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Monica BALDI (EPP 1994-1999, Italy)
FMA Vice-President

Monica Baldi, architect and urban planner, is Grand Officer of Merit of the Italian Republic. She is Vice President of the European Parliament Former Members Association (FMA) and of ARS PACE. Ambassador of AWomen20. Deputy and Secretary of the Commission for Foreign and Community Affairs at the Chamber of Deputies from 2001 to 2006. MEP and Deputy President of the Committee for Culture, Youth, Education, Media and Sport from 1994 to 1999.

Baldi was Vice President of the Red Cross of Pistoia and President of the associations: Pinocchio di Carlo Lorenzini, Pinocchioworld, Laurus and Professional Cycling Groups League. She is speaker and promoter of conferences on: international politics, cooperation and development, culture, urban planning, environment. She has always been committed to the defence of Human Rights and in particular for the Rights of Women. She is the co-author of the FMA publications produced in collaboration with the Historical Archives of the European Union: "Overcoming the Pandemic", "Present Future of Europe" and "Participation in Europe".



José Ramón BAUZÁ DÍAZ (RN 2019-2024, Spain)
FMA Board Member

José Ramón Bauzá is Chairman of the Aviation & Tourism Forum, a meeting point where European institutions, industry and academia come together to discuss the future of sustainable aviation and tourism. He is also CEO of JRB Global Consulting Advisory, which provides strategic insight on European policy and regulatory affairs.

A pharmacist by profession and a volunteer reservist of the Spanish Armed Forces, he began his political career as Mayor of Marratxí in Mallorca, from 2003 to 2011. Between 2011 and 2015, he served as President of the Government of the Balearic Islands, where he approved, among others, the General Tourism Law and the Decree of Trilingualism. From 2015 to 2019, he was a Senator, Head of the Spanish Delegation to the Union for the Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, and President of the Commission of Local Entities.

In 2019, he was elected Member of the European Parliament for the IX Legislature, where he served as Renew Europe Spokesman in the Committee on Transport and Tourism. In this role, he co-chaired the European Parliament's Tourism Task Force and was lead negotiator for the ReFuelEU Aviation regulation, one of the flagship files of the Fit for 55 package, which kick-started the use of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) in the EU. He was also a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and of several delegations, including those to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, and relations with the Arab Peninsula, where he served as the permanent rapporteur for Jordan.

Irish Members

Pat COX (ELDR 1989 - 2004)

Former EP and FMA President



Pat Cox is a former President of the European Parliament, of the European Liberal Democrat and Reformist group, of the European Movement International and of the European Parliament Former Members Association. Between 2015 and 2026 he was the President of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe in Lausanne, Switzerland.

He has worked as an academic, a television broadcaster and has served in both Dáil Éireann, the Irish Parliament, and the European Parliament. He is engaged in an extensive range of European affairs from pan-EU transport policy to democratic capacity building in Ukraine. Mr Cox was also a member of the European Investment Bank's Appointment Advisory Committee. He has focused increasingly in recent years on issues of sustainability and combatting climate change, chairing several business and civil society boards in this regard. He has been trustee of several registered charities in the ageing, cultural, research and international relations fields. Mr Cox holds a number of honorary doctorates and is the recipient of many international honours. He is a Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur and Commandeur de l'ordre des Palmes académiques of France, is a recipient of the Charlemagne Prize of Aachen and of Ukraine's order of Merit, First Class.



John CUSHNAHAN (EPP-ED 1999-2009)

John Cushnahan was educated at Queen's University of Belfast and worked as a teacher before starting his political career. From 1977 until 1985 he served as a member of Belfast City Council. Between 1982 and 1986 he was a Member of Northern Ireland Assembly.

Mr Cushnahan served as a Member of European Parliament for Republic of Ireland 1989-2004 for the Constituency of Munster. In this capacity, he sat on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy and the Delegation for relations with the countries of South Asia and the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Mr Cushnahan was also the Leader European Parliament Delegation to Kashmir and the European Parliament Rapporteur on Pakistan (2002-2004), Sri Lanka (2000-2004), Kashmir (2003-2004) and Hong Kong (1997-2004). Mr Cushnahan was a Board Member of Co-operation Ireland (2005-2010) and the Director European Movement Ireland (2010 - present). He is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Public Relations (UK).



