, I as a magistrate. This common formation gave depth to our conversations and often led us to view political and institutional questions through a remarkably similar lens.

We did not know each other before our time in the European Parliament, yet we quickly became very close – so much so that seeing each other every day became almost natural. What began as collegial respect soon turned into a strong and genuine friendship. I always admired in him his honesty, his political and administrative insight, and above all his moderation in ambition – a rare quality in public life. He often told me that he recognized these same traits in me, and that this mutual understanding was the strongest bond of our friendship.

Since his passing, I have spoken with many colleagues from that parliamentary term, and they all shared the same feeling: profound sorrow for the loss of a man who had earned everyone's esteem, and deep gratitude for having known someone of such balance, intelligence, and integrity.

His passing leaves great sadness in all of us who respected and cared for him.

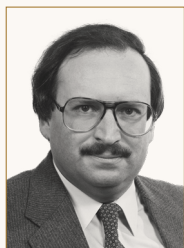
– *by Riccardo Ventre*

\* 5 April 1943

† 23 August 2025

## Reinhold L. BOCKLET

EPP, GERMANY (1979-1993)



Reinhold Bocklet was an extraordinary personality. He became “my chairman” – when we were elected to the European Parliament in 1979 – as chairman of the Young Members of the EPP-Group. I always admired his intelligence.

Reinhold studied law and political science. He was a member of the European Parliament until 1993 when he was appointed State Minister for Agriculture in the Free State of Bavaria. Reinhold was well prepared for this position because he had been the General Rapporteur for the reform of the European agricultural policy in 1991.

From 1998-2003, he served as State Minister for Federal (German) and European Affairs. In this time, he purchased the Pasteur Building in Brussels, near the European Parliament, as representation of Bavaria to the European Union. The House of European History which was opened in 2017 is a “neighbour” to the Bavarian representation. In Bavaria, Reinhold Bocklet served as Member of the Parliament of Bavaria (Landtag) and was its first Vice President from 2008-2018.

I will always remember Reinhold as a politician and friend who was rooted in his area (Heimat), and at the same time he was a committed German and European – a combination which is a commitment for all of us in our specific countries of the European Union.

Reinhold’s wife, Rosemarie, always supported his political engagement, and Stephan Maximilian can be proud of his father. We will always remember Reinhold Bocklet with sympathy and affection.

– by *Hans-Gert Pöttering*

\* 1 April 1943

† 6 September 2025

## Ulla Margrethe SANDBÆK

RBW, EN, I-EN, EDD, DENMARK (1989-1994, 1994-1996, 1997-1999, 1999-2004)



Ms Ulla Margrethe Sandbæk served as a Danish Member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 2004. At a national level, she represented Folkebevægelsen mod EF and Juni-Bevægelsen. Within the Parliament, Ms Sandbæk was a Member of the Rainbow Group in the European Parliament, Europe of Nations Group (Coordination Group), Group of Independents for a Europe of Nations and Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities.

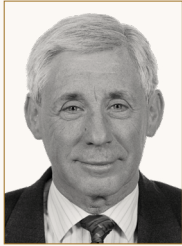
During her legislative term, Ms Sandbæk was a Member of the Committee on Social Affairs, Employment and the Working Environment, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Development and Cooperation, the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities, and the Subcommittee on Human Rights. In addition, she was a Member from the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between ACP and EEC (ACP-EEC), the Delegation for relations with Austria, Delegation for relations with Transcaucasus, and the Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council.

\* 28 October 1937

† 17 September 2025

## Barry H. SEAL

SOC, PES, UNITED KINGDOM (1979-1993, 1993-1999)



Barry Seal served as an elected politician at regional and European level for over twenty-five years with distinction. Elected in 1971 to Bradford Council, where he became Leader of the Labour Party Group, he went on to be one of the pioneers directly elected members of the European Parliament in 1979, where he served until 1999.

In the European Parliament he held prominent positions as Leader of the Labour Party Group, Chair of the Economic and Monetary Committee and President of the Delegation to the USA.

On leaving Parliament in 1999, Barry Seal took up key appointments in his native regional National Health Service (NHS).

