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Valdis Dombrovskis

*Executive Vice President for An economy that Works for People,
European Commission*

Valdis Dombrovskis is Executive Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for an Economy that Works for People, also in charge of Trade (since October 2020). Before this, he was Vice-President responsible for the euro, social dialogue, financial services and the Capital Markets Union.

In Latvia, he was his country's longest-serving head of government with three terms as prime minister. He served as Finance Minister, was a Member of the Latvian Parliament and elected twice to the European Parliament.

In his pre-political life, he worked as chief economist at the Bank of Latvia and before that, as a research assistant at Mainz University, at the Institute of Solid-State Physics in Latvia and the University of Maryland.

Valdis Dombrovskis was born on 5 August 1971 in Riga, and holds degrees in both physics and economics.



Christine Lagarde

*President,
European Central Bank*

Since November 2019, Christine Lagarde has been the President of the European Central Bank.

Between 2011 and 2019, she served as the eleventh Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Prior to that she served as French Economic Finance Minister from 2007 to 2011 after having been Trade Secretary from 2005 to 2007.

A lawyer by background, she practiced for 20 years with the international law firm Baker McKenzie, of which she became global chairman in 1999.

In all such positions, she was the first woman to serve.

In 2020, Lagarde was ranked the second most influential woman in the world by Forbes and has been named by TIME as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Christine Lagarde was named Officier in the Légion d'honneur in April 2012 and Commandeur dans l'ordre national du mérite in May 2021.



H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands

*United Nations Secretary-General's
Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development*

Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands has served as the UN Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA) since 2009.

As Special Advocate, she is a leading global voice on advancing universal access to and responsible usage of affordable, effective and safe financial services.

The UNSGSA raises awareness, serves as a convener, encourages leaders and supports actions to expand financial inclusion at a global and country level, all in close collaboration with partners from the public and private sector.

An important focus of her work is on enabling responsible technology for financial inclusion in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Since 2011, more than 1.2 billion people have gained access to financial services - and therefore have a better chance to transform their lives.

Queen Máxima is Honorary Patron of the G20's Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) and a Global Agenda Trustee for the World Economic Forum's Global Challenge Initiative on the Future of the Global Financial System.

She also convened the CEO Partnership for Economic Inclusion.

In the Netherlands, she is a member of the Dutch Committee for Entrepreneurship and Honorary Chair of the Dutch Money Wise Platform.

In all her roles, Her Majesty aims to unlock development opportunities and economic inclusion for all.

IN CONVERSATION

Making a digital Euro reality



Rebecca Christie

*Non-resident fellow,
Bruegel*

Rebecca Christie is a non-resident fellow at Bruegel, the Brussels-based economic think tank, where she has been based since 2019.

Her research focuses on EU politics, capital markets, tax policy and financial regulation.

Most recently she served as the lead author on the European Stability Mechanism's institutional history, "Safeguarding the Euro in Times of Crisis: the Inside Story of the ESM".

She has also served as an expert adviser to a European Economic and Social Committee panel on taxation.

Christie was a political correspondent in Brussels for Bloomberg News from 2011 to 2016.

She joined Bloomberg in 2008 as senior U.S. Treasury correspondent, a post she held for three years before moving to Europe, and she worked previously for publications including Dow Jones Newswires/the Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times.

She holds degrees from Duke University and the University of Texas at Austin.



Paschal Donohoe

*President
Eurogroup*

Paschal Donohoe TD is the Minister for Finance. He was re-appointed to this role in June 2020, having served in this role since June 2017.

Minister Donohoe was elected President of the Eurogroup on 9 July 2020. His two-and-a-half-year term began on 13 July 2020.

From May 2016 - June 2020, he served as the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and from July 2014 - May 2016, as the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. He also held the position of Minister for European Affairs at the Department of An Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs from July 2013 - July 2014.

Minister Donohoe was first elected as a TD in February 2011 for the Dublin Central constituency. Prior to this he was a member of Seanad Éireann, from 2007 - 2011. He also served as

member of Dublin City Council from 2004 - 2007.

He was formerly the Chair of Ireland's Future in Europe Oireachtas Sub-Committee, as well as a member of the Public Accounts Committee. He has also served as the Vice-Chair of the European Affairs Committee and, as a Senator, he served as a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport.

During his time as member of Dublin City Council, he served as Chair of the Environment & Engineering Strategic Policy Committee, as a member of the Corporate Policy Group and also as Chairman of the Central Area Committee.