Avril DOYLE
(EPP 1999-2009)

Avril Doyle served as a Member of both upper and lower legislative houses in Ireland between 1982-2002. She was Minister of State in the Depts of Finance and Environment 1986-1987 and Minister of State Depts of Taoiseach (Prime Minister), Dept of Finance and Dept of Transport, Energy and Communications from 1995 – 1997.

Avril Doyle was a Member of the European Parliament and a leader of the Irish Delegation in the European People's Party from 1999 – 2009. She was a member of the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Affairs Committee 1999-2009; member of the Agriculture Committee 1999- 2004 and was a member of the Industry Research and Energy Committee 2004-2009. She was on the European Parliament's Temporary Committee on Climate Change (CLIM); was VP of the Delegation for relations with the Gulf States and Yemen; and Member of the Delegations for relations with China and with South Africa.

Avril was the rapporteur for a key part of the European Parliament's legislation on Climate change - the 2008 Emissions Trading Directive.



Frances FITZGERALD
(EPP 2019 - 2024, Ireland)

Frances Fitzgerald is an international leader on equality who is proud to serve as the first- ever ambassador for Ruhama. She is currently serving a two-year term on the Gender Equality Advisory Council to the G7 and, earlier this year, was appointed Senior Advisor to Teneo.

A parliamentarian for over 20 years, Frances served as Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) of Ireland from 2016–17, one of only four women ever to hold this position. She has held several senior ministerial roles, including Minister for Business, Enterprise & Innovation (2017), Minister for Justice & Equality (2014–17) — where she championed the Marriage Equality Referendum and the Sexual Offences Act 2017 — and was Ireland's first Minister for Children & Youth Affairs (2011–14), leading on the Children's Referendum in 2012.

Frances was elected to the European Parliament in 2019. She was a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON), the Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee (FEMM), the Development Committee (DEVE) and the Committee on the Use of Pegasus and equivalent surveillance spyware (PEGA). In July 2019, she was elected EPP Coordinator of the FEMM Committee and in March 2021, she was elected Vice Chair of the EPP Group. As MEP for Dublin, Frances co-led the first EU Directive on Violence Against Women.



Colm MARKEY (EPP 2022-2024)

Colom Markey is a Former MEP for the Midlands-North-West and a member of Fine Gael and the EPP Group. In this capacity, he was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the Delegation for Northern cooperation and for relations with Switzerland and Norway and to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee.

Prior to his election to the European Parliament, Mr Markey was a Board Member of the National Youth Council of Ireland (2002-2007), Vice-President and National President of Macra na Feirme (2003-2007), Member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) (2007-2009), Board Member of IFAC Accounts Co-Operative (2006-2011), Board Member and Chairperson of Louth Leadership Partnership (2008-2013). Mr Markey served as a Member of Louth County Council for Fine Gael from 2009 to 2020 and as Chairperson Of Louth County Council from 2017 to 2018.

Chris O'MALLEY (EPP 1986 - 1989)



Chris O'Malley holds a PhD from the University of Sussex. He served as a Member of the European Parliament with the EPP group for the Dublin constituency from 1986 to 1989. In this capacity, he was a member of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Budgetary Control, and Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport.

As Manager for European Market Strategy, Mr O'Malley led the development of British Telecom's first European market strategy from 1990 to 1994. In 2003, he was co-opted to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. In November 2007, he was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional and International Development) at the University of Wales, Newport. He is currently Vice President for Enterprise and Engagement at Atlantic Technological University.

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Jean Marie BEAUPUY

(ALDE 2004 - 2009, France)

He served as a Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009 with the ALDE Group, where he was Coordinator in the Regional Development Committee (REGI) and rapporteur on several reports concerning the urban dimension of EU policy. He was also a substitute member of the Social Affairs Committee, President of the URBAN Intergroup, and author of the book *Bâtir des Villes durables*.

Alongside his European mandate, he was deeply engaged in public life at the local and regional levels. He served as Deputy Mayor of Reims from 1983 to 2014, and as Vice-President of the Departmental Council from 1979 to 2004. His commitment extended internationally as well, with four years as a board member of the European Movement International.

Outside of politics, he was an entrepreneur from 1975 to 2020, and an active leader in several social and cultural associations. Married and father of five children, he has been distinguished as Chevalier of both the Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur and the Ordre National du Mérite.