Barry Seal was essentially a practical and pragmatic man. He had a PhD in Engineering and studied at the European Business School in Fontainebleau.

His activities beyond politics displayed his wide range of practical skills and interests. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that he trained to obtain a licence as a light aircraft pilot, built his own sports car from a kit and did a course in the rural skills of stone wall masonry.

Barry Seal died peacefully at home with his family.

– *by Michael Hindley*

\* 1 June 1966

† 18 October 2025

## Petra KAMMEREVERT

S&D, GERMANY (2009-2024)



Born in Duisburg, Kammerevert's political awakening was via the anti-nuclear movement. She joined the German Social Democrat Party in 1984 whilst still a student and served on various political bodies in the Lower Rhine area. In 1992 she began working in the European Parliament as an assistant and balanced this with her duties as a member of Düsseldorf City Council until her election as an MEP in 2009. Throughout her long and distinguished parliamentary career, she was a member of the Committee on Culture and Education, specialising in copyright and audio-visual media policy. From 2017 to 2019 she served as Committee Chair.

Petra was a passionate defender of European values, particularly regarding media freedom. She fought for better opportunities for youth, calling for a tripling of the Erasmus+ budget amongst other things, and would doubtless be pleased to see the UK's re-engagement with the scheme. As a young German peace activist Petra understood the importance of the EU as a peace project. Those who knew her and mourn her passing should redouble efforts to defend the soul of Europe - we owe it to Petra and all those like her.

— *by Julie Ward*

\* 28 December 1949

† 19 October 2025

## Elly de GROEN-KOUWENHOVEN

GREENS/EFA, NETHERLANDS (2004-2009)



Els – that’s what I knew her as during our years together in the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament. Els – that’s what countless colleagues and associates called her.

It is still inconceivable that Els is no longer with us. Immediately after the fall of the Iron Curtain, the plight of the people in South-Eastern Europe became a priority for her. She had a keen sense of the absence of fundamental

freedoms, which she championed throughout her life. I knew her as a courageous champion of Roma rights, of nature conservation and environmental protection, and against the use of uranium weapons. It was she who drew our group’s attention at an early stage to the neo-totalitarian tendencies in Bulgaria, for example. Together with her and others, we ensured that the files of the Bulgarian secret service were finally made accessible.

Her children and young adult books, including German translations, are held at the German National Library in Leipzig. We were able to see this for ourselves during her visit, together with her husband. I look back on those days with fondness.

Rest in peace, dear Els. Your voice and your empathy for the disadvantaged of this world will be sorely missed.

– by *Gisela Kallenbach*

\* 5 November 1946

† 20 October 2025

## Caroline JACKSON

ED, EPP, EPP-ED, UNITED KINGDOM (1984–1992, 1992–1999, 1999–2009)



Caroline was proud of her service as a Member of the European Parliament for twenty-five years (1984-2009), preceded by her work for ten years in the secretariat of the Conservative/European Democrat group in the Parliament (1974-84).

Born as Caroline Harvey in Penzance, Cornwall, in 1946, she studied Classics and then Modern History at St Hugh's College, Oxford (1965-69), and was a Research Associate at Nuffield College and again at St Hugh's for three years, before being awarded her Oxford Doctorate in 1978 (on the British Elections of the early 1850s).

She worked at the Conservative Research Department in London in the early 1970s and was the Conservative candidate at the Erdington district of Birmingham in the UK parliamentary election in February 1974. She was elected to the European Parliament in successive European elections after 1984, representing constituencies in the South-West of England. In the Parliament she was well-regarded on all sides, and held many offices, notably the Chairmanship of the Environment and Public Health Committee.

Caroline was married in 1975 to Robert Jackson, himself an MEP (1979-84), and subsequently an MP in the House of Commons (1983-2005). They had a son, Alexander, who died in infancy in 1984.

She was a consistent and staunch advocate of the European project, and of Britain's part in it.

