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## Jean-Claude **JUNCKER**

*President of the European Commission*

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President of the European Commission  
2014-present

President of the Euro Group  
2004-2013

Prime Minister of Luxembourg  
1995-2013

Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister  
for the Treasury  
July 2009-2013

Prime Minister, Minister of State and  
Minister for Finance  
1999-2009

Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister  
for Finance, Minister for Labour and  
Employment  
1995-1999

Minister for Finance and Minister for  
Labour  
1994-1995

Minister for Finance, Minister for Labour  
1989-1994

Minister for Labour, Minister Delegate  
for the Budget  
1984-1989

State Secretary for Labour and Social  
Security  
1982 - 1984

Joined the CSV party  
1974



## Valdis DOMBROVSKIS

*Vice-President of the European Commission, in charge of the Euro and Social Dialogue, and Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union*

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Valdis Dombrovskis is the Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and the Capital Markets Union.

Prior to that, he served three consecutive terms as Prime Minister of Latvia, becoming the longest serving elected head of government in Latvia's history.

Before becoming European Commission Vice-President, Valdis Dombrovskis was elected for the second time as a Member of the European Parliament (first, 2004-2009) and Head of the Latvian Delegation in the EPP Group.

He served as a Member of the Saeima (Parliament) of Latvia (March 2004 - June 2004; January 2014 - June 2014) and was Latvia's Minister of Finance from 2002 to 2004.

Valdis Dombrovskis was born on 5 August 1971 in Riga, Latvia. He graduated with a degree in physics from the University of Latvia (1993) and economics from Riga University of Technology (1995).

He received his master's degree in physics in 1995 from the University of Latvia. In 1995 -1998, he worked as a research assistant at Mainz University, Germany, at the Institute of Solid-State Physics in Latvia and at the University of Maryland (USA).

Prior to joining politics, he worked as a senior economist and Chief Economist at the Bank of Latvia (1998-2002). Together with Anders Aslund, he co-authored the book «How Latvia came through the financial crisis», which was published in 2011.

In November 2014, Valdis Dombrovskis was awarded the Order of the Three Stars (Triju Zvaigžņu ordenis), the highest State Decoration of the Republic of Latvia.

## Guest of honour



### Emmanuel **MACRON**

*President of the French Republic*

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Emmanuel Macron is the eighth President of the Fifth Republic of France.

He launched the movement « En Marche ! », founded on April, 6 2016, and was its leader until his victory in the presidential election on May, 7 2017.

Emmanuel MACRON was born in December 1977 in Amiens, in the Somme department.

He studied philosophy, and later attended the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA) where he graduated in 2004.

Emmanuel MACRON then joined the Inspectorate General of Finance where he worked for four years before entering the banking sector.

In 2012, he became Deputy General Secretary of the Presidency of the Republic.

He left office in July 2014 and served as the Minister for Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs from August 2014 to August 2016.

## Keynote speaker



### Michael R. **BLOOMBERG**

*Founder, Bloomberg LP & Bloomberg Philanthropies; United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Action; three-term Mayor, New York City*

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Michael R. Bloomberg founded a financial data start-up in 1981 and built it into a global business.

In 2001, he was elected mayor of New York City and served for three terms before returning to lead his company.

Bloomberg serves as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Action, and currently helps lead two networks of cities focused on combating climate change, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and the Global Covenant of Mayors, which he co-chairs with European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič.

Through Bloomberg Philanthropies, he supports a range of climate-related initiatives, including the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign, and has been at the forefront of involving the financial community in climate change, serving as Chair of both the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board and the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures.

Following the announcement of the planned U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, Bloomberg joined with California Governor Jerry Brown to launch America's Pledge, a group of states, cities, and businesses committed to helping the U.S. fulfill its climate agreement obligations.

Bloomberg is also co-author, with Carl Pope, of Climate of Hope.

