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# FMA Board Members



**Dr Klaus HÄNSCH** (PES 1979-2009, Germany)  
FMA President and Delegation leader

Klaus Hänsch is a German politician. He was a Member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 2009, and a member of the Party of European Socialists group, of which he was Vice-Chairman from 1989 to 1994 and from 1997 to 2009.

Klaus Hänsch was Presidium-Member of the Convention drafting a European Constitution (2002-2003) and Parliament's representative in the Intergovernmental Conference on the Constitutional Treaty for the European Union (2003-2004). He was Member for Germany (SPD) from 1979 to 2009 and President of the European Parliament from 1994 to 1997. Klaus Hänsch is currently President of the Former Members Association.

**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, Pinocchiorworld, 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".



**Jean-Pierre AUDY** (EPP 2005-2014, France)  
FMA Treasurer

Jean-Pierre Audy was a Member of the European Parliament between 2005 – 2014. He was the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Budgetary Control from 2009 to 2012 , the Vice-Chair of the Delegation for relations with the Mercosur countries from 2010 to 2014 and the President of the French delegation of the EPP group from 2010 to 2014.

Audy was the Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly from 2013 to 2014 and a Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Committee on International Trade, Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Delegation for relations with the Maghreb countries and the Arab Maghreb Union (including Libya).

**Teresa RIERA MADURELL** (S&D 2004-2014, Spain)  
FMA Honorary Secretary



Teresa Riera Madurell is a former Member of the European Parliament (2004-2014) known for her contributions to research and innovation. She served as the S&D coordinator of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and was the rapporteur of Horizon 2020, a key research and innovation program.

From 2014 to 2019, she was Member of the RISE-Advisory Group of Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science. Ms Riera Madurell is a professor of Computer Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, chairs the Science Policy Advisory Committee at the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre (BSC-CNS), and is President of the Balearic Islands-Council of the European Movement and Member of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and of the Balearic Group of the Club of Rome Spanish Chapter.



## Micheal HINDLEY

(SOC 1984-1993, PES 1993-1999, United Kingdom)  
FMA Board Member

Micheal Hindley was a Member of the European Parliament between 1984 – 1999. He was the Vice-President of the External Economic Affairs Committee with Parliamentary responsibilities for scrutiny of the entire range of EU external bilateral and multilateral relations 1989-1999. He was an expert for the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) 2008-2020.

He was a former Associate Professor at Georgetown University of the MBA Programme ‘Government Business Relations in the age of globalization’ and a former lecturer of ‘European Studies’ at Lancaster University, London School of Economics (LSE), University of California (Berkeley) and Taras Shevchenko University (Kiev). Election observer for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (EESC). He has also been a Guest lecturer for “EP to Campus” programme in Germany, India, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Russia and Malta.

## Paul RÜBIG (EPP-ED 1996-2019, Austria) FMA Board Member



Paul Rübzig is an Austrian politician and businessman who served as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from 1996 to 2019, making him Austria’s longest-serving MEP. Before that, he was a member of the Upper Austrian Parliament (1991–1996) and chaired the EU Integration Committee during Austria’s accession to the EU.

In the European Parliament, he was actively involved in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, the Committee on Budgetary Control, and the Committee on Budgets. He also chaired the Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) unit and played a key role in EU external relations, particularly with EFTA countries and the Arabian Peninsula.

A strong advocate for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Rübzig founded SME Europe in 2012 and served as president of SME Global. He was also a member of various parliamentary intergroups on digital policies, energy, and sustainability.

Throughout his career, he received multiple awards, including MEP of the Year in Research and Innovation and the Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold for Services to the Republic of Austria. He has also co-authored publications on patents, telecommunications, and European integration.

# FMA Members



**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.

**Lars Patrick BERG**  
(ECR 2019-2024, Germany)



Lars Patrick Berg is a German politician who served as a Member of the European Parliament from 2019 to 2024.

Elected with the Alternative for Germany (AfD), he later left the party and the Identity and Democracy group in June 2021 to join the European Conservatives and Reformists, and subsequently became a member of the Bündnis Deutschland party in January 2023. Prior to his role in the European Parliament, he was a member of the Baden-Württemberg state parliament from 2016 to 2019, focusing on domestic policy and international affairs. Berg studied Eastern European history and international energy economics and has worked as a PR consultant and press spokesman for various political organizations. Bilingual and raised in a multicultural environment, he is also a lieutenant colonel in the reserve of the German Armed Forces.



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

I was a city councilor in Kortrijk, a center city in the province of West Flanders. The provincial capital is Bruges. I live in the state of Flanders, in the north of Belgium.

MEPs are elected by language in Belgium; 13 for Dutch speakers (Flanders) , 8 for French speakers (Wallonie) and 1 for German speakers (Ostbelgien). I entered the European Parliament for Agalev, the Flemish Green Party. I left that party in 2004. Since 2011, I have been a member of N-VA, a Flemish-nationalist party that is the largest party in Flanders and has formed the new Belgian government since February 2025 with Bart De Wever as prime minister. N-VA is in the ECR group in the European Parliament. I am a board member in the local section. I am a retired Sustainable Development official with the FPS Finance. I am a city guide and international tour guide, a student of painting and an 8-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.



