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## Klaus Wiedner

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Director in DG Financial Services and Markets for financial surveillance and crisis management responsible inter alia for monitoring financial markets and institutions, contributing to the completion of the Banking Union, country surveillance, macro-economic policy, impact assessment of financial sector regulation, bank resolution in close cooperation with the Single Resolution Board, coordinating foreign policy sanctions at the level of the European Commission and developing Europe's role in the financial sector globally.

Earlier positions in the European Commission included Head of Unit for Banking Regulation and Supervision, Insurance and Pensions, and Procurement.

Before joining the European Commission competition expert in the Austrian Ministry for Economic Affairs.

Law studies in Graz/Austria and the College of Europe, Bruges/Belgium.



## Mairead McGuinness

*Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services  
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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.



## Anne-Françoise Mélot

*Head of Unit, Free movement of capital and application of EU law,  
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Anne-Françoise Mélot is Head of the Unit “Free Movement of Capital and application of EU law” in the Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA) of the European Commission.

Previously Anne-Françoise had worked in DG FISMA as Deputy Head of the financial reporting unit and of the corporate governance and social responsibility unit, where she was responsible for the revision of the anti-money laundering directive.

Before joining the European Commission in 2001, she had been manager in the Luxembourg audit and assurance practice of KPMG.

She specialised in the audit of financial institutions and insurance and reinsurance companies.

In 2000, she qualified as a certified public accountant (Réviseur d’Entreprises).

She holds a degree in Engineering and Business Administration from Hautes Etudes Commerciales (HEC) Liège, Belgium and University of Trier, Germany.

She also holds a degree in General and International Management from University of Alabama, USA.



## Olav Jones

*Deputy Director General, Director Economics & Finance,  
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Olav Jones is the Deputy Director General & Director Economics and Finance at Insurance Europe, the federation which represents the European insurance industry.

He is based in Brussels and responsible for all issues relating to Prudential Regulation, Financial Reporting, Investments and International Affairs.

He is also a member of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)'s Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group (OPSG).

After studying Engineering and then Finance, he started his career as a consultant to the financial services industry with Oliver, Wyman and Company.

He then spent 15 years in the insurance industry working at Prudential Plc, Fortis Insurance and Ageas in roles relating to risk, capital management and strategy including Group Chief Risk Officer.



## Ilya Bruggeman

*Director,*

*Digital, Single Market & Consumer Policy, EuroCommerce*

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Mr. Ilya Bruggeman is the Director for Digital, Single Market & Consumer Policy at EuroCommerce, the European voice for retail and wholesale.

In this position, he has been leading EuroCommerce's activities in a broad range of policy issues since 2013.

He advocates for a more competitive Single Market for retail and wholesale, supporting high customer trust in all sales channels and always trying to strike the right balance between the interests of all stakeholders and effective and efficient enforcement of EU law.

He started his career in 2006, working for Public Matters, a leading public affairs consultancy in the Netherlands. In 2007 he moved to the Dutch retail federation, 'Detailhandel Nederland' where he was responsible for payment systems, product safety law, commercial establishment and taxation issues.

Ilya studied Public Administration at Leiden University in the Netherlands.



## Claudio Tucciarelli

*Councillor of State, Italian Presidency of ACA-Europe, Association of the Councils of State and Supreme Administrative Jurisdictions (ACA-Europe)*

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Born in Florence in 1962; degree in law, summa cum laude; State Councillor, since 2019.

Previously:

Parliamentary Councillor of the Chamber of deputies from 1988 to 2019 (among other things, EU office); Head of the Department for constitutional reforms of the Prime Minister office (2001-2006 and 2008-2011); Deputy Secretary-General of the Prime Minister Office (2018 - 2019).

Member of the Court of appeal of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC); member of the Guarantee and control Committee of the Regulatory Authority for Communications (Agcom).

He collaborated in the chair of Administrative law at the University of Florence.

Gives lectures at universities and research centers on issues regarding Parliamentary law, Constitutional law, Regional and local finance, Administrative law.

Member of the Scientific Committee of the Luiss Center for Studies on Parliament (CESP) and of CERM (Competitiveness, rules, markets) Foundation.

Author of over sixty essays on parliamentary, constitutional and fiscal federalism law.

Recently: editor with F. Pammolli of "The cost of rights", Bologna, Il Mulino, 2021, pp. 184; author of "Council of State and legislative drafting" (*Il Consiglio di Stato e le regole tecniche sulla redazione degli atti normativi*), in Osservatorio sulle fonti, n. 1/2022 and [www.giustizia-amministrativa.it](http://www.giustizia-amministrativa.it).





## George Dellis

*Professor of Public Law at the University of Athens,  
Academic*

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George Dellis is a professor of Public Law at the Athens Law Faculty, Head of the LLM programs of the same School in the fields of Public Law and a former member of the Greek Supreme Special Court (2019-2021).

