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## Valdis Dombrovskis

*Vice-President  
of the European Commission*

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Valdis Dombrovskis is currently Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue of the European Commission.

Mr. Dombrovskis has been Vice President for the Euro and Social Dialogue since 2014 and has taken responsibilities over Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union since mid-2016.

He is also a current member of the European and the Latvian Parliaments.

This is his second mandate in the European Parliament where he was first elected in the period 2004-2009.

Previously, Mr. Dombrovskis was a Board member of the political party Unity (Vienotība) in the period 2011-2014, Prime Minister of the Republic of Latvia from 2009 to 2014, and Minister of Finance of the Republic of Latvia from 2002 to 2004.

In the private sector, Mr. Dombrovskis was a Chief economist at the monetary policy department, Bank of Latvia.

Mr. Dombrovskis holds a Professional Master's degree in customs and tax administration from Riga Technical University, a Master's degree in physics from University of Latvia, a Bachelor's degree in economics for engineers from Riga Technical University and a Bachelor's degree in Physics from University of Latvia.

He is married.



## John Berrigan

*Deputy Director-General,  
DG FISMA, European Commission*

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John Berrigan is currently the Deputy Director General in DG FISMA (Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union) of the European Commission.

DG FISMA is responsible for EU-level legislation for the financial sector; in this context, John represents the EU Commission on the Economic and Financial Committee, the Financial Services Committee and the Single Resolution Board.

John has been a Commission official since the mid-1980s and has spent much of this time working on financial-sector issues - first in DG ECFIN, where he contributed to financial-sector aspects of the assistance programmes for other Member States, and now in DG FISMA.

Earlier on, he also worked on monetary policy and exchange-rate analysis in

the context of preparations for the introduction of the euro in 1999.

In the mid-1990s, he worked for several years with the International Monetary Fund.

John has a master degree in economics from University College Dublin.

He is married with two children.



## Peter Praet

*Chief Economist,  
European Central Bank*

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Peter Praet is Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank.

Peter Praet joined the European Central Bank as Member of the Executive Board in 2011. He is responsible for the Directorate General Economics and the Directorate General Monetary Policy.

Mr. Praet gained a PhD in economics from the Université libre de Bruxelles in 1980. He was an Economist at the International Monetary Fund from 1978 to 1980, Professor of Economics at the Université libre de Bruxelles from 1980 to 1987, Chief Economist of Générale de Banque and Fortis Bank from 1988 to 1999 and Chef de cabinet for the Belgian Minister of Finance from 1999 to 2000.

Before joining the ECB, he was Executive Director of the Nationale

Bank van België/Banque Nationale de Belgique from 2000 to 2011. Here, he was responsible for International Cooperation, Financial Stability and Oversight of Financial Infrastructures and Payments Systems.

Between 2002 and 2011 he was also a member of the Management Committee of the Belgian Banking, Financial and Insurance Commission, where he was responsible for prudential policy for banking and insurance.

Mr. Praet has served on several high-level international bodies, including the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems, the Committee on the Global Financial System and the European Banking Authority. He was First Alternate of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements from 2000 to 2011.



## Reza Moghadam

*Vice-Chairman of Sovereigns & Official Institutions - Global Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley*

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Reza Moghadam is Vice Chairman at Morgan Stanley, having joined the firm in 2014.

Prior to joining the private sector, Reza served for 22 years at the International Monetary Fund, spending much of his career as a key IMF crisis manager. Given his expertise, Christine Lagarde appointed Reza to direct the European Department during the Eurozone crisis, where he was responsible for dialogue with European policymakers from 2011 to 2014.

Before this, Reza spearheaded the IMF's response to the Global Financial Crisis, having been asked to head the Strategy, Policy and Review Department by Dominique Strauss-Khan. Reza also held a number of different senior roles at the IMF including head of the Managing Director's office under both Rodrigo de Rato and Strauss-Khan, and senior

positions in the Asian department.

