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Mr Mikheil Saakashvili, Governor of Odessa oblast

Saakashvili graduated with honors from the Kiev University, obtained diploma from the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasburg and got LL.M degree from Columbia University of New York. Saakashvili began his career as an elected Member of Parliament. Later, he was appointed Minister of Justice of Georgia. Mikheil Saakashvili was the President of Georgia since 2004 to 2013. He is the Chairman of the Board of New International Leadership Institute and was appointed as a Chairman of Advisory International Council of Reforms of President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko. Currently Mikheil Saakashvili is head Odessa State Regional Administration, where he was appointed by President Poroshenko.

Mr Pavlo Klimkin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Mr. Pavlo Klimkin is the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. He was born in Kursk in 1967. He graduated from the Faculty of Aerophysics and Space Research of Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. In 1993 Mr. Klimkin started his career at the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry as Attaché. Later he worked in the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany and in the UK. He has also held a position of Director of the EU Department and a Deputy Foreign Minister. In 2012 he was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Germany. Since 2014 – Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Mr Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Karmenu Vella is the European Commissioner for Environment, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs. He was born in Malta on June 1950. Mr Vella graduated in Architecture and Civil Engineering, and later obtained a Master of Science in Tourism Management from University of Sheffield. He was first elected to Parliament in 1976 and was re-elected nine consecutive times. During his political career he has been appointed Minister for Public Works, Minister for Industry and Minister for Tourism twice. Mr Vella had also held various senior posts in the private sector.

Mr. Andrei GALBUR, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

Andrei Galbur is a career diplomat within the Moldovan Foreign Service with over 20 years of diplomatic experience. From March 2015 to January 2016, Mr. Galbur was appointed as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration in charge of bilateral and multilateral affairs. Between 2013 and 2015, Mr. Galbur served as Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the Russian Federation.

In the time periods 2005-2007 and 2010-2013, Mr. Galbur worked as Director General of the General Directorate for Multilateral Cooperation within the Moldovan Foreign Ministry. Between 2007 and 2010, he was Minister-counselor/Deputy Head of Mission in the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova to the USA. Previously, in 2000 – 2004, Mr. Galbur was also posted to the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Moldova to the International Organizations in Vienna. He started his diplomatic career in the Bilateral Department covering European and North American affairs. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the International Free University of Moldova. Mr. Galbur is a graduate of the Vienna Diplomatic Academy. In addition to his native Romanian, Mr. Galbur is fluent in English and Russian with a good understanding of German.

Claudiu Vrinceanu, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment of Romania

Claudiu Vrinceanu is currently Secretary of State for Tourism, Business Environment, Small and Medium-sized Undertakings in the Ministry of Economy in Romania. He previously was a manager with strong experience in new-media and communication. Claudiu Vrinceanu has experience across following industries: publishing, tourism, entrepreneurship, events and communication.

Mr Georgi Pirinski, Member of the European Parliament (S&D)

Georgi Pirinski has been a Member of the European Parliament since July 2014 for the Social Democrats. Thus far, he has been rapporteur and shadow rapporteur to several key reports in strategic areas of the two committees of which he is a full member, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and the Committee on Budgetary Control, as well as in reports of the Committee on Transport and Tourism of which he is a substitute member. Furthermore, he is a member of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, which cooperates with the Eastern Partnership countries. As a long-standing parliamentarian in Bulgaria for several decades, Mr. Pirinski has been active nationally and internationally, occupying senior positions such as Speaker of the 40-th National Assembly (2005-2009) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1995-1996).

Amb. Michael Christides, Secretary-General, Secretary General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)

Ambassador Michael B. Chistides is the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS). Born on February 1949, Amb. Christides graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki on 1972 and 4 years later joined the Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs. During his diplomatic career of 38 years, he served as Ambassador of Greece to Bulgaria, Turkey, Argentina and Bolivia. Ambassador Christides has spent more than 20 years dealing with S.E. European / Balkan issues, while travelling extensively in the region. He acquired a deep and extensive knowledge of the political and economic realities in the region and established a wide personal network of high-level political, business, academic and media contacts. He speaks fluent English, German, French, Italian and moderately good Spanish. After holding various senior posts in the Greek MFA, Ambassador Christides, was elected by the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs as Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS on 1 July 2015.

Mr Ivan Liptuga, Head of Tourism Development Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine

Mr. Ivan Liptuga is the Head of Tourism & Resorts Department at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine. He was born in Odessa in 1979. Mr. Liptuga graduated from Odessa National Economic University, specialization – Economics and Tourism Management. He was a President of Odessa Tourism Association, a Vice-President of FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations), a Chairman of the Board of the South Affiliate of European Business Association (EBA) and a Representative of Ukraine on marketing issues in ICC. In 2015 Mr.Liptuga was appointed as a Head of Tourism & Resorts Department at the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine.