George Dellis was born in Athens (1967). He graduated from the Athens Law Faculty in Greece in 1988, before following postgraduate studies in Paris France (Université Paris II- Pantheon Assas). George obtained a PhD in 1994 with distinction (très honorable avec félicitations du jury) working on the relationship between administrative and criminal law in the field of administrative sanctions. He was also attributed the ability to teach and to conduct researches in French Universities (habilitation à diriger des recherches en Droit).

After teaching as a Lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht (1994), George joined the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg (currently, Court of Justice of the European Union) as Référéndaire (legal assistant) at the Cabinet of the Advocate General, Mr. Cosmas between 1996 and 2000. As of 2003, George teaches at the Athens

Law Faculty together with other academic institutions in Greece and abroad (mainly, Sciences-Po in Paris France, Bahcesehir in Istanbul Turkey and UMich Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, US). As of 2019, he represents Greece at the High Council of the European University Institute in Florence.

George has also served as judge, member of the Greek Special Court of art 99 of the Hellenic Constitution (2018) and of the Greek Supreme Special Court (2019-2021). He combines academic activities with liberal profession, being member of the Athens Bar Association and practicing mainly before the Supreme national and European Courts.

He has been appointed by the Hellenic Government or Parliament in various committees for the preparation of legislative texts. George's fields of expertise include all various fields of public law, both domestic and European. George has published various legal books and numerous articles or contributions in collective works, in Greek, English and French.



## Tomasz Dolny

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Tomasz Dolny is a Deputy Head of the Unit “Free Movement of Capital and application of EU law” in the Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA) of the European Commission.

He works at the intersection of internal market, financial services and investment law.

Previously, he was a Deputy Head of Unit in the Secretariat-General of the Commission coordinating the Commission’s institutional relations with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Coreper II), the General Affairs Council and the European Council.

Tomasz had also worked on the financial services policy coordination in the Secretariat-General and on consumer and contract law in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers.

Before joining the Commission, Tomasz practiced European law in law firms in Brussels and in Poland. He holds a degree in law from the University of Wrocław, Poland.



## Sofia Bournou

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Sofia Bournou joined BusinessEurope's International Relations department in July 2011.

She is responsible for EU-Russia relations and relations between the EU and neighbouring countries (Eastern Partnership, South-Mediterranean and accession countries).

She is also responsible for market access policies, including international investment policy, raw materials policies and the international public procurement instrument.

Her responsibilities also include export controls and sanctions regimes as well as WTO issues - the latter jointly conducted with Elena Suárez.

Before joining BusinessEurope, she completed a traineeship at the European Parliament Committee on Regional Development (September 2010 – February 2011) and, as a part

of her bachelor studies, internships at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for Latin America and the Caribbean (September - December 2007) and the Ministry of Development, Section for Energy (January 2008 – April 2008).

She graduated in 2010 from the London School of Economics with a Master of Science in local economic development and from the University of Pireaus in 2008 with a Bachelor degree in International and European studies, major in international and European economics.

Sofia is Greek and speaks English and French fluently



## Winfried Pöcherstorfer

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Winfried Pöcherstorfer is a senior advisor for Investment Policy and Bilateral Investment Agreements as well as Media, Telecommunications and Postal Services Law and Regulation at the Department of Legal Policy of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ).

He holds a PhD-degree in Law and a Master's degrees in Translation Studies (English, Spanish) from the University of Graz as well as a Master's degree in Law from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Before entering the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, he worked at the Institute

for European Law at the University of Graz and subsequently as a Research Fellow with a focus on EU-Competition Law at the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht.

He is a lay-judge at the Austrian Federal Administrative Court, a substitute member of the Austrian Competition Commission and has worked as an academic lecturer for several years.

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## Bryan Coughlan

*Financial Services Officer,  
the European Consumer Organisation*

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Bryan Coughlan is a Financial Services Officer at BEUC, The European Consumer Organisation.

In this capacity he works closely on consumer protection issues, particularly concerning sustainable finance and retail investments.

The Taxonomy regulation, work on the Platform for Sustainable Finance, Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, MiFID II and IDD, and the planned European Single Access Point have been the most recent fields of engagement.

Prior to working at BEUC, Bryan worked at the Federation of German Consumer Organisations in Berlin, in the financial markets team.

Bryan Coughlan holds a B.A in economics and a M.A. in international economics, both from the university of Göttingen.



## Jaroslav Kudrna

*Head of the International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit,  
Ministry of Finance, Czech Republic*

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Dr. Jaroslav Kudrna is the Head of the International Arbitration and Investment Protection Unit at the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic.

He defends the Republic in investment arbitrations, negotiates BITs on its behalf and represents it in international forums, including UNCITRAL (WG III) and ECT Modernization Group.

Prior to joining the Ministry, Dr. Kudrna worked several years as an associate in the International Arbitration group of White & Case in New York where he focused on investment and commercial arbitration.

He previously trained in leading law firms in Paris and Prague.