Minister Donohoe is a graduate of the Trinity College Dublin, with a degree in Politics and Economics and he attended St. Declan's CBS.



Irene Tinagli

*Chair ECON Committee,
European Parliament*

Elected in May 2019 to the European Parliament, Irene Tinagli has been elected in September 2019 Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs of the European Parliament.

She holds a BA in Management from Bocconi University, a Master of Science and a PhD in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She also participated in the Global Leadership Programme at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

After the PhD, she worked at the University of Madrid, as Assistant Professor of Management and Organizational Development from 2009 until 2013, when she was elected to the Italian Parliament. In the Italian Parliament, she served a five-year mandate dealing mostly with issues concerning labour, employment and the private sector.

Prior to her political engagement, she had worked as a consultant for regional and national European governments, the UN and the European Commission on the topics of innovation, creativity, talent attraction and management, urban and regional development.

She has been a columnist for Italian newspaper La Stampa and has published three books: *Talento da Svernere* (Einaudi, 2008), *Un Futuro a Colori* (Rizzoli, 2014) and *La Grande Ignoranza* (Rizzoli, 2019). In 2010 she was nominated Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and in 2012 Young European Leader by Friends of Europe.

PANEL 1

A digital Euro - challenges and opportunities for the financial sector



Ana Botín

*President of the European Banking Federation
and Executive Chair of Santander Group*

Ana Botín was appointed Executive Chair of Banco Santander in September 2014.

Ms. Botín began her career in New York, where she spent eight years with JPMorgan in corporate and investment banking.

She joined Santander in 1988 to lead Santander to lead the Group's expansion in Latin America.

In 2002, she became Chief Executive of Banesto in Spain, before becoming CEO of Santander UK in 2010.

Ms. Botín is the President of the European Banking Federation, is a Board member of the Coca-Cola Company and a member of the MIT CEO Advisory Board.

She is also the founder and Chair of both Fundación CyD, which supports Spanish universities' contribution to economic and social development, and Empieza por Educar, the Spanish affiliate of Teach for All, that trains talented graduates to become teachers.

Ms. Botín earned her BA in Economics from Bryn Mawr College.



Gilles Grapinet

*Chief Executive Officer,
Worldline*

A graduate from “Ecole Nationale d’Administration”, Gilles Grapinet joined the French Inspection Générale des Finances” in 1992, where he was assigned on numerous financial audits on behalf the French Government and international organisations (International Monetary Fund, World Bank, ...).

In 1996, he moved to the French tax department as Head of Strategy and Controlling before being appointed Head of Information Systems and Strategy.

Between 2000 and 2002, he was appointed CIO, head of the nation-wide “Copernicus Digital program”, aimed at rebuilding entirely the French tax information systems and creating a multi-channel, service-oriented e-tax administration.

Between 2003 and end 2004, he joined the private office of the French Prime Minister as Senior Advisor for economic, financial affairs and State reforms. Between 2005 and 2007, he was director and chief of staff of the French economy, finance and industry Minister’s private office.

In 2007, Gilles Grapinet joined the Executive Committee of the international banking Group Credit Agricole SA, where he was Head

of Strategy before being appointed CEO of the Payment Systems & Services business division.

He joined Atos from December 2008 as Senior Executive Vice-President, in charge of Global Functions, Global Sales, Consulting and Worldline until 2013. Since July 2013, he was appointed Worldline Chief Executive Officer, and has led the successful partial listing of this former subsidiary of the Atos Group with a market capitalization of c. € 2B in June 2014. Worldline has since executed an ambitious development with the successful acquisitions of Equens in 2016, SIX Payment Services in 2018 and Ingenico in 2020.

Worldline became fully independent from Atos on May 3rd, 2019, is now n°1 electronic payment services provider in Europe and n°4 globally, and since March 2020 part of the CAC40 leading French.

M. Grapinet, in parallel has been the first chairman of EDPIA, the European Digital Payment Industry Alliance, until June 2022 the advocacy body of the largest European head-quartered payment services providers.

M. Grapinet is also member of the French order of “Légion d’honneur” (knight).



Christian Lindner

*Minister of Finance Germany,
G7 Presidency*

Christian Lindner, born in 1979, is German Federal Minister of Finance and a member of the German parliament (Deutscher Bundestag).

He has held the position of Finance Minister since December 2021 when the first-ever three-party coalition was formed in Germany following national elections.