**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.



**Andrzej GRZYB**  
(EPP-ED 2003-2004, EPP 2009-2019, Poland)

Andrzej Grzyb holds a Master's degree from the Agriculture Academy in Poznań and the Poznań School of Banking. He has dedicated a significant part of his career to politics and public service in Poland.

He was first elected as a member of the Polish Sejm in 1989 and was subsequently re-elected in 1991, 1993-1997, and 2001-2007. His political experience extends beyond the national parliament, as he served as Vice-Chairman of the Polish Inter-Parliamentary Union (1993-1997) and Vice-Chairman of the Assembly of Polish Counties (2000-2003). Additionally, he was a councillor in the Ostrzeszów City Council from 1990 to 1994.

From 2007 to 2009, he played a key role in Poland's European integration as Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for European Affairs. From 2009-2019, he has continued his political career at the European level, serving as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP).

## **Cristina GUTIERREZ-CORTINES**

(EPP 1999-2014, Spain)



Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines holds a PhD and is a Full Professor of Art History at Murcia University. She is a Spanish politician and was a Member of the European Parliament between 1999 and 2014.

She was part of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety.

She was a substitute for the Committee on Budgetary Control and the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. She was also a substitute for the Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, and a member of the Reconciliation of European Histories Group. She was also a Vice-President of the Israel Delegation and a member of the EU Turkey ASEAN Delegations – The Mediterranean Assembly. Representant of the Parliament on the UNCCD. She was the President of Fundación Ars Civilis.



## **Leslie HUCKFIELD**

(SOC 1984-1989, United Kingdom)

Leslie Huckfield was a Member of the House of Commons from 1967 till 1983 and a Member of the European Parliament from 1984 till 1989, where he was a member of the Socialists and Democrats Group and Vice Chair of the Parliament's Transport Committee. He is active in the European Parliament Former Members Association.

He was Under Secretary of State (a Government Minister) in the Department of Industry from 1976 till 1979 and a member of the Labour Party National Executive Committee from 1978 till 1982. In 1980 he was chair of the Labour NEC Working Group on Workers' Cooperatives which made recommendations for Labour's 1983 General Election Manifesto.

He is currently a Visiting Fellow and researcher at Glasgow Caledonian University, supervising doctoral students, and an Associate Lecturer and Honorary Research Associate at the Open University, specialising in European Union matters.

His academic qualifications include an Oxford MA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, an MSc with Distinction in Urban and Regional Planning from Heriot Watt University and a PhD from Glasgow Caledonian University. Alongside his academic qualifications, Leslie Huckfield has a range of UK, European and international policy development and implementation experience. Since his Membership of the European Parliament he has worked on European Union funding for colleges, universities, the third sector and trade unions in Merseyside, the West Midlands and Scotland. From 1997 when he moved to the West Midlands, his external activities have included external funding, project management, seminars and conferences in and for Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Venezuela, the Caribbean and Ghana. He was also an Associate of West Midlands in Europe Office in Brussels. In 2015 and 2016 he delivered a series of 11 European Funding Masterclass across Scotland, attended by 500 representatives from Scotland's social enterprises and community organisations.



## Anneli JÄÄTTEENMÄKI (ALDE 2004-2019, Finland)



Anneli Jäätteenmäki is a Finnish politician and lawyer with a distinguished career in both national and European politics. She earned her Master's degree in law in 1980 and later worked as a lawyer before entering politics.

Her political career began in 1987, when she was elected to the Finnish Parliament, where she served until 2004. During this time, she held key governmental positions, including Minister of Justice from 1994 to 1995 and later Prime Minister in 2003, becoming Finland's first female head of government.

In 2004, she transitioned to European politics and was elected as a Member of the European Parliament (MEP), representing Finland until 2019. She also held the role of Vice-Chairman of the European Parliament from 2005 to 2006.

Beyond her parliamentary work, she has remained active in regional and cultural governance. Since 2021, she has served as President of the City Council of Lapua, and since 2022, as Vice-Chair of the Board of the Regional Government. Additionally, she has chaired the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Foundation since 2020.

Alongside her political and legal career, she is also an author, having published two books.



## Filip KACZMAREK (EPP 2004-2014, Poland)

Filip Kaczmarek is currently a Professor at the Poznań University of Economics and Business and serves as the Chair of The Poznań Society for the Advancement of Arts and Sciences, an institution founded in 1857.

He previously held political roles as a member of the Polish Parliament (Sejm) from 1991 to 1993, a Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2014, and a member of the Wielkopolska Regional Parliament from 2019 to 2024.

## 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 the 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.



## Colm MARKEY

(EPP 2020-2024, Ireland)

Colm Markey is an Irish politician who served as a Member of the European Parliament from 2020 to 2024. Prior to this, he was a member of Louth County Council from 2009 to 2020, serving as its Cathaoirleach (Mayor) from 2017 to 2018. He was also a member of the National Economic and Social Council from 2007 to 2009 and served as the National President of Macra na Feirme (Irish Young Farmers) from 2005 to 2007.