Jean Paul BENOIT

(PES 1989 - 1994, France)

Jean-Paul Benoit is a French lawyer and politician who served as a Member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 1994. A member of the Socialist Group and the Party of European Socialists, he was actively involved in trade and international relations, serving on the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Delegation for relations with the United States.

Before his time in the European Parliament, he held various governmental positions, including roles in foreign trade and industry. During his mandate, he worked on reports concerning American protectionism and the accession of Central European countries, while also participating in diplomatic missions to the Middle East and election observation in Russia and Africa. Since 2002, he has been a lawyer specializing in international and European criminal law. He is also a Knight of the Legion of Honour and an author on European and African affairs.



Jan DHAENE
(Greens/EFA 2002-2004, Belgium)

He was a city councilor in Kortrijk, a central city in the province of West Flanders, whose capital is Bruges. He resides in the state of Flanders, in the north of Belgium.

In Belgium, Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) are elected by language group: 13 for Dutch speakers (Flanders), 8 for French speakers (Wallonie), and 1 for German speakers (Ostbelgien).

He entered the European Parliament for Agalev, the Flemish Green Party, but left the party in 2004. Since 2011, he has been a member of N-VA, a Flemish-nationalist party that became the largest party in Flanders and has formed the Belgian government since February 2025 with Bart De Wever as prime minister. N-VA is part of the ECR group in the European Parliament, and he serves as a board member in his local section.

He is a retired Sustainable Development official with the FPS Finance, a city guide and international tour guide, a student of painting, and an eight-time grandfather.

Teresa DOMINGO SEGARRA
(GUE 1989-1993, NA 1993-1994, Spain)



Teresa Domingo was member of the European Parliament from 1989 to 1994.

She was Vice Chair in the Committee on Women's Rights (1989-1994), Member of the Delegation for Relations with Japan (1989-1994), Member of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development (1989-1994), Member of the Delegation for Relations with US and Delegation to the ACP-EU. She is also a PhD in Economics from the University of Valencia.

Colette GADIOUX

(SOC 1984-1989, France)



Colette Gadioux is a French politician. She was a member of the European Parliament from 1984 to 1989. During her term, she worked extensively on women's right issues. She was also part of the delegation for relations with the countries of South America.

Apart from her work for the European Parliament, she was representative of France to the United Nations in New York, Commission on the Status of Women (1984-1989). She is also officer of the Legion of Honour.

Paola GHIDONI

(ID 2022 - 2024, Italy)



Paola Ghidoni was a Member of the European Parliament between 2022 and 2024 with the Identity and Democracy Group. In this capacity, she was a Member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, and the Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand.

Ms Ghidoni is a Chartered Accountant and Statutory Auditor. She is registered with the Padua Register of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts and the Register of Auditors for Local Authorities.

Nathalie GRIESBECK

(ALDE 2004 - 2019, France)



Born in France, she obtained a Master's degree in Public Law from the University of Lorraine, followed by two Diplomas d'Etudes Approfondies from the University of Nancy, from which she graduated with a Major. She was soon appointed lecturer at the University of Lorraine.

At the same time, she was elected Metz's youngest ever municipal councilor in 1983, then Deputy Mayor in 1987 and finally First Deputy Mayor of Metz in 1995, while at the Moselle General Council she succeeded Jean-Marie Rausch by being elected France's youngest ever female General Councillor in 1988, and again in 1994 and 2001. In the 2004 European elections, she led the centrist inter-regional Grand-Est list (nearly 9 million inhabitants), which brought together 18 départements, or 5 former regions, and was thus elected to the European Parliament for the first time. She will be elected again in 2009, and again in 2014. It was during her third and final term as a Member of the European Parliament that she was elected Chair of the parliamentary Special Committee on Combating Terrorism. Secretary General of the Robert Schuman European Center (CERS) since 2015, Chevalier in the National Order of Merit, Nathalie Griesbeck is also a reserve colonel in the French Air Force.

Zita GURMAI

(S&D 2004 - 2014, Hungary)



She is a Hungarian politician with a long-standing career in national and European politics. A Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2014, she served on the Committees for Women's Rights and Gender Equality and Constitutional Affairs, with a strong focus on gender equality, democratic participation, and European political affairs. Since 2014, she has been a Member of the Hungarian Parliament, serving on the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), and as Vice-Chair of its Socialists, Democrats and Greens Group. She has also acted as General Rapporteur on violence against women and authored key reports on the Istanbul Convention.