## Keynote speaker



### Jyrki KATAINEN

*Vice-President of the European Commission  
responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness*

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Jyrki Katainen is Vice President of the European Commission responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness.

Prior to this term, he was European Commission Vice-President for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the euro from July to October 2014. Before that he served as Prime Minister of Finland (2011– 2014) and Minister of Finance (2007 – 2011).

He was Member of Finnish Parliament (1999 – 2014) for the National Coalition Party (Kokoomus).

Jyrki Katainen is Vice-President of the European People's Party (2006-2011, 2015-) and he was Chairman of the National Coalition Party of Finland from 2004 to 2014.

He was Member of the Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 2003 - 2007, Member of the Administrative Council of the Finnish Broadcasting Company 2003 - 2005, Member of the Finish Delegation to the Western European Union Parliamentary Assembly 2004 - 2005 and the Deputy Member of the Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council 2001 -2003.

Jyrki Katainen has MSc in Political Science from the University of Tampere, Finland (1998) and he did an Erasmus exchange year at the University of Leicester, UK.

His hobbies are running, cycling, cooking and tennis.



### *How fast can the EU deliver? Ambition vs. feasibility*

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#### Olivier **GUERSENT**

*Director-General, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission*

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Olivier Guersent graduated with distinction from the “Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux” in 1983. He joined the French Ministry of Economy and Finance in 1984, where he carried out many investigations for the French Competition Authority.

He joined the European Commission in 1992, initially with the “Merger Task Force” in the Directorate-General for Competition. Since then, he has alternated between the private offices of a number of European Commissioners (Karel Van Miert, Michel Barnier and Neelie Kroes) and DG Competition (successively Deputy Head of Unit in charge of cartels, Head of Unit in charge of policy and coordination of cases, Head of Unit in charge of merger control, Acting Director “Transport, postal and other services” and, from 2009, Director responsible for the fight against cartels. From 2010 to 2014 he was the head of the private office of Michel Barnier, Commissioner for Internal Market and Services. Having held the position of Deputy Director-General since July 2014, Olivier Guersent has been Director-General of the Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union since 1 September 2015.

Married and a father of three children, Olivier Guersent is a member of the board of of the non-profit organisation Aremis that provides medical care in the home, primarily to cancer patients in the Brussels area. He is a regular lecturer to postgraduate university students.



## Nils **BOLMSTRAND**

*CEO, Nordea Asset Management*

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Nils Bolmstrand is CEO of Nordea Asset Management, the largest asset manager in the Nordics with EUR 223bn in assets under management (Q4 2017) and around 750 employees from more than 25 different nationalities.

He has experience from banking, insurance and asset management. Prior to his current role, Mr Bolmstrand held the position of CEO at Nordea Life & Pensions.

Nils Bolmstrand has held various positions within fund companies across Europe as CEO of a UK fund company, CEO of a Swedish fund company as well as Chairman and board member of fund companies in Ireland, Luxembourg, Finland and Sweden.



## Philippe **LAMBERTS**

*Member of the European Parliament*

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Philippe Lamberts was born in 1963 in Brussels, Belgium. He studied Engineering in applied mathematics, at the Catholic University of Louvain. From 1987 to 2009, he worked at IBM in various business positions.

He was elected in June 2009 for a first term in the European Parliament. In May 2014, he was re-elected for a second term and appointed Co-President of the Green group in the European Parliament.

His political career within the Belgian green party (Ecolo) started in 1991, where he served both at the local and federal levels.

As of 1999, he became more and more involved with European politics, and more specifically through the European Green Party (former European Federation of Green Parties), of which he has been the co-president from 2006 to 2012.

As Member of the European Parliament, he focuses on economic and financial questions, and has become a specialist on fiscal, banking and macroeconomic issues.

Philippe Lamberts is currently co-chair of the Greens/EFA political group with Ska Keller. During this term, he aims to reinforce the Greens both within and outside the EU institutions, and with civil society, and to continue his work on the financial regulation and social justice front.