At Morgan Stanley, Reza's mandate includes working with sovereigns and the official sector, as well as advising clients across the banking, capital markets and investment franchises on global issues, particularly economic and geopolitical developments.

Drawing on his experience both in the public sector and with markets, Reza is a regular contributor to the global policy debate, with a particular focus on Europe. He has written publically on a number of issues, including central bank policies, cryptocurrencies, Brexit and Eurozone reform.

Reza holds a BA in Mathematics from Oxford University, an MA in Economics from the London School of Economics, and a PhD in Economics from the University of Warwick. He is a keen cyclist, and a sometimes vocal supporter of Chelsea football club.



## Marco Piredda

*Vice-President of Government Affairs,  
ENI*

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Marco Piredda is Vice President International Affairs Department at Eni. Analyses and International Relations for Business Development Support - O&G. Marco earned a BA degree with honors in Political Science at the LUISS University of Rome and holds a PhD in Constitutional Law and a MA degree in Administrative Law from the University of Bologna. Before becoming a civil servant, he conducted academic and research activities on Public and Constitutional Law at Rome-Luiss University, the University of Bremen and other academic institutions.

He has also studied at the London Business School (UK), the London School of Economics (UK) and the National School of Administration (IT). Marco worked for 6 years for the Italian Government, in the Financial and Banking Directorate of the Italian Department of Treasury, as Director of the Unit in charge of

Legal International Cooperation; in this assignment he managed several EU-funded projects on economic regulation, mainly with eastern European countries such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, as well as with Russia and Turkey. He joined Eni in 2008 to work in the External Relations and Communication Department. Then he worked in the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Department and in the Public Affairs Department, focusing on government affairs and energy sector legislation, in Italy and worldwide: as head of Eni's legislative office, he has covered several regulatory dossiers, including economic and financial sanctions. In 2017 he was assigned the new position of Head of Analyses and international relations for the development of Eni's oil&gas businesses, which includes the responsibility for international legislative affairs and relations with Government authorities.



## Charles Wyplosz

*Honorary Professor, International Economics,  
The Graduate Institute Geneva*

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Charles Wyplosz is Emritus Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute in Geneva where he has been Director of the International Centre for Money and Banking Studies. He also was Policy Director at the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR).

He is a member of the Bellagio Group and of Euro 50. Previously, he served as Associate Dean for Research and Development at INSEAD and Director of the PhD program in Economics at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales in Paris. He also has been Director of the International Macroeconomics Program of CEPR.

His main research areas include financial crises, European monetary integration, fiscal policy and regional monetary integration. He is the co-author of two leading textbooks (Macroeconomics, with Michael

Burda, and European Economic Integration, with Richard Baldwin) and has published as author or editor several books.

He has been a consultant to several international organizations such as the European Commission, the IMF, the World Bank, the United Nations, the Asian Development Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank. He has advised the Presidents of France and of the European Commission as well as the governments of the Russian Federation and of Cyprus.

A French national, Charles Wyplosz holds degrees in Engineering and Statistics from Paris and a PhD in Economics from Harvard University. He has been awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the President of France.





## Mauro Dognini

*Chief Executive Officer,  
Monte Titoli, LSE Group*

Mauro Dognini is Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Monte Titoli CSD – London Stock Exchange Group. Board member Cassa di Compensazione e Garanzia – London Stock Exchange Group. Member of the Executive Committee of ECSDA. Member of T2S AMI- SeCo (European Central Bank). Member T2S CSD Steering Group (CSG). Mauro started his career at Gruppo Ferruzzi in 1986, then moved to JP Morgan Milan in 1991 where he was responsible for the management accounting of the Italian branch. In 1996 Mauro joined BNP Paribas Securities Services where he was Deputy General Manager of the Italian branch for about 15 years. During this time Mauro also covered some key positions in Luxembourg and Paris as Global Head of Product Development. In 2010 Mauro moved to Paris where he was Global Head of Asset Managers client solutions. In May 2011, after leaving BNP Paribas, he was appointed General