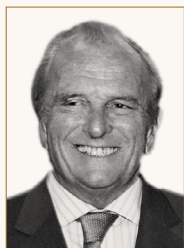
— *by Robert Moreland and Robert Jackson*

\* 1 September 1937

† 21 October 2025

## Francisco Pinto BALSEMÃO

LDR, PORTUGAL (1986-1986)



Pinto Balsemão distinguished himself through his significant contributions to the institution and the strengthening of democracy in Portugal, paving the way for Europe, and through the creation of leading media outlets.

During the dictatorship, as a member of the National Assembly, he was part of a group of MPs from the liberal wing who sought to take steps towards opening up the regime. Following the 25 April 1974 revolution, he was one of the founders of the Popular Democratic Party (now known as the Social Democratic Party), one of the country's leading parties, which is currently in power. Among other responsibilities, notably in Parliament, the Council of State and the Government, he served as Prime Minister of Portugal between 1980 and 1983; in 1982, a constitutional revision took place which removed obstacles to Portugal's entry into the EEC. And in 1986, he was among the first Portuguese Members of the European Parliament.

Pinto Balsemão also distinguished himself in 1973, after holding positions at *Diário Popular*, by founding the weekly *Expresso*, one of Portugal's leading newspapers, which has played a significant role in many areas, particularly in news reporting and political debate. And in 1983, when the opportunity arose, he established the country's first private television station, SIC, one of Portugal's most-watched channels, with a presence on other continents as well.

– *by Manuel Porto*

\* 26 August 1933

† 28 October 2025

## Rafael CALVO ORTEGA

NA, LDR, SPAIN (1987-1989,1989-1994)



Mr Rafael Calvo Ortega served as a Spanish Member of the European Parliament from 1987 to 1994. At a national level, he represented Centro Democrático y Social. Within the Parliament, Mr Calvo Ortega was a non-attached Member and a Member of Liberal and Democratic Reformist Group. In Spain, he served as Minister of Labour from February 1978 to May 1980. He was also secretary-general of the Union of the Democratic Centre (UCD) in 1981 and president of the Democratic and Social Centre (CDS) between 1991 and 1998.

During his legislative term, Mr Calvo Ortega was a Member of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning and the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Relations with Regional and Local Authorities. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with Norway and the Delegation to the EC-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee.

\* 19 August 1940

† 3 November 2025

## John Leslie MARSHALL

ED, UNITED KINGDOM (1979-1989)



John Marshall was born in Scotland and went to Glasgow Academy and the university of Saint Andrews.

He contested Dundee East in 1964 and 1966 General Election for the Conservatives where he was beaten by George Thompson (who later became a European commissioner). Having moved to London he contested Lewisham East in the 1974 general election.

He was elected an MEP in 1979 for North London which he retired from in 1989 having become member of Parliament for the London constituency of Hendon North in 1987. He lost his seat in the Labour Landslide of 1997. He was also highly experienced in local government eventually becoming Mayor of Barnet.

In the European Parliament he was a member of the Development and Cooperation Committee and the Transport Committee. He took a particular interest in relations with Israel and was on the delegation with Israel. He was strongly opposed to Brexit.

I was in the same class as John at Glasgow Academy, and we remained friends through our politics and a mutual strong interest in cricket. He was always jolly and good company.

— *by Robert Moreland*

\* 9 June 1940

† 20 November 2025

## Claudio AZZOLINI

FE, UFE, EPP, ITALY (1994-1995, 1995-1998, 1998-1999)



Considered a “Gentleman of the Institutions,” he was elected to the European Parliament in 1994 and, as group leader of Forza Italia, guided its entry into the European People’s Party in 1998. In 2001, he became a Member of the Italian Parliament, where he served for two terms, serving as President of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Vice-President of the Strasbourg Assembly. A journalist and honorary

life member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, he has held managerial positions at Alitalia, Ati, Alfa Romeo, Aeritalia, and SPI.

In the European Parliament, we shared difficult moments and faced challenges together with integrity and balance, which, based on our expertise, were successfully resolved. During those years, a community of purpose developed between us that has endured even when our professional and political commitments took different paths. The rigor of fundamental principles and values, so dear to Claudio, combined with a willingness to explore possible paths, has characterized our reflections and actions, creating between us a profound bond of brotherhood, affection, and mutual respect.