Dr. Kudrna obtained a PhD in public international law at Charles University in Prague, an LLM in International Business Regulation, Litigation and Arbitration at New York University and Masters of Laws at the University of Strasbourg and Sciences Po Paris.

Dr. Kudrna has passed the New York Bar and Paris Bar exams.



## Rainer Wichern

*Head of Unit, National financial systems,  
DG FISMA, European Commission*

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Rainer Wichern is Head of Unit at the European Commission, Directorate General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union.

He heads a team dealing with national financial systems and financial sector country surveillance, which includes the financial sector part of Post-programme Surveillance, European Semester and the design and implementation of national Recovery and Resilience Plans.

This work contributes to ensuring macro-financial stability as well as to supporting economic growth and investor confidence across the EU. Rainer is an economist by training and holds a Master degree from Wageningen University (NL).

He has over 20 years of experience in the European Commission, working on a range of financial

topics, including commodity markets, commodity derivatives, climate finance, development finance and risk management.

He worked extensively on international matters and represented the European Commission in several G20 working groups.

Rainer's academic background and professional experience help him understand the business perspective of developments and proposals discussed.



## Elizabeth Gillam

*Head of EU Government Relations and Public Policy,  
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Elizabeth Gillam is Head of EU Government Relations and Public Policy at Invesco where she advises the business and clients on public policy and political developments in Europe.

As part of her role, Elizabeth focuses on sustainability and climate finance issues, working alongside Invesco's ESG and investment teams.

She joined Invesco in October 2018.

Based in Brussels since 2011, Elizabeth joined Invesco from Allianz Global Investors, where she spent nearly 4 years as Senior Policy and Regulatory Liaison.

Between 2011-2015, Elizabeth was Deputy Head of the City of London's European Affairs team.

Elizabeth began her career as a Policy Advisor at HM Treasury working on European and international tax policy.

Elizabeth is a member of the Green Technical Advisory Group which advises the UK government on the development of a green Taxonomy in the UK.

Elizabeth is the chair of the International Regulatory Strategy Group's Taxonomy working group and also a member of the IIGCC's Policy Steering Committee.

Elizabeth holds a Master of Modern Languages from the University of Manchester.





## Giles Dickson

*Chief Executive Officer,  
WindEurope*

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Giles Dickson is the Chief Executive Officer of WindEurope, a position he's held since 2015. WindEurope is the voice of the European wind industry.

It represents the whole value chain of onshore and offshore wind across Europe and has more than 400 members.

It engages Governments and other stakeholders on policy and regulation. It organises industry exhibitions, conferences and workshops. And it coordinates publicly-funded R&D in wind.

Dickson is also Chairman of the independent Advisory Council of ENTSO-E, the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity.

From 1992 to 2008 he was a civil servant in the UK Government, working mostly on European affairs. From 2008 to 2015 he worked for the French engineering company Alstom where he was Vice-President for Global Public Affairs.



## Jurei Yada

*Programme Leader,  
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Jurei Yada is Programme Leader for EU Sustainable Finance at E3G, where she leads the organization's work to promote high-ambition European sustainable finance policy and support the creation of transformative international finance norms. In this role, she drives engagement with policymakers, stakeholder coalitions and partners from across the European sustainable finance landscape.

Jurei was previously with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where she drove initiatives on sustainable finance and development data, working together with the United Nations, World Bank, and other

bilateral and multilateral agencies. Prior to that, she was Deputy Head of the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation hosted at the International Energy Agency (IEA), where she led collaborative activities involving the G20, EU member governments and private sector representatives on energy transition finance, among other issues.



## Bojan Batinić

*Director of the Directorate for Internationalisation, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Croatia*

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Bojan Batinić is the Director of the Directorate for Internationalization at the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development.

Before this position, he was the Head of the Sector for Competitiveness within the Ministry and the Assistant Director of the Agency for Investments and Competitiveness.

In his professional career, Bojan Batinić has more than 15 years of experience in the private and public sectors regarding realization and support of investment projects, in particular, strategic investment projects, strategic development, the competitiveness of the Croatian economy, financial management, marketing, national and regional development as well as business processes.

He has graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology, New York, USA, and he is currently studying for a postgraduate degree at the Faculty of Economics in Zagreb.



## Antti Aumo

*Executive Director,  
Business Finland*


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Antti Aumo is the Head of Invest in Finland at Business Finland since 2015, promoting foreign direct investments and corporate expansion into Finland. He is also the Regional Director, European Union for World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) since 2019, and a member of the Steering Committee for OECD's IPA Network.

Antti has over 20 years of international work experience in strategic marketing, marketing communication and product management.

Before his investment promotion career he has worked in marketing management positions in several multinational companies, including Landis+Gyr AG, Nokia Ltd, Logitech SA and Car Connectivity Consortium Ltd, in Finland and abroad.

Antti has a Master's degree in business, not in engineering, but enjoys a life-long love affair with technology that enriches people's lives in a meaningful way.

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