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Michael Leigh is the Director-General for Enlargement in the European Commission. In his previous position as Deputy Director General in the Directorate General for External relations, he was responsible for European Neighbourhood Policy, relations with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, Middle East and South Mediterranean. Before joining DG External Relations, he was Director in DG Enlargement in charge of Turkey as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Malta, Romania. He was an advisor to Commissioners Hans van den Broek, Frans Andriessen and Lord Cockfield. He has held a number of other positions in the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council for over 20 years. Leigh's background is in political science; he holds a BA from Oxford University, a PhD from M.I.T., and has published and lectured on European integration, foreign policy and international relations at Wellesley College, the University of Sussex, and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna.

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Timo Summa is Finnish and has a Ph.D. in Economics. After having senior management positions in the private sector he joined the European Commission's External Relations Directorate General in 1995. He has been Director responsible for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in 1995-2001, then joint the Enterprise Directorate General being responsible for the Small and medium size enterprises and Entrepreneurship. Since 2005 he has been Director at the Enlargement Directorate General responsible for the Strategic coordination and Financial instruments.

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Ulla Andrén has a M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics but has also pursued further education in democracy and human rights issues, as well as East European studies. She has been working with development issues since 1981 in various capacities within Sida and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as in two private consultancy companies. During 11 years she has lived and worked in Africa. She has also worked with performance audit at the Swedish National Audit Office. Since 1999 she has been involved in the Swedish rehabilitation and development programmes in the Western Balkans. She is currently the Director of the Department for Reform Cooperation in Europe within Sida.

Felix Zimmermann, Policy Analyst - OECD Development Cooperation Directorate

Felix Zimmermann has been working at the OECD since 2003, and recently joined the OECD DAC Secretariat to manage relations with non-DAC providers of development assistance. Prior to this, he worked at the OECD Development Centre, where his main task was to coordinate the OECD Global Forum on Development, an informal dialogue process on development finance. He contributed chapters to the 2007 and 2008 volumes of "Financing Development", with the latter serving as a major input for a Roundtable on "Ownership" at the Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (2-4 September 2008). Felix studied law in Sydney, Berlin and Brussels and holds an LL.M. in International Law. Prior to joining the OECD, he worked for a company promoting Australian-German relations, volunteered as a language teacher in Russia and carried out desktop studies for NGOs such as Transparency International and the Jesuit Refugee Services.

Paul Wafer, Head of the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) in Serbia

Paul Wafer has been Head of the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) in Serbia since 2007. He is responsible for overall leadership and management of the UK's bilateral assistance programme to Serbia, as well as contributing to DFID's regional Western Balkans strategy. He joined DFID in 1999 and has worked on sectoral reform and aid effectiveness issues in a number of countries since then. His key area of expertise is in public sector management in the partner countries where DFID works.

Olivier Bodin, Head of the Joint EC/WB office

Olivier Bodin was born 1952 in Nice (France). He studied economics in Heidelberg (1969-1974) and was then employed at this University as an academic assistant (1975-1979). He joined a German

private bank in Frankfurt from 1979 to 1981. In 1981, he started his career in the European Commission and occupied various posts at the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs until 1999, the last as Head of Unit for Western Balkan and Mediterranean countries in the directorate for international affairs. In 1999, he joined the Directorate General in charge of enlargement countries and served from then until today as Co-head of the European Commission/World Bank Joint Office for South East Europe.

Yngve Engström, Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement

Yngve Engström is Head of the Regional Programmes Unit in DG Enlargement since June 2007. He joined the Commission in 1996 and has held different positions for Financial Cooperation with non-EU countries, in particular in respect of procurement and legal issues, in DG Development, EuropeAid and since 2001 in DG Enlargement. Between 2004 and 2007, Mr. Engström was in charge of the Finance and Contracts section in the Commission Delegation in Turkey. He has a Master in Law and has also studied Business Administration, and before joining the Commission he worked for 7 years on competition and competitiveness issues in the Competition Authority and the Ministry of Industry and Trade in Sweden.

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André Lys is the Head of the Financial Instruments and Contracts Unit in DG Enlargement (European Commission) since August 2008. He joined the Commission in 1990 and has held different positions in the field of external relations, in particular in the areas of private sector development, EU enlargement negotiations and management of financial assistance to third countries. Between 1999 and 2008, he has been successively Head of Phare and ISPA Section, then Acting Head of Delegation in Romania, and Head of Operations at the Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. André Lys developed new financial instruments with international financial institutions and initiated the creation of the European Fund for Southeast Europe (EFSE) together with KfW. He has a Master in Law and in Economics, and worked for 9 years in finance and project development in a group of companies investing in agro-industry in Africa and Latin-America before joining the Commission.

Christos Makridis, International Relations Officer, Turkey Unit, DG Enlargement

Christos Makridis has been working on enlargement for some time now. He managed EU assistance to Romania during the period 1996 - 1998. In 1998 he was posted to the EC Delegation to Bulgaria where he managed the implementation of pre-accession programmes to that country up to 2002. In the summer of that year he was posted to the EC Delegation to Croatia where he headed the political section of the Delegation and covered issues related also to the rule of law. In September 2006 he returned to Brussels and started working at the Turkey desk. Together with his geographical responsibilities on Turkey, he also covers horizontally for all candidate countries issues related to judiciary, anti-corruption and fundamental rights.

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Ruud van Enk is the political desk officer in the Kosovo issues unit of DG Enlargement. Previously he was head of the Phare/ISPA Section of the Commission Delegation in Bulgaria for 3.5 years, and head of the Phare Investment Section of the EC Delegation in the Czech Republic for 3 years. Ruud was Phare coordinator in the Czech Republic unit of DG Enlargement from 1999 to 2001, and secretary to the Phare Management Committee from 1997 until 1999. He joined the European Commission in 1995. He has an MA in European History, an MSc in Politics and a diploma in European public administration from the College of Europe in Bruges.