– by *Monica Baldi and Guido Podestà*

\* 15 February 1946

† 6 December 2025

## **Esko SEPPÄNEN**

GUE/NGL, FINLAND (1996-2009)



Mr Esko Seppänen served as a Finnish Member of the European Parliament from 1996 to 2009. At a national level, he represented Vasemmistoliitto. Within the Parliament, Mr Seppänen was a Member of the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left.

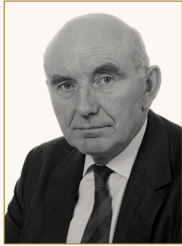
During his legislative term, Mr Seppänen was the Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. He was a Member of the Committee on Budgets, and the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, the Delegation for relations with Russia, the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, and the Delegation to the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee (EEA).

\* 2 March 1931

† 6 December 2025

## Patrick Mark COONEY

EPP, IRELAND (1989-1994)



With deep sorrow and heartfelt sympathy, I pause to remember all those who left us during the years 2025 and 2026. Every life lost leaves a space that cannot be filled, and each memory stands as a testament to the love, joy, and meaning they brought into the world. We especially remember Patrick Mark Cooney of Ireland.

– by *Pat the Cope Gallagher*

\* 9 May 1937

† 10 December 2025

## **Annemarie KUHN**

SOC, PES, GERMANY (1990-1993, 1993-1999)



Ms Annemarie Kuhn served as a German Member of the European Parliament from 1990 to 1999. At a national level, she represented Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands. Within the Parliament, Ms Kuhn was a Member of the Socialist Group and the Group of the Party of European Socialists.

During her legislative term, Ms Kuhn was a Member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection, the Committee on Petitions. In addition, she was a Member of the Members from the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Economic Community (ACP-EEC) and the Delegation for relations with South-east Europe.

\* 9 June 1942

† 18 December 2025

## Dumitru Gheorghe Mircea COȘEA

ALDE, ITS, NA, ROMANIA (2005-2007, 2007, 2007)



Mr Dumitru Gheorghe Mircea COȘEA served as a Romanian Member of the European Parliament from 2005 to 2007. At a national level, he represented Partidul Național Liberal. Within the Parliament, Mr COȘEA was a Member of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe and a member of the Identity, Tradition and Sovereignty Group, and later served as a Non-attached Member.

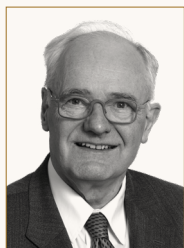
During his legislative term, Mr COȘEA was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union (including Libya).

\* 2 November 1936

† 22 December 2025

## Christian ROVSING

ED, EPP, EPP-ED DENMARK (1989-1992, 1992-1999, 1999-2009)



Christian Rovsing was a highly appreciated member of the European Parliament. Regardless of party affiliation, one could always have a good conversation with Rovsing, who was an exceptionally diligent man. He had a notable industrial career as an IT engineer and entrepreneur, an international advisory career, and a political career in the city council of Rødovre, the County Council of Copenhagen, and the European Parliament.

Christian Rovsing was awarded several prizes and was a recognized communicator of issues such as electronics, data processing, and aerospace. His professional career took him to work in several countries, including Sweden, France, and the USA, and he founded his own company, Christian Rovsing A/S, which worked with IT.

In the European Parliament, Rovsing was a member from 1989-2004 and again from 2007. He was a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Committee on Energy and Research, and the delegation for relations with the Gulf States. Among his colleagues, Christian Rovsing was known for his great professionalism and his kindness. He had a special debate partnership with former MEP Freddy Blak; the mismatched pair became friends, and their lectures were a great pleasure for many audiences. Christian Rovsing had 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

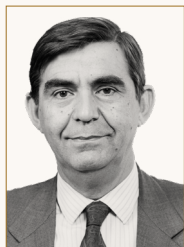
– *by Kirsten Jensen*

\* 1 September 1936

† 31 December 2025

## Antonio NAVARRO

ED, EPP, SPAIN (1986-1989, 1989-1994)



Mr Antonio Navarro served as a Spanish Member of the European Parliament from 1986 to 1994. At a national level, he represented Coalición Popular, Alianza Popular and Partido Popular. Within the Parliament, Mr Navarro was a Member of the European Democratic Group and the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group).