## Robert John MORELAND

(ED 1979-1984, United Kingdom)

Robert Moreland is a British politician. He was member of the European Parliament from 1979 to 1984.

After his term at the European Parliament, he was a Member of Economic and Social Committee of the EU from 1986 to 1998, and served as Chairman of the Regional Policy and Town and Country Planning Section of the Committee from 1990 to 1998.



**Jan OLBRYCHT**  
(EPP 2004-2024, Poland)

Jan Olbrycht is a Doctor of Sociology, lecturer, expert, politician and social activist. He chaired the Polish Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe in 1990-1998. From 2000-2004, he was a Member of the Management Board of the Assembly of European Regions and a Member of the National Council for Regional Policy.

MEP from 2004-2024.

Jan Olbrycht was Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group and seated on the Budgets Committee and was Substitute Member of the Regional Development Committee. In addition, he was the EPP Group Vice-Coordinator in the Budgets Committee and the European Parliament's Standing Rapporteur on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

**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.



**Georgi PIRINSKI**  
(S&D 2014-2019, Bulgaria)

Georgi PIRINSKI was a Member of the 8th European Parliament (2014-2019) as part of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) from Bulgaria. My main activities were as a Member of two Parliamentary Committees – on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) and on Budgetary Control (CONT).

In EMPL I was involved in the adoption of priority social legislation, such as the Decision to establish the Platform for tackling undeclared work (as Parliamentary Rapporteur), the Regulation for the setting-up of the European Labour Authority (ELA) (as Co-Rapporteur) and the adoption of the European Pillar of Social Rights. Other files I worked on were on the posting of workers, on tackling inequalities as a means of boosting employment and growth and on developing the social economy. In the Committee I was Rapporteur for a number of EMPL Opinions, such as the one on CETA. In CONT I was Rapporteur for a number of Reports, Opinions and Working documents on such subjects as the protection of EU's financial interests and the fight against fraud, the activities of the EIB, the reports of the European Court of Auditors on cohesion funding, the free movement of workers, productive investments in businesses and the functioning of the Stability and Growth Pact. Besides, among other responsibilities and activities, I was a member of the Euronest Parliamentary assembly and as such - Co-Chairman of its Committee on Social Affairs, Education and Employment.

**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. One of the earliest such roles was advising 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 served on the Board of the UK Food Standards Agency and as Chair of its Welsh Food Advisory Committee until September 2023. 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.



## Eva QUISTORP (Greens/EFA 1989-1994, Germany)

Eva Quistorp is a former Member of the European Parliament (1989–1994), co-founder of the German Green Party, and a longtime advocate for environmental, peace, and women's rights. She has been active in international diplomacy, serving on European Parliament committees for the environment, economic cooperation, and culture, as well as delegations to the USSR and ASEAN.

A writer, consultant, and educator, she has worked with the UN on human rights, women's rights, and climate policy, including at major conferences in Rio, Vienna, Beijing, and Johannesburg. She co-managed the European Women College and has advised organizations such as the Heinrich Böll Foundation, UNIFEM, and the International Peace Bureau.

Eva Quistorp was an early supporter of *solidarnosc*, *Charta 77* and the Baltic States and Ukraine independence and is now part of the Ukraine lobby within and around the European Parliament. Quistorp remains engaged in interfaith dialogue, climate activism, and mentoring exiled citizen groups from Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Hong Kong, and Iran in Berlin.

## Marek SIWIEC (S&D 2004-2014, Poland)



Marek Siwiec is a Polish politician, journalist, and expert in European foreign affairs. He served as a Member of the European Parliament (2004–2014), focusing on EU relations with Eastern Europe, security, energy, and digital freedom. He was Vice-President of the European Parliament (2007–2009) and played a key role in EU-Ukraine cooperation.

From 1997 to 2004, Siwiec was Chief of Poland's National Security Bureau and a key advisor to President Aleksander Kwaśniewski. He also served in the Polish Parliament (1991–1997) and was a member of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly.

A journalist by background, he was editor-in-chief of several Polish publications. Since 2015, he has been CEO and International Director of the Babi Yar Holocaust Memorial Centre in Kyiv.





**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.



**Alexandra THEIN**  
(ALDE 2009-2014, Germany)

Alexandra Thein is a German politician and lawyer specializing in Middle Eastern affairs. She served as a Member of the European Parliament from 2009 to 2014, representing a liberal party from Berlin. During her tenure, she was actively involved in several European Parliament delegations focusing on relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, Israel, the Mashreq countries, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

A strong advocate for peace in the Middle East, human rights, and improving living conditions for Palestinians, she was also a member of various EU friendship and working groups related to Lebanon, the UAE, the Gulf countries, Turkey, Qatar, and Euro-Palestine.

Fluent in French, she studied law, public international law, and European integration in Germany and Switzerland. Since 1991, she has worked as a lawyer and notary in Berlin. She also held leadership positions in the German-Arab Society and the Liberal SME Association in Berlin. Due to health reasons, she stepped down as president of the Berlin Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 2015.

**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.