## Sirpa **PIETIKÄINEN**

*Member of the European Parliament*

Ms. Sirpa Pietikäinen is a Finnish member of the European People's Party (EPP) in the European Parliament. She is a former Finnish Minister of Environment (1991-1995). Her career at the Finnish parliament is extensive, ranging from the year 1983 to 2003. She first came to the European parliament in 2008, and was re-elected in 2009 and 2014.

At the European Parliament, Ms. Pietikäinen is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, where she is a shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament own initiative report on Sustainable Finance. She is, among other positions, a substitute member of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee, where she led an own-initiative report on Circular Economy in 2015. Ms. Pietikäinen has been a strong advocate of an ambitious sustainable finance agenda, pushing it forward within the parliament as well as e.g. as a member of the high-level European Resource Efficiency Platform (EREP'9). She is active in several organisations and her positions of trust include Chairmanship of the Globe EU, a platform for dialogue between legislators and a diversity of stakeholders.

A graduate from the Helsinki School of Economics, Ms. Pietikäinen has MSc in Business, and still teaches university courses on negotiations theory and practices. Within her work, she seeks to combine her two specialities, that of environment and economics. Ms. Pietikäinen is a frequent key note speaker at various events on circular economy and financing the transition to sustainable economy, on systemic change and on product and ecodesign requirements. She has authored various articles on circular economy, both for domestic and international publications.

## 1<sup>st</sup> high level panel

### *Financing sustainability: towards a more future-friendly capital allocation*

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## Francine LACQUA

*Editor, Bloomberg*

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Francine Lacqua is an award-winning London-based anchor for Bloomberg Television. She co-anchors the weekday 3-hour daily program “Bloomberg Surveillance” with Tom Keene, where she provides insight on foreign policy, global markets and the top business stories of the day. She also presents “Leaders with Lacqua,” a special series where she sits down with top CEOs, entrepreneurs and public figures.

Since joining Bloomberg in 2000, Lacqua has covered the World Economic Forum in Davos, IMF in Washington, G20 meetings, the EU Leaders Summit and OPEC. She also led Bloomberg Television’s coverage of the Italian and French elections where she was one of the first international reporters to interview cabinet members. While at Bloomberg, Lacqua has interviewed high-profile figures such as French President Emmanuel Macron, former UK Prime Minister David Cameron, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, Billionaire financier George Soros and ECB President Mario Draghi. She has also interviewed finance ministers from South Korea, Russia, France, Mexico, Italy and Greece, as well as moderating televised debates from the World Economic Forum in Davos and the European Economic Governance package.

In 2013 Lacqua won ‘International TV Personality of the Year’ at the AIB Media Awards. She was previously nominated in 2009 and 2010. In 2012, she was part of the Bloomberg team that won the OPEC award for ‘Public Interest Reporting’. She has an LLB in English law from King’s College in London and earned her undergraduate degree at the Sorbonne. She is fluent in French and Italian.



## Anja-Isabel **DOTZENRATH**

*CEO, E.ON Climate and Renewables*

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Anja-Isabel Dotzenrath is Chief Executive Officer of E.ON Climate & Renewables (EC&R). EC&R is responsible for E.ON's industrial-scale renewable energy activities and one of the three business pillars of E.ON.

As a world leader in offshore and onshore wind EC&R develops, builds and operates renewable energy assets primarily in Europe and North America.

The technology portfolio covers onshore and offshore wind, large-scale photovoltaic assets as well as batteries (7 GW in operations, 10 GW pipeline).

Ms. Dotzenrath has more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry and has worked across a range of geographies, including Central and Eastern Europe, the US and Asia.



## Thomas **LEYSEN**

*Chairman, KBC Group and Umicore*

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Thomas Leysen is Chairman of KBC Group and Umicore. From 2008 till 2011, he was Chairman of the Federation of Belgian Enterprises.

