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Andrey Kovatchev is a Bulgarian politician, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group responsible for Enlargement and Mediterranean Policy.

Andrey Kovatchev became a Member of the European Parliament after the elections in 2009. Since March 2011, Andrey Kovatchev has been vice-president of the Union of European Federalists. In January 2012, he was elected vice-chair of AFET – Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament. Andrey Kovatchev has a degree in Biology from Saarland University, Germany (1990–1995).

Later he obtained a PhD in Biology from the same university. Since 2007, Andrey Kovatchev is a Vice- chairman of the Vice – International Secretary of political party GERB (Citizens for European Development of Bulgaria).

Dr. Andrey Kovatchev is a Member and a vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the European Parliament and a member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Delegation for Relations with the United States. He is also a Substitute of the Committee the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and in the Delegation to the EU-former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee.



Christian DANIELSSON

Director General at the DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission

Danielsson was appointed Head of the Turkey Unit DG Enlargement between 2005 and 2008. Between 2006 and 2008 he was the director for Directorate B of DG Enlargement.

From 2008 to 2010, Danielsson was the permanent Representative of Sweden to the EU (Ambassador).

From 2011 to 2013 he assumed the position of Deputy Secretary General (Secretariat-General) where he was in charge of Directorate F which dealt directly with the relations with the European Council, International Relations and G8/G20 Co-ordination as well as being in charge of Directorate G which involved Relations with the European Parliament, the Committees and General Institutional issues.

In October 2013 Christian Danielsson was appointed Director General for Enlargement at the European Commission in Brussels. Under the political guidance of Commissioner Johannes Hahn, Mr Danielsson manages the Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations Directorate General within the framework set out in its mission statement.

Danielsson studied at the Stockholm School of Economics, graduating in Business Administration and Economics.



Ian LESSER

Vice-President for Foreign Policy at the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

Ian Lesser is the vice president for Foreign Policy at The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and a member of GMF's executive team, managing programs across the organisation.

He also serves as executive director of the Transatlantic Center, the Brussels office of GMF, and leads GMF's work on the Mediterranean, Turkey, and the wider Atlantic. Prior to joining GMF, Dr.

Lesser was a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and vice president and director of studies at the Pacific Council on International Policy.

He came to the Pacific Council from RAND, where he spent over a decade as a senior analyst and research manager specializing in strategic studies. From 1994-1995, he was a member of the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State, responsible for Turkey, Southern Europe, North Africa, and the multilateral track of the Middle East peace process.

A frequent commentator for international media, he has written extensively on foreign and security policy issues. Dr. Lesser was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, the London School of Economics, and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and received his PhD from Oxford University.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, and the Pacific Council on International Policy. He serves on the advisory boards of the International Spectator, Turkish Policy Quarterly, and Insight Turkey, and has been a senior fellow of the Onassis Foundation in Athens and the Luso-American Foundation in Lisbon.

He serves as a senior advisor to the Commander, US European Command (EUCOM).



Paulo RANGEL MEP

EIN Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament Responsible for Political Strategy and the European Ideas Network

Paulo Rangel is a Member of the European Parliament since 2009 and Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group, responsible for the EPP's think tank, European Ideas Network. Since 2015, Mr.

Rangel is also Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group. Member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and member of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Rangel is as well Head of the Portuguese PSD Delegation and Administrator of the Robert Schuman Foundation, since 2009.

Former Member of the Portuguese Parliament, on the 10th legislature, Mr. Rangel was the Chairman of PSD parliamentary group in 2008-2009. Prior to this, Paulo Rangel was Deputy Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice under the 16th constitutional government. Law graduate, by the Catholic University of Oporto, Mr. Rangel has attended a master degree in juridical-political sciences, by the University of Coimbra, and attended a Doctorate in Public Law, by the Law faculty of Nova University of Lisbon. Lecturer in the Law Faculty of the Law Faculty of the Portuguese Catholic University and lecturer of the MBA in the Porto Business School.