Beyond her parliamentary work, she has been President of PES Women since 2004, Vice-President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (2009–2024), and President of the Women's Section of the Hungarian Socialist Party. She continues to play a leading role in advancing women's rights and progressive politics in Hungary and across Europe.

David John Alfred HALLAM

(PES 1994 - 1999, United Kingdom)



David Hallam served as a Labour MEP between 1994 and 1999. He was a member of the Agricultural, Regional Affairs and Budgets Committee. He was a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee with the pre-accession Slovakia and on the standing delegation to the Israeli Knesset. He took a keen interest in the Northern Ireland peace process having worked on an ecumenical play scheme in Belfast in the early 1970s. A public relations specialist by profession he has worked across a wide range of government, NGOs and private enterprises. He currently has a part time role supporting the constituency work of a government minister. He lives in the West Midlands.

Gisela KALLENBACH

(Greens/EFA 2004-2009, Germany)



Gisela Kallenbach, a graduate engineer in chemistry, worked as a scientist for many years in East Germany. She was elected as a local councillor in 1990 and joined the Leipzig city administration in 1991, where she served until 2004. Between 2000 and 2003, she took on the role of International Mayor with the UN Mission in Kosovo. She later became a Member of the European Parliament (2004-2009) and a Member of the Parliament of Saxony (2009-2014).

Due to her social origin and to her Christian upbringing and socialization, the GDR regime has not allowed her to study normally. Instead, she had to work from the age of 16 and complete her education (laboratory assistant, translator from English, engineer) through evening classes and distance learning. As early as 1982, she became active in various Leipzig civic movements, and was involved in ecological and civic (i.e., political opposition) organizations up to the Peaceful Revolution and beyond. Today she is member of different boards of several civic organizations. She was awarded, among others, the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.



Michael MC GOWAN
(PES 1984-1989, United Kingdom)

Journalist - former television and radio producer with the BBC in Leeds, Bristol and Television Centre in London. Life member of the National Union of Journalists.

Member of European Parliament from 1984 to 1999 for Leeds, the President of Development Committee of the EP, and Spokesperson for the Socialist Group in the European Parliament.

Vice President of Joint ACP-EU Parliamentary Assembly which links the countries of Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific with EU countries. United Nations election observer or EU conference delegate in 37 African countries.

Co-operative movement. Worked as Education Officer with retail co-operative society, in local government, with the Industrial Common Ownership Movement, and Director and President of Leeds Credit Union the largest in the country. NEC member of the Co-operative Party. Local government. Served as elected member of County, City, and Borough councils and Labour councillor at age of 21.

Board member of PAFRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) project in Leeds. European Nuclear Disarmament'. END organiser for Yorkshire region and member of END National Executive. Invited to attend the award to the EU of the Noble Peace prize in Oslo in Norway in recognition of its work for peace.

Founder and Co-ordinator of the Olof Palme Annual Peace Lectures held in Leeds since 1987 including speakers Lisbet Palme from Stockholm, John Hume from Northern Ireland, and Senator George Mitchell from the United States.



Hugh R. MC MAHON
(PES 1984 - 1999, United Kingdom)

Hugh McMahon is a Scottish politician from the Labour Party. He was educated at Jordanhill College and the University of Glasgow. He was an Assistant headteacher. Within the Labour Party, he chaired the Socialist Education Association of Scotland from 1978 until 1982, and the Scottish Fabian Society from 1979 until 1984. He also served on the executive of the Scottish Labour Party from 1980 until 1983.

Mr McMahon was elected to the European Parliament for Strathclyde West in 1984 and served as an MEP with the Party of European Socialists until 1999. He was a Member of the Committees Youth Culture and Education (1984-1989), Social Affairs (1986-1999) serving as second Vice Chair (1994-1996), Transport and Environment (1996-1999), and Fisheries (1994-1999).

He also participated in Delegations to Spain (1984-1986), Latin America (1986-1989), was the Chair of the Norway Joint parliamentary Committee (1989-1992), and was a member of Delegations to Sweden and EFTA (1992-1994), Hungary and the Czech Republic (1994-1999). He represented the European Parliament in the European parliamentary golf championship from 1994 to 1999, winning the team prize in 1996 and 1999.