He is also Chairman of the board of Mediahuis, a media company which is a leading publisher of newspapers in Belgium and The Netherlands.

He is member of the global advisory council of Toyota Motor Corporation (Japan), of the Trilateral Commission and of the European Round Table of Industrialists.

He is furthermore Chairman of the Rubeniamum Fund, the Belgian Corporate Governance Commission and the King Baudouin Foundation. Thomas Leysen has a Master of Law degree from the University of Leuven.



## Marie-Christine **MARGHEM**

*Federal Minister of Energy, Environment and Sustainable development, Belgium*

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Marie-Christine Marghem has been Minister of Energy, Environment and Sustainable Development, Federal Government of Belgium since October 2014. Her duties include such issues as energy transition and global warming.

She has been in politics for over 20 years, both at municipal and national level. Her driving forces have always been openness to change and the importance of listening to people.

She is a member of MR (Mouvement Réformateur, the liberal French-speaking Belgian political party) and a member of ALDE at European level. She holds degrees in law from the Universities of Liège and Leuven (Belgium).



## Mairead **McGUINNESS**

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the European Parliament*

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Mairead McGuinness is the First Vice-President of the European Parliament and represents the Midlands-North-West constituency in Ireland.

As First Vice-President, she oversees relations with national parliaments, in particular with the EU affairs committees of Member State parliaments. She has responsibility for the Parliament's dialogue with religious and non-confessional organisations on EU policies and legislative proposals under Article 17 of the TFEU.

Mairead is Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee and is Chair of the Transatlantic Relations Working Group in the European Ideas Network think-tank.

She is a member of the Parliament's Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee and the Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Mairead chaired the Parliament's investigation into the collapse of the Equitable Life assurance company which identified issues around weak financial regulation.

She is a Member of the European Parliament since 2004 and has been a Vice-President of the Parliament since 2014. Prior to becoming an MEP, Mairead was a journalist, broadcaster and commentator.



## Alexander R. **WYNAENDTS**

*Chairman and CEO, AEGON*

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Alexander R. Wynaendts (b. 1960) is CEO and Chairman of the Executive and Management Board of Aegon, a leading provider of life insurance, pensions and asset management operating in more than 20 markets internationally.

Appointed to his current position in 2008, he has spent over 30 years in international finance and insurance.

Prior to being appointed CEO, he served as Chief Operating Officer and led Aegon's expansion in Asia and Central and Eastern Europe, in addition to other developing markets.

Mr. Wynaendts is a Board Director at Air France-KLM, Vice Chairman of the Pan-European Insurance Forum (PEIF), an association of the leading European insurers, and Board Member of the Geneva Association.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> high level panel

### Commission Action Plan on Sustainable Finance

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## Christian THIMANN

*Chair, High Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance*

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Christian Thimann is a Senior Executive with the AXA Group, based in Paris. He was AXA's Group Head of Strategy, Sustainability and Public Affairs from 2014-2016 and Member of the Group Executive Committee. In this role, he coordinated the group's global business strategy, its engagement on corporate responsibility and its public affairs positioning. He was also Member of the Board of Directors of Alliance Bernstein Investment (New York) and of AXA Investment Managers (Paris), the two asset managers belonging to the AXA Group.

He subsequently became Group Head of Regulation, Sustainability and Insurance Foresight, also overseeing the AXA Research Fund, a €200 million initiative to support insurance-relevant risk research world-wide.

In 2017 he became Senior adviser to the AXA Chairman, when he was appointed by the European Commission to chair the EU High-Level Group on Sustainable Finance, tasked to provide recommendations to hardwire sustainability and foster long-term investment in the EU's financial policy and regulatory framework.

Christian Thimann is also Vice-Chair of the FSB Task force on climate-related financial disclosures (chaired by Michael Bloomberg) and chair of the United Nations' Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

Before joining AXA, he was Director General at the European Central Bank in Frankfurt; prior to this, he was staff member with the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C.