Mr Rangel is a member of the board of directors of the Porto Trade Association, chairman of the General Assembly of RAR Group and regular commentator in various branches of media.

Mr. Rangel has made many speeches and lectures, scholarly articles and books on legal, political and constitutional issues, including *Repensar o Poder Judicial*, Publicações Universidade Católica, 2001, *O Estado do Estado*, D. Quixote, 2009. Research work: with the DAAD in Frankfurt, with the European Institute in Florence, the University of Osnabrück, the University of Upsala, the University of Lausanne, the University of Bologna, the University of Genoa and the University of Freiburg. Awarded the Grosse Verdienstkreuz mit Stern by the Federal Republic of German (2009); the Council of Europe's René Cassin Prize (1989); the D. António Ferreira Gomes Prize (1986).



Amb. Suela JANINA

***Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the European Union,
Belgium and Luxembourg***

Mrs. Suela Janina is appointed as Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the European Union by Decree of the President of the Republic, no. 8660, on 31.7.2014.

Ambasador Janina presented her Letter of Credentials to the President of the European Council, H.E Mr. Herman Van Rompuy on November 4, 2014. Mrs. Janina was born on June 28, 1976.

She graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana and received the Master degree in Democracy and Human rights, a diploma accorded jointly by University of Sarajevo and University of Bologna.

Ambassador Janina holds a PhD in international law by the University of Tirana. Ambassador Janina is a career diplomat.

She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in August 1999 where she had previously a number of diplomatic appointments.

Prior to assuming her current position, Ambassador Janina was holding the position of General Director for Multilateral Relations. Ambassador Janina has a wide experience with international organisations. From May 2011, she has been elected as a member of United Nations Committee on Enforced Disappearance, and continues to hold, for the second term the position of the Vice Chair of CED.

She is appointed as an Alternate Arbitron at the OSCE Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. Ambassador Janina speaks English, Italian and basic French.



Walid PHARES

Co-Secretary General, Trans-Atlantic Legislative Group on Counter Terrorism

Professor Walid Phares is the Co-Secretary General of the Transatlantic Parliamentary Group on Counter Terrorism (TAG), a Caucus of members of the US Congress and the European Parliament, since 2009.

He has been serving as an Advisor to the Anti-Terrorism Caucus in the US House of Representatives since 2008.

Dr Phares briefs and testify to the US Congress, the European Parliament and the United Nations Security Council on matters related to international security and Middle East conflict.

He consults with and lectures to several national security and defence agencies as well as to Counter Terrorism advisory boards in North America and Europe.

He has served on the Advisory Board of the Task Force on Future Terrorism of the Department of Homeland Security in 2006-2007 as well as on the Advisory Task force on Nuclear Terrorism in 2007. Dr Phares taught Global Strategies at the National Defence University since 2006.

Previously he was a Professor of Middle East Studies and Comparative Politics at Florida Atlantic University 1993-2004. Currently he is the Provost and Director for International Studies at BAUI University in Washington DC since 2013.

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Yossi Mekelberg is a Professor of International Relations at Regent's University London, where he is the Head of the International Relations, Social Sciences and Law Programme.

He has been teaching at Regent's University since 1996, and before that at King's College, London.

Yossi has been with the MENA Programme at Chatham House since 2002, first as an Associate Fellow and more recently as a Senior Consulting Research Fellow.

In addition he is a member of the London Committee and Council of Human Rights Watch and a consultant to the Dutch simulation and education foundation Pax Ludens.

Yossi is a regular contributor to the international media on these issues including BBC, CNN, Al-Jazeera, Guardian, and Independent among many others.

He is frequently invited to give talks, run workshops and provide advice to the British government, NATO and the EU. His areas of expertise include The Politics of the Middles East, Israeli Politics, the Middle East Peace Process, International Relations theory and US foreign policy towards the region.

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