Manager of the Italian branch of Royal Bank of Canada Investor Services. In September 2014 Mauro was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Monte Titoli, the Italian Central Depository System owned by London Stock Exchange Group. In 1996 Mauro joined BNP Paribas Securities Services where he was Deputy General Manager of the Italian branch for about 15 years. During this time Mauro also covered some key positions in Luxembourg and Paris as Global Head of Product Development. In 2010 Mauro moved to Paris where he was Global Head of Asset Managers client solutions. In May 2011, after leaving BNP Paribas, he was appointed General Manager of the Italian branch of Royal Bank of Canada Investor Services. In September 2014 Mauro was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Monte Titoli, the Italian Central Depository System owned by London Stock Exchange Group.



## Gottfried Leibbrandt

*Chief Executive Officer,  
Swift*

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Gottfried Leibbrandt is Chief Executive Officer of SWIFT. Gottfried joined SWIFT in 2005 to focus on the development of the SWIFT2010 strategy. Upon completion of the strategy, he was appointed Head of Standards.

In 2007, he was promoted to Head of Marketing. Gottfried ran a global organisation responsible for the development and delivery of SWIFT's strategic initiatives spanning products & services, standards, innovation, banking, corporate and securities market segments.

As Head of Marketing, Gottfried was also a key architect behind the creation of the co-operative's SWIFT2015 strategy. He was appointed CEO in July 2012.

Prior to joining SWIFT, Gottfried worked for McKinsey & Company for 18 years as a partner in the

Amsterdam office and a co-leader of the European payments practice.

He holds a Masters degree in Econometrics and Statistics from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Gottfried also holds a PhD in Economics from Maastricht University where he wrote a thesis on: "Payment instruments and network effects: adoption, harmonization and succession of network technologies across countries".

Gottfried is Dutch and married with three children.



## Sylvie Matherat

*Chief Regulatory Officer,  
Deutsche Bank*

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Sylvie Matherat is Chief Regulatory Officer and Member of the Management Board, Deutsche Bank AG.

Sylvie Matherat became a member of Deutsche Bank's Management Board on November 1, 2015. She is the bank's Chief Regulatory Officer in charge of Regulation, Compliance and Anti-Financial Crime.

She joined Deutsche Bank in 2014 as Global Head of Government & Regulatory Affairs.

Sylvie Matherat came from Banque de France where she was Deputy Director General and responsible for regulation and financial stability issues, payment and settlement infrastructures, banking services, and the Target 2 Securities project.

She previously held various positions at the Banking Supervisory Authority

and in the private sector.

Sylvie Matherat studied public law and finance at the Institut d'Etudes Politique de Paris, France, and holds a master degree in law and political sciences.

She was awarded the Legion d'Honneur in 2014.



## 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. He was elected in June 2009 for a first term in the European Parliament.

His political career within the Belgian green party (Ecolo) started in 1991. He served 12 years (1995-2006) as a local city councillor in Anderlecht and also as an adviser on foreign and defence policy to the Vice-Prime Minister Isabelle Durant (1999-2003). In 1999, he became a member of the Council of the European Federation of Green Parties. He was then elected to the executive Committee in 2003 before becoming co-chair of what meanwhile had become the European Green Party (EGP). In the EGP, Philippe Lamberts has led the work on devising the Green New Deal as the response of the European Greens

to the multi-faceted global crisis.

During his first terms in the European Parliament (2009-2014), Philippe focuses his work on the two committees he is member of. In the economic and monetary affairs committee (ECON), he predominantly deals with macro-economic, economic governance and banking issues. In the committee for industry, research and energy (ITRE) he acts primarily as the Greens' spokesperson on research and innovation issues and has a strong interest in industrial and SME policies. He is also member of the Parliament's delegation for the relations with China.