Robert John MORELAND

(ED 1979-1984, United Kingdom)



Robert Moreland was born 1941 in Gloucester, UK and was educated at Bearsden Academy, Glasgow Academy and Dean Close School, Cheltenham and then studied at the University of Nottingham for an undergraduate degree in Economics and at the Institute of World Affairs in Connecticut and the University of Warwick.

In 1966 Robert worked as a civil servant in Canada. In 1974 he began work as a management consultant. From 2012 to 2022 he was on the South West Board of the UK Canal and River Trust.

At the 1979 election to the European Parliament, Robert was elected for the Conservative Party in the constituency of Staffordshire East. He served on the Transport Committee and the Energy and Research Committee.

Robert lost his seat in the 1984 election, but remained interested in the European Union. He was appointed in 1986 by the UK Government as a member of the UK delegation to the EU's Economic and Social Committee and served as Chairman of the Regional Policy and Town and Country Planning Section of the committee from 1990 to 1998.

In May 1990, Robert was elected to Westminster City Council as a Councillor. He was chair of the Planning and Environment Committee. He was appointed as Deputy Chairman of the London Research Centre and as a Director of the Albert Memorial Trust from 1997 to 2000.

He was President of Gloucester Conservative Association. He was also Treasurer of the European Movement from 2003 to 2008. He also served briefly on Gloucester City Council from 2001 to 2002.

He is a keen supporter of rugby, tennis, cricket and horse racing.

Atanas PAPARIZOV

(PES 2007 - 2009, Bulgaria)



Atanas Atanassov Paparizov was a Member of Parliament, elected to the 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th National Assemblies of Bulgaria. He was the Bulgarian Minister of Trade and Foreign Economic Relations in 1990, 1991 and 1996.

Between 2007 and 2009, Atanas Atanassov Paparizov was a Member of the European Parliament. During his tenure he was a Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and was a member of the delegation for relations with the United States.



Michel PINTON
(NA 1993 - 1994, France)

Michel Pinton is a French politician. He served as a Member of the European Parliament from 1993 to 1994 and was a Member of the Committee on Culture, Youth, Education and the Media. Besides, he worked in the United States for Robert Kennedy and then at Princeton University.

He was one of the collaborators of Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, French Minister of Economy and Finance who was then elected President of the Republic. Mr Pinton was Mayor of Felletin (Creuse) from 1995 to 2008.

Elly PLOOIJ-VAN GORSEL
(ELDR 1994 - 2004, Netherlands)



Elly Plooijs-Van Gorsel is a former Dutch Member of the European Parliament (1994–2004) for the VVD, where she served on committees for research, technology, energy, industry, and trade, and was Vice-President of the European Parliament (2001–2002).

She played a key role in ICT and patent policy, co-founding the European Internet Foundation and advising on transatlantic economic relations. A Ph.D. in Neurosciences from Leiden University, she currently serves as chairperson of the Dutch Expert Council for National Standards and continues to contribute to technology, governance, and international policy discussions.

Peter PRICE

(EPP-ED 1979 - 1994, United Kingdom)



While an MEP for 15 years, Peter served as Chair of the Parliament's Budgetary Control Committee and earlier as spokesperson for his political group on the Legal Affairs and Budgets Committees.

Since then, as European Strategy Counsel, Peter has advised public bodies and major multinational companies on EU strategic issues. As Team Leader for an EU-funded project, he advised the Latvian Government on key steps necessary for its EU accession.

He was a part-time Judge for 12 years and has had a series of non-executive Board roles relating to health, higher education, devolution and public audit. He is currently on the Board of the UK Food Standards Agency and Chair of its Welsh Food Advisory Committee.

Peter left the Conservative Party in 1997 and joined the Liberal Democrats. He served on the Party's Policy Committee and its Parliamentary International Affairs Committee until 2020. He currently serves on the ALDE (pan-European party) Council.

Karin RIIS-JØRGENSEN

(ALDE 1994 - 2009, Denmark)



Karin Riis-Jørgensen is a Danish politician and former Member of the European Parliament (1994–2009) for Venstre, the Liberal Party. She served as Vice-Chair of the ALDE Group and was active mainly on the Committees for the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and Economic and Monetary Affairs, focusing on EU competition policy and the internal market. She also participated in delegations for relations with China and the United States.