## Per **BOLUND**

*Minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs, Sweden*

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Per Bolund is the Swedish Minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs.

He is a member of the Swedish Green Party.

Born in Stockholm in 1971, Per Bolund has a master's degree in biology from Stockholm University and the University of Stirling, Scotland.

Furthermore, he has pursued two years of doctoral studies at the Department of Ecology, Environment and Plant Sciences at Stockholm University.

Between 2002-2006, Per Bolund worked as a political advisor at the Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, where he was responsible for infrastructure, traffic policy, IT issues and congestion charges in Stockholm.

In 2006, he was elected Member of the Swedish Parliament and worked for the following four years in the Committee of Industry and Trade.

His most recent assignment as Member of Parliament between 2011-2014 was in the Committee of Finance, as the Economic Policy Spokesperson.

Since 2014, Per Bolund is the Swedish Minister for Financial Markets and Consumer Affairs, and Deputy Minister of Finance.

Ensuring the stability of the financial system, strengthening consumer protection in the financial sector and encouraging more sustainable investments in the financial markets are three of his main political priorities.



## Molly **SCOTT CATO**

*Member of the European Parliament*

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Molly Scott Cato is MEP for the South West of England and was previously Professor of Green Economics at Roehampton University in London.

Molly is the European Parliament's rapporteur on Sustainable Finance and is the national speaker on finance for the Green Party of England and Wales.

Molly studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University and has a PhD in Economics from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Molly has written several books including Green Economics (2009), Environment and Economy (2011) and The Bioregional Economy (2012) as well as numerous academic papers on topics including sustainability economics, social enterprise, and co-operatives and mutuals.



## José Manuel **ENTRECANALES**

*Executive Chairman and CEO of ACCIONA*

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Chairman and CEO of ACCIONA, one of Spain's leading corporations, which operates in infrastructure, renewable energy, water and services, in more than 40 countries.

Patron of the Pro CNIC Foundation, Princess of Asturias Foundation and the Prado Museum.

Member of the Casa Ducal de Medinaceli Foundation and the Board of Directors of the Instituto de la Empresa Familiar.

Chairman of the Fundación Consejo España EEUU, as well as the José Manuel Entrecanales Foundation for Innovation in Sustainability and the Acciona Microenergy Foundation.

He was Chairman of Vodafone Spain (2001-2007) and Executive Chairman of Endesa (2007-2009).



## Jella **BENNER-HEINACHER**

*President, Better Finance*

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DSW is the leading shareholder association in Germany with more than 30.000 members, mainly private investors. She is an attorney having studied in France, Switzerland and the U.S.A. (Master of Law). Currently she is president of Better Finance (formerly EuroFinuse) in Brussels, the leading European Organisation for investors' association. She is also chair of Expert Corporate Governance Services (ECGS), London/Paris.

Besides Jella Benner-Heinacher is member of the German Stock Exchange Expert Committee and of the Stock Exchange Board in Düsseldorf. She sits on the Germany consumer panel at the German BaFin. Jella holds several board mandates at stock corporations such as K + S AG and A.S. Creation AG.



## Paul **TANG**

*Member of the European Parliament*

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Dr Paul Tang is a Dutch MEP for the Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament since 2014. He is member a member of the parliamentary committee on economy and monetary affairs. After obtaining a Phd degree on economic growth, Mr Tang has lead research at the Dutch Centraal PlanBureau (Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis) and contributed to the on-going discussions on how the economic growth and the social welfare state relate to each other but also worked to climate change policies and authored political-economic scenario's for Europe.