On 25 May 2014, Philippe Lamberts is re-elected as Member of the European Parliament for five years. A month later, he is elected as co-chair of the Greens/EFA political group, together with his German colleague Rebecca Harms.



## Luis de Guindos

*Vice-President,  
European Central Bank*

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Luis de Guindos is Vice-President of the European Central Bank since 1 June 2018.

In this capacity, he is also a member of the Executive Board, the Governing Council and General Council of the European Central Bank.

He was Minister of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (2016-2018) and Minister of Economy and Competitiveness (2011-2016).

He was Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and member of the Economic and Financial Committee of the EU (2002-2004).

Prior to that, he was Secretary General for Economic and Competition Policy (2000-2002) and Director General (1996-2000).

Mr. de Guindos was Head of Financial Services (2008-2009) at

PricewaterhouseCoopers and Director at IE Business School and PwC Center for the Finance Sector (2010-2011).

He was Chief Executive Officer Iberia at Lehman Brothers and Chief Executive Officer at Nomura Securities (2006-2008).

He graduated with honours in BSc in Economics from Colegio Universitario de Estudios Financieros (CUNEF) in Spain (1982) and graduated as State Economist and Trade Expert (1984).



## Björn Wahlroos

*Chairman,  
Sampo Group*

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Björn Wahlroos is Chairman of the Board of Sampo Group.

He is also Chairman of UPM-Kymmene Corporation, one of the world's largest pulp and paper producers.

Dr. Wahlroos spent the early years of his career in academia in Finland and the U.S. and was Professor of Economics at Hanken Swedish School of Economics 1979-1985.

He also taught at Brown and Northwestern.

He switched careers to banking in 1985, joining the Management Board of Union Bank of Finland. In 1992 he took the investment banking division of the bank private, developing it into Mandatum & Co, which went on to become the leading adviser on M&A in Scandinavia in the 1990's.

In 2000 Mandatum merged with Sampo and Björn Wahlroos took over as Group CEO, a position he held until 2009, when he moved to Chairman.

Sampo is today the largest insurer in the Nordic region, owning both If and Topdanmark.

It is also the largest shareholder in Nordea, the region's largest bank, which Dr. Wahlroos chaired from 2011 to 2019.

He is actively engaged in a number of Finnish and Swedish charities and think tanks.



## Mario Nava

*Director,  
DG FISMA, European Commission*

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Mario Nava (born Milan, 1966) holds an undergraduate degree in Economics from Bocconi University (1989), an MA from the Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium (1992) and a PhD in Public Finance from the London School of Economics (1996).

Mario joined the European Commission in 1994 and held various senior positions. Since October 2018, he is the Director for “horizontal policies” in the Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union Directorate General.

Prior to that, from 2016 to April 2018, he was Director of the “Financial system surveillance and crisis management” Directorate and, from 2011 to 2016, Director of the “Regulation and prudential supervision of financial institutions”. Previously, he was Head of the “Banking and Financial Conglomerates” Unit, of

the Financial Markets Infrastructure Unit, a member of the Group of Policy Advisers of the EU Commission President, Prof. Romano Prodi, and a member of the Cabinet of the Competition Commissioner, Prof. Mario Monti.

Alongside his current work, he is active in research and teaching. He is currently Visiting Professor at Bocconi University (Milan) and at Solvay Business School (Brussels) and has been teaching in several universities in Europe and Latin America.

From April to September 2018 he also served as Chairman of CONSOB, Italy's financial markets supervisor.



## Santiago Fernández de Lis

*Head of Regulation,  
BBVA*

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Santiago Fernandez de Lis is currently Head of Regulation at BBVA. He is the former Director of the International Department of the Banco de España (the Spanish central bank).

He is a member of the High Level advisory group on Finance and Technology of the IMF and until 2018 he was also chairman of the Banking Stakeholders Group of the European Banking Authority (EBA).