During his legislative term, Mr Navarro was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development. In addition, he was a Member from the European Parliament to the Joint Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the EEC (ACP-EEC), the Delegation for relations with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Delegation for relations with Canada, and the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America and Mexico.

\* 24 January 1943

† 2 January 2026

## Dominique BUCCHINI

COM, ITALY (1981-1984)



Dominique Bucchini was born in 1943 in Sartène, where he was educated and went on to become a primary school teacher.

A political activist, he joined the Communist Party and became a leading figure within it in Corsica. He enjoyed a long and distinguished political career as Mayor of Sartène (1977–2001), Territorial Councillor (1982–2015), General

Councillor for Southern Corsica (1988–2001) and President of the Corsican Assembly (2010–2015).

He served as a Member of the European Parliament from 1981 to 1984, was a member of the Communist Group, and sat on the Parliament’s “Youth and Culture” Committee.

A man of integrity and respect for others, he was open-minded yet held firm convictions. Nicknamed the “Corsair of Sartène”, he distinguished himself through his fight for Corsica’s place within the Republic against the island’s nationalists. He was even the victim of a bomb attack in 1996.

An Officer of the Legion of Honour, he used to say, “The most important thing is the man and the Corsican.”

He was the author of a book (1997) entitled “On Corsica in general and certain truths in particular”, which summarised his life and his republican struggles.

– by *Michel Scarbonchi*

\* 3 April 1944

† 5 January 2026

## Robert GOEBBELS

PES, SOC, S&D, LUXEMBOURG (1999-2004, 2004-2009, 2009-2014)



Rue Robert Goebbels, Luxembourg signatory of the Schengen Agreement on 14 June 1985. At the Schengen Museum, the symbolic “Cube” represents a space where divisions disappear, while Bulgaria’s long journey towards accession to the Schengen Area reflects the continued expansion of this ideal.

Although I do not have a time travelling machine to bring home memories, I can’t forget to what extent Mr. Goebbels put his heart into the solutions the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee provided to policymakers and the wider public to deal with the global crisis of 2007 and beyond.

He recognised that “widening inequality has always been a source of instability.”

I will carry that forward.

– by Mariela Baeva

Robert Goebbels was a political giant from a small country. Born in 1944, he started his career as a journalist. His ability to express himself in short, clear and broadly understandable language was of great use and help during his political career. One highlight of his governmental career was when he signed the Schengen Agreement on behalf of his Luxembourg government and this act was decisive for his strong European convictions. His portfolios within the government spanned from Transport and Building to Economics. These issues stood in the centre of his engagement in the European Parliament.

Economic and energy issues were of particular interest for him. He was not an easy interlocutor, especially for those, who were strongly engaged in environmental issues. While supporting the necessity to combat climate change, he argued with vehemence for economic progress and for protecting our industrial base from unfair foreign competition. Now, when we see how the lack of economic growth causes not only economic but also social hardship, we recognise how important his arguments were. But beyond the substantial contributions to the work and decisions in the European Parliament, he was a deeply human, heartfelt and humorous colleague and always ready for dialogue beyond political and ideological borders.

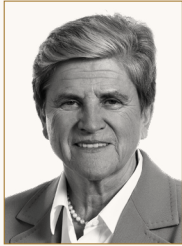
– *by Hannes Swoboda*

\* 16 April 1937

† 21 January 2026

## Colette FLESCH

LD, LDR, ELDR, LUXEMBOURG (1979-1985, 1989-1990, 1999-2004)



Colette Flesch mastered the art of politics. Gentle but determined, she always found the right words to calm tensions and build consensus. A teenage visit to the USA opened her eyes to ideas radically different from those of her conservative upbringing; she went on to study there and in the Netherlands before joining Gaston Thorn, Simone Veil and others in modernising Luxembourg and Europe. Her contribution to Liberalism is laudable and long-lasting.

Colette demonstrated in sport the same energy she devoted to politics, fencing in three Olympic championships and skiing fearlessly.