Since leaving the European Parliament, she has continued to engage in European politics as a senior advisor, while also advocating for organ donation as chair of the association 7Liv, and serving on boards such as the European Privacy Association and the European Centre for Minority Issues. She is also a political commentator in the media.



Margarita STARKEVIČIŪTĖ
(ALDE 2004 - 2009, Lithuania)

Margarita Starkevičiūtė is a Lithuanian politician who served as a Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009. She graduated in economics at the Vilnius University, in 1978.

She also obtained a PhD in social sciences with a specialization in economics at this university. She is a member of the EU institutions advisory boards, and of the Lithuania Culture and Arts Council.

Hannes SWOBODA
(PES 1996-2004, S&D 2004-2014, Austria)



Hannes Swoboda is an Austrian social democratic politician. Hannes Swoboda was Member of the European Parliament from 1996 to 2014. After studying law and economics at the University of Vienna, Swoboda worked in the Vienna Chamber of Labour (1971–86) and was director of the department for urban policies and housing policy.

He was Chair and Member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament. During his last term, he was Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs ; Member of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly ; Member of the Delegation to the EU-Kazakhstan, EU-Kyrgyzstan and EU-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Cooperation Committees, and for relations with Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia ; Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States and Member of the Conference of Presidents.

After leaving Parliament he became i.a. President of the International Institute for Peace, of the Vienna Institute for International Economics, of the University for Applied Science - Campus Vienna, of the Vienna Centre for Architecture and the Sir Peter Ustinov Institut against Prejudices.

Britta THOMSEN

(S&D 2004-2014, Denmark)



Britta Thomsen was a Danish Member of the European Parliament between 2004 and 2014. She was the Vice-chair of the ITRE committee (Industry, Technology, Research and Energy) from 2004-2007.

She was the Rapporteur and shadow rapporteur on directives on Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Biofuels. Thomsen was appointed by the Danish Parliament as a deputy member of the Supreme Court for a period of six years 2021-2027. She has been writing articles about the Nordic labor market model and about the political situation in Denmark and contributed to some of the FEPS books. From 2012-2023 she has been the adjunct professor at the Copenhagen Business School in the department of Digitalization. She received the Danish Women Society prize “Mathildeprisen” in 2015 for her visionary and persistent effort to establish gender equality in Europa.



Bob VAN DEN BOS

(ELDR 1999-2004, Netherlands)

Bob van den Bos is a Dutch political scientist and politician. In 2008, he obtained his doctorate from the University of Leiden with a thesis in political, administrative and historical sciences. He was a member of the Upper House, Lower House and European Parliament for D66. Bob Van Den Bos was Member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2004.

He was Member of the Group of the European Liberal, Democrat and Reform Party. During his term, he was Member of the Committee on Development and Cooperation ; Member of the European Parliament to the Joint Parliamentary Assembly of the Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Union (ACP-EU) and Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy.

Maartje VAN PUTTEN

(PES 1989 - 1999, Netherlands)



Maartje van Putten was a member of staff of the Dutch Institute for Development Cooperation between 1978 and 1989, as well as a journalist and filmmaker.

Between 1989 and 1999, she was a Member of the European Parliament. In this capacity, she was a Member of the Standing Committee Development Cooperation, the Standing Committee Environment, Nature, Health and Consumer Affairs, the Human Rights Committee and the ACPEU Joint Assembly. As Rapporteur of the Parliament she handled, among others, the EU Directive Forest Policy, the EU Asian Development Budget line, the EU Indigenous Peoples Policy, and the EU Habitat Directive.

Ms van Putten also acted as a Member of the World Bank Inspection Panel (1999-2004). In 2006, she earned her PhD from Tilburg University in cooperation with McGill University on accountability mechanisms in the financial sector. She was appointed as an independent reviewer of the African Development Bank (2007-2011) and was asked by the Board of the Asian Development Bank to do a review of the mechanism together with the President of the Central Bank of Pakistan (2010-2011). Ms van Putten also acted as an independent expert for the complaints mechanisms of the European Investment Bank (2010-2015), the Dutch Development Bank FMO and DEG (2014-2018), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (2015-2017) and the Agence Française de Development (2017-2018).

Between 2013 and 2025, Ms van Putten was a Member and, from May 2018, Chairman of the OECD National Contact point in the Netherlands. Presently, she is a Member of the Board of the Achmea Association as well as an Independent Mediator offering services to International Operating Enterprises criticised for not adhering to international standards.