Lindner was elected party leader of the Free Democrats in December 2013. He was also chairman of the Free Democrats Parliamentary Group from 2017 to 2021. Prior to this, he was a member of the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia and served as the party's General Secretary.

Lindner studied political science, philosophy and public law at the University of Bonn. He owned an advertising agency from 1997 to 2004 and was co-founder of an IT business.

Lindner is a major in the German Air Force reserve.



Fabio Panetta

*Executive Board Member,
European Central Bank*

Fabio Panetta has been a member of the Executive Board of the European Central Bank since 1 January 2020. He is responsible for Banknotes, Information Systems, International and European Relations and Market Infrastructure and Payments.

Prior to joining the ECB, Mr Panetta was Senior Deputy Governor of the Banca d'Italia and President of the Italian Insurance Supervisory Authority (Ivass).

He served as a Member of the Board of Directors and as a Member of the Committee on the Global Financial System of the Bank for International Settlements. From 2014 to 2019 he was a Member of the Supervisory Board of the Single Supervisory Mechanism at the European Central Bank.

Mr Panetta graduated with honours in Economics from LUISS University (Rome). He holds a M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and a PhD in Economics and Finance from the London Business School.

He has authored books and papers published in international journals such as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Finance, the Journal of Money, Credit and Banking, the European Economic Review, the Journal of Banking and Finance.

PANEL 2

***A digital Euro in the broader
European and International
context***



Nadia Calviño

*Vice President and Minister for Economy and Digitalization
of the Spanish Government*

Nadia Calviño is First Deputy Prime Minister of Spain and Minister for Economy and Digitalization since July 2021.

Recently she has been appointed Chair of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of the International Monetary Fund with a two year mandate.

She holds a degree in Economics (1991) and a degree in Law (2001).

In 1994, she joined the Spanish public administration as member of the corps of State Economist and Trade Experts.

She becomes Minister for Economy and Business (2018-2020) and third and second Vice-President and Minister for Economy and Digitalization (2020-2021).

She was the Director General in charge of the Budget within the EU Commission and previously, she held other senior management positions in the European Commission.



Paolo Gentiloni

*European Commissioner
for Economy*

Paolo Gentiloni is the European Commissioner for Economy since December 2019.

He served as Prime Minister of Italy (2016-2018), Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014-2016), Member of the Italian Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (2013-2014) and Minister of Communications (2006-2008).

He was Spokesperson for the Margherita Party (2002-2007), Chairman of the Broadcasting Services Watchdog Committee (2005-2006), Spokesperson for the Mayor of Rome and Commissioner in the City of Rome (1993-2000). Previously he worked as a professional journalist.

Born in 1954, Gentiloni graduated in Political Sciences from La Sapienza, Rome.

His last book is “La sfida impopolista” (the (Un)populist challenge)



Nellie Liang

*Under Secretary for Domestic Finance
at the U.S. Department of the Treasury*

Nellie Liang was confirmed as the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance at the U.S. Treasury Department on July 15, 2021.

Prior to serving at Treasury, Liang was a Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution.

She also was a Visiting Scholar at the International Monetary Fund's Monetary and Capital Markets Department, Lecturer at the Yale School of Management, and a member of the Congressional Budget Office's Panel of Economic Advisors.

Over three decades at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Liang held a range of positions, including as the first Director of the Division of Financial Stability from 2010 to 2017.

In that position, she oversaw the development of financial stability policies related to risks in financial firms and financial markets, and interactions of financial policies with monetary policy.

Her recent research has focused on the financial system and macroeconomic growth.

Liang received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Maryland and a B.A. in economics from the University of Notre Dame.



Martin Sandbu

*European Economics Commentator,
Financial Times*

Martin Sandbu is the Financial Times's European economics commentator.

He also writes Free Lunch, the FT's weekly newsletter on the global economic policy debate.

He has been writing for the FT since 2009, when he joined the paper as economics leader writer.

Before joining the FT, he worked in academia and policy consulting.

He is the author of three books, on business ethics, the euro, and on the economics of belonging.



Martina Weimert

*Chief Executive Officer,
European Payments Initiative*

Martina Weimert has been appointed as CEO of the EPI Interim Company in December 2020. She has been supporting European banks since the beginning of the European Payments Initiative (EPI) as a Partner in the Financial Services Practice of the consultancy Oliver Wyman in Paris, where she was for 4 years in charge of the European payments practice. With 17 years in international consulting, she has in-depth experience in payments, fintech, blockchain and retail banking in Europe, the Americas and the Middle East.