In a pioneering career spanning 40 years in Luxembourg's parliament and 35 in the EP, Colette was the first female Mayor of Luxembourg and the first woman Deputy PM of her country. President of Luxembourg's Democratic Party from 1981-89 and of the European Liberal Democratic and Reform Party from 1985-90, she proved a powerful advocate for victims of discrimination or oppression, championing LGBT rights and EU support for UNRWA work in Palestine. A skilled manager, she also served as Director General for Culture and Sport at the European Commission.

— *by Sir Graham Watson*

\* 4 March 1964

† 23 January 2026

## Brian CROWLEY

EDA, UFE, UEN, ALDE, ECR, IRELAND (1994-1995, 1995-1999, 1999-2009, 2009-2014, 2014-2019)



To the families, friends, and communities who are grieving, we extend our sincerest condolences. May you find comfort in the support of those around you, strength in the memories you cherish, and peace in knowing that your loved ones will never be forgotten. We especially remember my dear friend Brian Crowley, who passed away in January this year. It was with profound sadness that I learned of Brian's passing.

I had the honour of serving with him in the European Parliament for many years, witnessing firsthand his natural empathy and deep connection with his constituents. In every election he contested, Brian was the people's first choice. He was an inspirational politician, a gifted legislator, a powerful orator, a diligent worker, and above all, a loyal friend. May he rest in peace.

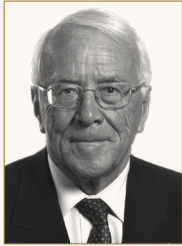
– *by Pat the Cope Gallagher*

\* 4 March 1935

† 29 January 2026

## Philippe MORILLON

EPP-ED, ALDE, FRANCE (1999-2004, 2004-2009)



I met Philippe Morillon at the European Parliament in 1999, at the inaugural meeting of the EP’s Committee on Foreign Affairs, to which I had been appointed as a substitute member.

He was a friendly man and, in the very brief conversations we had, he struck me as having a directness of speech that was unusual for a politician; sometime later, I learnt that he had been a General in the French Army.

Our first mission took us to Kosovo; we had the opportunity to meet the country’s leaders, including Ibrahim Rugova, ‘the Gandhi of the Balkans’, and the army commander Hashim Thaçi.

On that occasion, he told me he had been to Sarajevo and Srebrenica, horrified by the ethnic cleansing being carried out by the Serbs.

In 2000, he informed me that he would be inviting Commander Ahmad Shah Massoud, known as the “Lion of Panjshir”, to the European Parliament for a meeting; Massoud had fought against the Russians during the occupation of Afghanistan and was opposed to the Taliban and Islamic fundamentalism.

Commander Massoud was killed in an attack by Tunisian fundamentalists in 2001, two days before the attack on the Twin Towers.

Morillon was highly active in Parliament, focusing on the CFSP, Gaza, Chad, the Central African Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lebanon, Congo, and peace in the Middle East.

Morillon's gentle nature led him to maintain relations with a great many colleagues, who regarded him as a point of reference, especially when it came to addressing military issues inherent in the situation of certain countries at war; yet his gentleness did not compromise the firmness of the principles that inspired him: Peace, Civil Coexistence, respect for Human Rights, and Freedom of Thought, on which there could be no compromise.

I am left with fond memories of a colleague whom I held in high esteem.

– *by Vitaliano Gemelli*

\* **10 February 1949**

† **6 March 2026**

## **Marie-Christine BOUTONNET**

NA, ENF, FRANCE (2014-2015, 2015-2019)



Ms Marie-Christine Boutonnet served as a French Member of the European Parliament from 2014 to 2019. At a national level, she represented Rassemblement national. Within the Parliament, Ms Boutonnet was a Non-Attached Member and a Member of Europe of Nations and Freedom.

During her legislative term, Ms Boutonnet was a Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs. In addition, she was a Member of the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia.

\* 19 September 1941

† 19 March 2026

## Umberto BOSSI

ELDR, NA, TGI, IND/DEM, NA, UEN, ITALY (1994-1997, 1997-1999, 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2006-2006, 2006-2008)



Umberto Bossi was a leading figure in politics for many years, with a background in left-wing politics. In 1984, he was the first to realise that a section of the left-wing electorate no longer felt represented, and he had the insight to found a new movement, the Lega Lombarda, which later became the Lega Nord. He held various posts, including government roles, and served as Minister for Institutional Reforms and Devolution.