Intrigued by the impact that political choices have on the lives of people, he run as MP for the Dutch Labour Party in 2006 and served for four years as a spokesperson on financial and fiscal affairs. It was in these years that the crisis began to hold sway at both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. In the European Parliament, Mr. Tang battles for more jobs for Europe, a healthy financial sector at the service of society and more legitimacy for Europe. In 2016 he has been appointed as rapporteur on the STS securitisation file and in 2017 on the CCTB file. As shadow-rapporteur he also works on the Sustainable Finance Report.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> high level panel

### *How to translate the EU Strategy into practice?*

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#### **Ann METTLER**

*Head of the European Political Strategy Centre*

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Ann Mettler is a Director-General at the European Commission where she heads the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), the in-house think tank which reports directly to President Juncker.

In this capacity, Ann also serves as Chair of the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS), an inter-institutional project aimed at strengthening the EU's foresight capacity and anticipatory governance. The EPSC was awarded 'Best New Think Tank 2016' by the Global Go To Think Tank Index.

Prior to assuming this position in December 2014, Ann was for eleven years Executive Director of the Lisbon Council, a Brussels-based think tank she co-founded in 2003. From 2000-2003, she worked at the World Economic Forum, where she last served as Director for Europe.

Ann holds Masters Degrees in political science and European law and economics, and graduated with distinction from the University of New Mexico, USA, and the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University in Bonn, Germany. She also completed the executive education course 'Innovative Technology Leader' at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University, USA.

## Keynote statement



### Werner HOYER

*President of the European Investment Bank*

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Dr. Werner Hoyer is President of the European Investment Bank (EIB). He took up the post on 1 January 2012 for an initial term of six years and was re-appointed for a second term in office, with effect from 1 January 2018.

From 1994 to 1998 and then again from 1999 until 31 December 2011, he was Minister of State for Europe and Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany. From 2000 until 2005 he served as President of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party (ELDR).

During his service at the German Bundestag he held several positions; first as Whip and Security Policy Spokesman of the FDP (Free Democratic Party) Parliamentary Group (1987 – 1993), then subsequently as Deputy Chairman of the German-American Parliamentary Friendship Group and member of the North Atlantic Assembly (NATO). He was also Secretary General of the FDP (1993 – 1994), before becoming Minister of State at the Foreign Office. From 1998 he served as Spokesman of the FDP for Budget Affairs, from 2002 until 2009 for Foreign Affairs and Vice President of the FDP Parliamentary Group.

In 1985, he took up the position as Director of the Economics and Information Department of the Carl Duisberg Society, Cologne. Two years later in 1987, he became a Member of the German Bundestag where he remained until 31 December 2011. Dr Hoyer obtained a PhD in Economics from Cologne University, Germany in 1978 and commenced his career as a senior research assistant at the Cologne University. Shortly afterwards, he was appointed as lecturer in international economic relations.



## Paweł **BORYS**

*Chairman, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, President, Polish Development Fund*

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Paweł Borys is a leading Polish manager with long term experience in the capital market, banking and economic policy. He serves as the President of the Management Board of the Polish Development Fund with over €17bn in assets and close to €4bn of committed capital to new investments.

He has an extensive background in the financial markets acquired during his time at PKO BP, overseeing the strategy, investment and macroeconomic research department, AKJ Capital heading PE and VC investments, at Deutsche Bank, acting as the CIO in asset management division and at Erste Bank, as the Chief Economist. During his career he oversaw some of the largest transactions in the Polish banking sector, including a 2017 joint investment in Pekao SA (€2.5bn) and acquisition of Nordea by PKO BP in 2013 (€0.7bn).

He also led the effort to restructure and finance building of the largest Polish energy plants - Opole, Jaworzno and Koźienice. He graduated with a Master degree in economics from the Warsaw School of Economics. Author of publications on the financial markets and economic policy issues.



## Hans **BRUYNINCKX**

*Executive Director, European Environmental Agency*

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Dr. Hans Bruyninckx became the Executive Director of the European Environment Agency on 1 June 2013.

In 1996 he completed a PhD in international environmental politics at Colorado State University and since 2010 headed the HIVA Research Institute in Leuven which specialises in policy research.