She developed strategy concepts, new business models and led major transformation programs and is known to be an instant payments specialist. She works with all players in the payments value chain: banks, retailers, merchant service providers, e-merchants, fintechs, infrastructure providers,

PSP and regulators and she speaks at international conferences about payments, fintech and blockchain.

From 1999-2004, she was in charge of business development and then head of marketing & sales in a greenfield-bank approach for Deutsche Bank. She started her career at the EBRD, in London before entering into consulting.

Martina Weimert graduated from the Institute of Political Science Paris in European business development and holds a Master degree in International Administration (DESS) from Sorbonne University and studied before Political Science at the University of Bonn (Germany).



John A. Rolle

*Governor of the Central Bank
of the Bahamas*

Mr. Rolle was appointed Governor of the Central Bank of The Bahamas in January 2016.

Prior to this, he served as the Financial Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; and before this, he served on the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a Senior Advisor to the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland and the Caribbean Constituency.

The Governor's substantive career from 1990 to 2012 was also in central banking, in various economic policy and research capacities. In addition, he has contributed as an Adjunct Lecturer, in Economics, at the American University (2008) in Washington, DC and for many years as a Part-

Time Lecturer in Economics and Statistics at the College of the Bahamas.

He holds graduate degrees in Economics from the American University in Washington DC and Carleton University in Ottawa Canada; and is an undergraduate of the University of Western Ontario, Canada and the College of The Bahamas.

The Governor has also earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

The Governor has published scholarly articles in a number of professional journals, and maintains research interests in monetary, fiscal and exchange rate policies.

PANEL 3

A digital Euro at the service of European citizens



Violaine Clerc

*Executive secretary,
FATF*

Violaine Clerc is the FATF Executive Secretary since 1 June 2022.

In her role at the FATF, Ms Clerc is responsible for leading a Secretariat that works to bring together expertise from around the world to fight money laundering and the financing of terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

This includes work to monitor how money is laundered and how terrorist organisations raise and access funds; to develop global standards, best practices and guidance to mitigate new and emerging risks, and to assess the action taken by governments to implement the FATF standards effectively.

It also includes providing training and support for officials from FATF member countries and the nine FATF-style regional bodies.

Ms Clerc advises the FATF President and Vice President and is responsible to the FATF Plenary, the FATF's governing body, and the FATF President.

She works closely with the FATF's 39 members and the nine FATF-Style Regional Bodies, whose members help make up the FATF Global Network of over 200 countries and jurisdictions.

A French national, Violaine holds a post-graduate degree in political science from the Institut d'études politiques de Paris and a post-graduate degree in Public Law from the University of Paris II Pantheon-Sorbonne.



Monique Goyens

*Director General of
BEUC*

As Director General of BEUC, Monique represents 46 independent national consumer associations in 32 European countries, acting as a strong consumer voice in Brussels, ensuring that consumer interests are given weight in the development of policies and raising the visibility and effectiveness of the consumer movement through lobbying EU institutions and media contacts.

As a consumer expert and advocate, and on behalf of BEUC, Monique is a member of the Euro Retail Payments Board as well as of the European Commission's Consumer Policy Advisory Group. She is also a member of the Advisory Group on Noncommunicable Diseases of WHO-Region Europe. Previously, she was a member of the expert group on "Online Disinformation" (2018), the expert group on "trade agreements" (2018-2019), the EU High Level Forum for the Capital

Market Union (2020) and sub-group on Artificial Intelligence, Connected Products and other new Challenges in Product Safety (2020), and the European Commission's Platform on Sustainable Finance and Expert Group High-Level Roundtable on Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (2021-2022). She was also Vice-Chair of the European Advisory Board of the Open Society Foundations (2017-2020).

In her capacity as BEUC Director General, Monique is currently EU Co-Chair of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD) a network of EU and US consumer organisations, and she also represents BEUC at Consumers International, the international consumer organisation.

Apart from championing consumers' rights, Monique's passions/challenges are her family & cooking for friends – including delicious veggie meals.



Naomi Lloyd

Euronews

Naomi Lloyd is a TV journalist, presenter and broadcaster.

She has presented and produced Euronews' Real Economy programme, interviewing key decision makers including Heads of State, Finance Ministers and EU Commissioners.