In some respects, he was a revolutionary in his ideas, a man of the people who spoke to the people with phrases of great emotional impact; and when, for various reasons, including health issues, he stepped down from the leadership of the League, he remained in the hearts of many activists and leaders, as demonstrated by the large turnout at his funeral, attended by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and institutional representatives including Minister Giorgetti and Zaia, President of the Veneto Regional Council.

Even those who, like me, did not agree with much of his initial project acknowledge Umberto Bossi's particular ability to identify issues and initiatives that addressed the discontent of many citizens, and to have always remained a straightforward man, uninterested in power for its own sake.

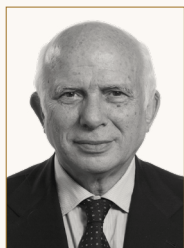
– by *Cristiana Muscardini*

\* 3 September 1939

† 21 March 2026

## Paolo CIRINO POMICINO

EPP-ED, ITALY (2004-2006)



He was a graduate of medicine and a practising surgeon who later pursued a distinguished political career. He served as a Member of the European Parliament with the EPP Group during the sixth parliamentary term (2004–2006), representing Southern Italy. Prior to this, he had a long and active career with the Christian Democrats in the Italian Parliament (1976–1994). During that time, he held several prominent positions, including Chair of the Budget Committee of the Chamber of Deputies (1983–1988), Minister for the Civil Service in the De Mita Government (1988–1989), and, most notably, Minister for the Budget and Economic Planning in the Andreotti VI and VII Governments (1989–1992). This extensive experience provided a strong foundation for his later work in the European Parliament, particularly within the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Temporary Committee on the Challenges and Financial Resources of the Enlarged Union for the period 2007–2013.

I recall many of our conversations on issues of mutual interest within institutional settings or on the sidelines of party meetings. I was always struck by his intellectual vigour and the wealth of his experience, even when we followed different paths, as well as his openness to the opinions and assessments of others, convinced as he was of the value of dialogue.

– *by Giampaolo D'Andrea*

\* 12 July 1937

† 22 March 2026

## Lionel JOSPIN

SOC, FRANCE (1984-1988)



Lionel Jospin was a wonderful friend whom I first met over 50 years ago.

He was a man of great loyalty who worked with transparency; our political debates were always conducted with mutual respect.

Among other things, I remember him as a great European socialist leader, a statesman of great intellectual and moral rigour, and a faithful architect of the unification of the French left.

He exercised power as Prime Minister of the pluralist left with a sense of compromise and respect for both his allies and his opponents.

“Dire ce que je ferai et faire ce que je dis” – that was his motto.

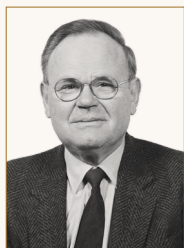
– by *Pierre Schapira*

\* 2 December 1928

† 25 March 2026

## Horst LANGES

EPP, GERMANY (1979-1994)



A passionate European has passed away at the advanced age of 96.

Horst Langes joined the CDU in Rhineland-Palatinate whilst still a student and remained loyal to his party, holding several executive posts within it.

From local politics to the state parliament (member 1967–1974) and the state government (State Secretary in the Ministry of Culture 1974–1979), he became a member of the first directly elected European Parliament in 1979. From January to July 1994, he was Deputy Chairman of the EPP Group. He was a member of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Budgetary Control and earned a reputation as an accomplished financial politician. He advocated for closer ties with Latin America and the strengthening of human rights in the region.

Horst Langes was President of the Robert Schuman Foundation, Honorary Consul of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and co-founder of the European Law Academy in Trier.

Horst Langes remained deeply rooted in his homeland, fought for the rights of the European Parliament and, right up to the end, stood up clearly and unequivocally for his convictions.

As a then inexperienced MEP, I learnt a great deal from him during the time we served together (1989–1994). For that, I have always remained grateful to him and pay tribute to his life's work.