Over the last 20 years, he has conducted research in more than a dozen countries, in areas including environmental politics, climate change, and sustainable development.



## Klaas **KNOT**

*President, the Dutch Central Bank*

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Prof. Klaas H.W. Knot has been President of De Nederlandsche Bank since 1 July 2011. In this capacity he holds seats on the Governing Council, the General Council and the European Systemic Risk Board of the European Central Bank as well as on the Financial Stability Board, Chairman of the FSB Standing Committee on Assessment of Vulnerabilities, besides being a Governor of the International Monetary Fund.

Knot holds several secondary positions. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements, chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Teylers Museum and the Supervisory Board of CliniClowns Foundation. Since 2005, he has been honorary Professor of Economics of Central Banking at the University of Groningen and, with effect from 2015, he is honorary Professor of Monetary Stability at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Amsterdam. Knot has published a variety of articles in leading (international) journals in monetary and financial economics.

Before joining the Governing Board of DNB, Knot was Deputy Treasurer-General and Director of Financial Markets at the Dutch Ministry of Finance (2009–11).



## Margaret L. **KUHLOW**

*Global Finance Practice Leader, WWF*

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Margaret L. Kuhlow is a respected leader in international finance and development with significant global experience. She leads WWF's Finance Practice, providing strategic direction as well as thought and content leadership to WWF's global efforts with respect to the financial sector.

Before joining WWF, Ms. Kuhlow was Vice President of Investment Policy at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), where, among other things, she led the agency's approach to the Sustainable Development Goals.

She has also worked in development assistance as a member of the team that established and implemented the U.S. Government's Millennium Challenge Account, leading the new agency's approach to environmental and social assessment.

She worked on issues of global macroeconomics and development with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and has lived and worked extensively in developing and emerging markets throughout her career. She holds a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor's degree summa cum laude from DePaul University in her hometown of Chicago.



## Yves PERRIER

*CEO, Amundi*

Yves Perrier is Chief Executive Officer of Amundi since its creation in 2010 and a member of the Executive Committee of Crédit Agricole since 2003. He is also Head of the Insurance Asset Management and Real Estate activities for Crédit Agricole Group.

Previously he was Head of Asset Management, Securities and Investor Services at Crédit Agricole SA from September 2007 till August 2015. During that period, he oversaw the creation of Amundi and was also Chairman of the Board of Directors of CACEIS.

Previously (2003-2007), he served as Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Calyon (CACIB today) with responsibility for structured finance, brokerage, risk, support functions and international network.

Yves Perrier began his career in audit and consulting. He then joined Société Générale where he held several positions, namely Chief Financial Officer, before moving to Crédit Lyonnais as a member of its Executive Committee with responsibility for finance, risk and audit (1999-2003).

Born in 1954, Yves Perrier is a graduate of the ESSEC business school and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).



## Concluding session



### Miguel Arias CAÑETE

*European Commissioner  
for Climate Action and Energy*

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Miguel Arias Cañete is the European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy. He has served in the role since 1st November 2014.

Born on 24th February 1950 in Madrid, Mr. Arias Cañete studied law at the Complutense University of Madrid.

After graduating in 1974, he joined the Spanish Civil Service working as a State Attorney.

In 1978, he became a professor of Law at the University of Cadiz.

In 1982 he left his teaching post as he was elected a member of the Parliament of Andalusia until 1986.

After serving in the Andalusian parliament, he became a Member of the European Parliament upon Spain's accession in 1986.

He stayed until 1999, heading the Committees on Agriculture and on Regional Development during his time as MEP.

Mr. Arias Cañete served as Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Spain from 2000 until 2004.

He also served as Minister for Agriculture, Food and Environment in the Spanish Government from 2011 until 2014, before being selected to head his Party List in the European Parliamentary elections.

Mr. Arias Cañete is married with three children.