Previously, she was a producer for BBC World TV and a newsreader for BBC Radio.

She has also been a news anchor for France 24, a reporter for Reuters TV in London, covering political events at Westminster and a reporter for EuroparlTV in Brussels, interviewing MEPs and explaining new legislation for the 'How It Works' series.

She started out producing financial news bulletins for ITN's online news and as reporter and presenter in UK regional TV.

Naomi also specialises in training senior policymakers and leaders to feel confident on camera and present complex information engagingly when speaking at virtual conferences and panels.



Mairead McGuinness

*Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services
and the Capital Markets Union*

Mairead McGuinness is the European Commissioner for financial services, financial stability and Capital Markets Union.

The Commissioner's vision for the portfolio is focused on ensuring the financial sector's strength and stability, so that it can deliver for people, society and the environment. Before joining the Commission in October 2020, Ms McGuinness was First Vice-President of the European Parliament from 2017. She served as an MEP from Ireland for 16 years, and was a Vice-President of the Parliament since 2014.

As Vice-President, she oversaw relations with national Parliaments, led the Parliament's dialogue with religious and philosophical organisations, and had responsibility for the Parliament's communication policy.

During her time in the Parliament, Ms McGuinness sat on a range of committees, covering agriculture, environment, public health, budgets, petitions and constitutional affairs. Her legislative work included leading for the EPP Group on the European Climate Law, the revision of medical devices legislation, and CAP reform post-2013. As an Irish Member of the European Parliament (MEP) representing the border region, she was outspoken on Brexit and the consequences for the EU and Ireland.

In 2006-2007, Ms McGuinness chaired the Parliament's investigation into the collapse of the Equitable Life assurance company which identified issues around weak financial regulation.

Prior to becoming an MEP, she was an award-winning journalist, broadcaster and commentator.



Wojciech Wiewiórowski

*European Data
Protection Supervisor*

European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) since December 6th, 2019.

Adjunct professor in the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Gdańsk.

He was among others adviser in the field of e-government and information society for the Minister of Interior and Administration, the Director of the Informatisation Department at the Ministry of Interior and Administration.

He also represented Poland in committee on Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (the ISA Committee) assisting the European Commission.

The Inspector General for the Protection of Personal Data (Polish Data Protection Commissioner) 2010-2014 and the Vice Chair of the Working Party Art. 29 in 2014.

In December 2014, he was appointed Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor.

After the death of the Supervisor - Giovanni Buttarelli in August 2019 - he replaced Mr. Buttarelli as acting EDPS.

His areas of scientific activity include first of all Polish and European IT law, processing and security of information, legal information retrieval systems, informatisation of public administration, and application of new IT tools (semantic web, legal ontologies, cloud, blockchain) in legal information processing.

PANEL 4

***A digital euro - an opportunity
for the digital transformation
of European businesses***



Cinzia Alcidi

*Director of Research,
Centre for European Policy Studies*

Dr. Cinzia Alcidi is Director of Research, Head of the Economic Policy and Jobs & Skills Unit at CEPS and Research Fellow at LUISS – School of European Political Economy.

Prior to joining CEPS, she worked at International Labour Office in Geneva and she taught International Economics at the University of Perugia (Italy). Her research activity includes international economics, macroeconomics, central banking and EU governance.

Since 2015 she is the coordinator of CEPS Academy Activities. She has experience in coordinating research projects and networks. She has published extensively on the economics and governance of the Euro area crisis and participates regularly in international conferences.

She holds a Ph.D. degree in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland).



Thierry Breton

*Commissioner
for the Internal Market*

Engineer, with a Supélec qualification in computer science, Thierry Breton begins his career as an entrepreneur in the new technologies sector. In 1981, he sets up in the United States Forma Systems, an SME which he heads for 5 years. At the same time, he publishes a number of science-fiction novels, including *Softwar*, sold at 2 million copies and translated into about twenty languages around the world.

In France, he designs and then leads the Futuroscope, the first science and technology tourism park, between 1986 and 1990. In parallel, he was also elected regional councillor and then Vice-President of Poitou-Charentes from 1986 to 1992.

He then runs a number of large companies in the IT and new technologies sector. He leads Bull from 1993 to 1997 before taking over the leadership of Thomson

Multimedia, a global electronics company. In 2002, he was appointed to the head of the multinational operator France Télécom.