He joined the Banco de España in 1986, where he held several management positions, among them Head of the Monetary and Financial Division and Director of the International Department (2001-2007).

Between 1998 and 2000 he worked in the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in Basel, in the secretariat of the Committee of the Global Financial System (CGFS).

He is an economist from Universidad Autonoma de Madrid and he was a lecturer in Universidad Carlos III (Madrid).

He is the author of several papers and publications on financial regulation, monetary policy, international economics and central banking.





## Marius Jurgilas

*Board Member,  
Bank of Lithuania*

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Marius Jurgilas is Board Member, Bank of Lithuania. Prior to joining the Bank of Lithuania, Marius Jurgilas worked as Economist at Norges Bank and the Bank of England, Researcher at the European Central Bank, and gained academic experience in the US.

As Member of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania, he is in charge of payment services and their development, FinTech, research and cash, as well as units performing related functions. To address related issues, he participates in meetings of the ECB Governing Council and committees, scientific conferences, as well as represents the central bank of the Republic of Lithuania at various international economic fora and organisations.

Born in Šiauliai, 6 March 1979  
Education 2007 – PhD in Economics, University of Connecticut (USA)

2003 – MSc in Economics, University of Connecticut (USA) 2001 – BSc in Economics, Vilnius University (Lithuania) Professional and academic activities As of 15 May 2013 – Member of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania 2011–2013 – Economist at the Financial Stability Research Department of Norges Bank (central bank of Norway) 2008–2011– Economist at the Bank of England (central bank of the United Kingdom) 2010–2011 – Visiting Professor at ISM University of Management and Economics (Vilnius, Lithuania) 2007–2008 – Assistant Professor at the University of Elon (USA) 2006 – Researcher at the European Central Bank 2001–2007 – Lecturer and Research Assistant at the University of Connecticut (USA) 2000–2001 – Manager at AB Vilniaus bankas (currently AB SEB bankas).



## Robert Kilian

*General Counsel Chief Representative,  
N26 Bank*

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Robert Kilian is the General Counsel and Chief Representative of N26.

He oversees all legal, funding, internal audit and public affairs matters for the firm.

Previously, Robert worked as a lawyer at various law firms in Germany and the US in their corporate, M&A and litigation practices.

Robert was educated in Germany, the US and Switzerland and holds a PhD in law from University of Cologne, Germany.

He is a visiting lecturer at Humboldt University in Berlin.



## Anne-Sophie Parent

*Chairwoman,  
Financial Services User Group*

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Since 2002 Ms. Parent is Secretary General of AGE Platform Europe (AGE), a network of 110 organisations representing some 40 million seniors across Europe in 27 EU Member States.

AGE aims to promote older persons' rights at EU and UN level and voice the interests of the 200 million inhabitants aged 50+ who live in the EU.

Ms. Parent is a member of the High-Level Group on Pensions and sits in the Euro Retail Payment Board of the European Central Bank.

She also chairs the Financial Services Users' Group set up by the European Commission, and the Advisory Board of the Assisted Ambient Living Joint Programme.

Since 2016 Ms. Parent is also Secretary General of the European Covenant on Demographic Change, a large network bringing together subnational public authorities, non-for-profit and profit actors who wish to join forces to promote age-friendly environments in support to active and healthy ageing in cooperation with WHO.



## Klaus Wiedner

*Director,  
DG FISMA, European Commission*


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Dr. Klaus Wiedner is Director in DG Financial Services and Markets for financial surveillance and crisis management responsible inter alia for monitoring financial markets and institutions, country surveillance, macro-economic policy, impact assessment of financial sector regulation and for bank resolution in close cooperation with the Single Resolution Board.

Earlier positions in the European Commission included Head of Unit for Banking Regulation and Supervision, Insurance and Pensions and Procurement as well as Member of the Legal Service on Competition and Internal Market.

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.



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