– by *Godelieve Quisthoudt-Rowohl*

\* 13 May 1947

† 28 March 2026

## Maria BADIA i CUTCHET

SOC, S&D, SPAIN (2004-2009, 2009-2014)



It is with deep sadness that we say goodbye to Maria Badia, a person deeply loved by all of us who were fortunate enough to know her. Maria has left us, but her memory will live on forever.

She was a generous, strong, and dedicated woman, always ready to help everyone with a sincere smile. Her warmth and her ability to listen and understand made her a pillar of support for those of us around her. Throughout her life, she knew how to build strong bonds and was always deeply loved by those around her.

In her professional life, Maria stood out for her hard work, her rigor, and her sense of responsibility. She was organised and deeply committed to everything she did. She approached every challenge with seriousness and determination, and she knew how to combine efficiency with great humanity in her dealings with others. Her dedication and firm judgment were always a model for those of us who had the opportunity to work alongside her.

Above all, Maria felt deep pride in her family, of whom she spoke with immense affection. She found in them a constant source of joy and meaning. Her family was her refuge and an essential part of her life, which she cared for with dedication and love.

I had the privilege of sharing a very special chapter of our lives with her in Brussels, when we were members of the European Parliament. During those years, we shared an apartment and many evenings of simple dinners that stretched into deep conversations about politics, our country, and life. From that time together grew a sincere and lasting bond, which stayed with us always and which I remember today with immense affection.

Maria will be remembered for her kindness, her joy, and her way of facing life with dignity and hope, even in the most difficult moments.

At this time, I would like to express my deepest condolences to her family and loved ones. May she rest in peace.

We will always remember you, Maria.

– *by Teresa Riera Madurell*

\* 7 January 1937

† 30 March 2026

## **Carlos WESTENDORP Y CABEZA**

PES, SPAIN (1999-2003)



Mr Carlos Westendorp y Cabeza served as a Spanish Member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2003. At a national level, he represented Partido Socialista Obrero Español. Within the Parliament, Mr Westendorp y Cabeza was a Member of the Group of the Party of European Socialists. In Spain, he served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 1996.

During his legislative term, Mr Westendorp y Cabeza was the chair of the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy. He was a Member of the Conference of Committee Chairmen. In addition, he was a Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States.

\* 4 September 1956

† 1 April 2026

## **Birgit COLLIN-LANGEN**

EPP, GERMANY (2012-2019)



Ms Birgit Collin-Langen served as a German Member of the European Parliament from 2012 to 2019. At a national level, she represented Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands. Within the Parliament, Ms Collin-Langen was a Member of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats). In Germany, she served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1995 to 1996.

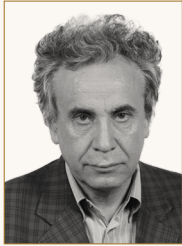
During her legislative term, Ms Collin-Langen was a Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. In addition, she was a Member of the Delegation for relations with India, the Delegation to the EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee, EU-Azerbaijan Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and the EU-Georgia Parliamentary Association Committee and the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly.

\* 21 December 1931

† 22 April 2026

## Biagio DE GIOVANNI

GUE, SOC, PES, ITALY (1989-1993, 1993, 1993-1999)



Biagio De Giovanni played an active role in our Parliament as Chair of the Institutional Affairs Committee. But he was also – and above all – a great European philosopher.

His intense parliamentary experience was a highlight of his life. During those years, indeed, his daily practice was closely intertwined with his philosophy of Europe.

In his ‘experiences’ in Brussels and Strasbourg, he found confirmation of his convictions regarding the cultural, historical and economic depth of Europe’s ‘power’: but also, of its ‘ambiguity’. He therefore ‘saw’ the ‘negative’ forces, both internal and external, which still prevent us from reaching a port that seems close, after the long journey from absolute statism to shared sovereignty.

Biagio’s lecture was a high point in the great history of European thought: right up to the current material reality of ‘implicit federalism’. It urges us to continue defending the core values of the Union: ‘with the intensity of a process capable of shaping a destiny.’

– by *Andrea Manzella*

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