In 2005 he was appointed Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Industry of France, which he held until 2007.

Following his ministerial office, he teaches governance in Boston, USA, at Harvard Business School.

In 2009, he becomes Chief Executive Officer of Atos, a digital technology and service company, until 2019.

He then chairs in parallel ANRT, the National Research and Technology Association, until 2019.

He is also a member of the Academy of Technology.

In 2019, he becomes the European Commissioner for the Internal Market. He is responsible for industry, services, digital, defence and space, as well as tourism and audiovisual.



John Calian

*Chief Executive Officer,
Riddle & Code*

John Calian is a successful and passionate innovation leader, entrepreneur & business developer dedicated to relationships, designing and selling groundbreaking products and satisfying clients to the highest degree.

Previous to Riddle&Code, John was a Senior Vice President at Deutsche Telekom AG and the Head of the Telekom Innovation Laboratories (T-Labs) in Berlin. John transformed this organisation into lean start-up-oriented teams focused on building MVPs using blockchain, machine learning and virtual reality technologies.

Additionally, John was the co-founder, CEO and Managing Director of trust2core, a blockchain infrastructure start-up that enabled developers to build decentralised low-code / no-code applications.

Before joining T-Labs, John held numerous technology leadership roles (at Amdocs and Synchronoss) and was the founder and COO of multiple start-up software firms in the Seattle area, including Movaya and Kopo Kopo.

John holds an MBA in Technology Management from the University of Washington in Seattle, and a Bachelor of Arts, History degree from the University of Colorado Boulder.



Margherita Della Valle

*Group Chief Financial Officer,
Vodafone*

Margherita Della Valle was appointed Group Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Vodafone Group Plc Board on 27 July 2018.

Margherita's previous roles within Vodafone were Deputy Chief Financial Officer from 2015 to 2018, Group Financial Controller, Chief Financial Officer for Vodafone's European region and Chief Financial Officer for Vodafone Italy.

She joined Omnitel Pronto Italia - which later became Vodafone Italy - in 1994 and held various consumer marketing positions in business analytics and customer base management before moving to finance.

In July 2020, Margherita was appointed a non-executive director of Reckitt Benckiser Group plc.



Eva Kaili

*Vice-President,
European Parliament*

In January 2022, she was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament for the second half of the 9th legislature. Her responsibilities include the Parliament's ICT Innovation Strategy, Informatics & Telecommunications, the STOA Panel, CSR, and replacing the President for Middle East, business associations, and multilateral bodies.

She is the first woman to have chaired the STOA Panel and the Centre for Artificial Intelligence. She is a Member of the Committees on Industry, Research and Energy; Economic and Monetary Affairs; Budgets; Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age; and the Pegasus Committee of Inquiry.

Eva has worked on promoting innovation as a driving force of the European Digital Single Market. She has been the draftsman

of legislation on blockchain, big data, fintech, AI, cybersecurity, cybersurveillance, EFSI2, InvestEU, and FuelEU Maritime.

Prior to being elected as MEP, Eva was a Member of the Greek Parliament. Before that, she worked as a journalist. She has a BA in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and a Postgraduate degree in European Politics.



James von Moltke

*President and Chief Financial Officer,
Deutsche Bank*

James von Moltke has been Chief Financial Officer and Member of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank AG since July 2017 and was appointed President in March 2022.

Prior to joining Deutsche Bank, Mr. von Moltke was Treasurer of Citigroup. In this capacity he was responsible for capital and funding as well as liquidity and interest rate risk, and played a significant role in Citigroup's restructuring following the global financial crisis.


Mr. von Moltke worked at Morgan Stanley, where he led the Financial Technology Advisory team, and spent ten years at J.P. Morgan working in New York and Hong Kong.

As Deutsche Bank's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. von Moltke helped to formulate the bank's transformation strategy, published in July 2019, and played a lead role in the Initial

Public Offering of the Deutsche Bank's asset management arm, DWS.

He is a member of the Exchange Councils of Eurex and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. Additionally, Mr. von Moltke serves on the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany and the Center for Financial Studies and is a member of the Steering Committee on Regulatory Capital of the Institute of International Finance. Mr. von Moltke represents Deutsche Bank on the executive board of the Deutsche Aktieninstitut e.V. and serves on the board of directors of Atlantik-Brücke e.V.

Born in Heidelberg, Mr. von Moltke is a dual citizen of Germany and Australia and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from New College, Oxford.



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