Mr Michael Emerson, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Michael Emerson is a graduate in politics, philosophy and economics from Balliol College, Oxford University, and holds honorary doctorates from the universities of Keele and Kent. After some years at the OECD in Paris, he joined the European Commission in 1973, where until 1990 he worked as an economist on macroeconomic affairs, the costs and benefits of the single market and monetary union, and as economic adviser to the President (Roy Jenkins). In 1991 he was appointed as the EU's first Ambassador to the USSR (subsequently Russia). Returning from Russia in 1996 Emerson joined the London School of Economics as Senior Research Fellow, and then from 1998 to the present at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels. Emerson has published extensively on European affairs and external relations.

Mr Theofil Gherca, Head of Unit, Ministry of Regional Development, Romania

Teofil GHERCA is working within the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration where he had in the last 10 years had several managerial responsibilities related to strategic planning, territorial cooperation, housing, public services. He is the coordinator of the Priority Area 3 – Promote tourism, culture and people to contacts of the European Union Strategy for the Danube Region and also the coordinator of the project Cross-border Maritime Spatial Plan for the Black Sea – Romania and Bulgaria, financed. He graduates from Institute for Political Science and National School for Public Administration in Paris and he is currently attending a PhD in territorial development.

Mr Marco Digioia, Director, Government Affairs, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe

As Director of Government Affairs at Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Europe, Marco Digioia is responsible for representing regulatory, policy and industry positions towards the EU institutions and other relevant national, European and international stakeholders. Digioia holds a Master's Degree in Law with a Specialization in European Affairs, International Relations and Diplomacy. He has 12 years professional experience in Brussels covering the position of Secretary General of the European Road Haulers Association and transport expert on behalf of businesses at CEN (European Committee for Standardisation). Prior to that, he worked for several trade associations at the Italian and European level.

Dr. Adrian Stanica, Scientific Director of GeoEcoMar, Romania

Dr. Adrian Stanica (Scientific Director of GeoEcoMar since 2008), main expertise in coastal dynamics and natural resources management, PhD in geology, University of Bucharest, 2003, degree in geology, Univ. of Bucharest, Master in Economy of Energy and Environment, Scuola Superiore "Enrico Mattei", Milan, Italy: 1993 – 1994; 2002 – 2003: Marie Curie PhD Fellow at the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Venice, Italy; NATO-CNR senior fellowship – Istituto di Scienze Marine – Venice, Italy, 2004, 2005. Researcher with GeoEcoMar since 1994. Coordinator of the DANUBIUS-RI (International Centre for Advanced Studies on River-Sea Systems) ESFRI Project, general coordinator of FP7 DANCERS (DANube macroregion: Capacity building and Excellence in River Systems (basin, delta and sea)), Partner coordinator in FP6, FP7 and projects under other international programmes, 2006-7 – regional coordinator for Causal Analysis for the Black Sea Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (UNDP); East-European coordinator for NEAR 3 and 4 Swiss NSF funded projects (education towards sustainable use of

water resources), partner in the Romanian team in JPI Water Challenges and FP7 WatEur (2013 – 2015), national representative and monitor for marine and earth sciences pan-european research infrastructures in ESFRI Environmental Working Group (2009 - 2015), member of the SedNet Steering Group (since 2014).

Mr Boris Iarochevitch, Head of Division, Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service

Boris Iarochevitch was born in Brussels on August 1958.He graduated in Engineering in Belgium, and later obtained a Master in International Business Management in Moscow. He holds a Diploma in Islamic Studies (University of Sarajevo) and Certificates in International Relations and Geopolitical Analysis (UCL Belgium). He joined the European Institutions in 1993. During his career, he has served in Senegal, Russia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Georgia. He is currently Head of Division at the European External Action Service, dealing with the Eastern Partnership, regional cooperation and the OSCE.

Mr Jacques Fuchs, Deputy Head, Marine Research Unit, Mediterranean and the Black Sea, DG RTD, European Commission

Jacques Fuchs is currently Deputy Head of the Marine Resources Unit of the Bioeconomy Directorate in DG Research and Innovation. He is in charge of implementing Societal Challenge 2 of Horizon 2020 programme on unlocking the potential of aquatic resources and on boosting marine and maritime cross-cutting research between different parts of Horizon 2020. As Deputy HoU, he also contributes to the definition and implementation of strategic research policy initiatives on innovation, sea basin strategies and engagement with citizens. Trained as a marine biologist, he has worked for more than 20 years on the sustainable exploitation of marine living resources in France and abroad before joining the European Commission in 2001. In the EC, he first served as Scientific Officer in DG MARE before being appointed in 2009, Head of Sector Fisheries and Aquaculture in Directorate Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and Biotechnology in DG RTD. He received his Ph.D in aquaculture from

Dr Violin Raykov, Deputy Director, International cooperation, Institute Oceanology, Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria

Mr Raykov has graduated University of Plovdiv holding MSc degree in Biology. In the past he held research position at Institute of Fish Resources at Agricultural Academy. Currently he is a member of the Institute of Oceanology, BAS Ph.D. in hydrobiology. He has 48 per-reviewed papers in the area of fisheries and ecology of the Black Sea. Expertise: Proven skills (15 years experience) in population dynamics of exploited marine living resources, stock assessment – analytical and holistic approaches; marine/transitional fish fauna biodiversity and ecology; predictive modeling; reference conditions of utilization; TAC's and quotas; trophic interactions and ecology of demercal and pelagic fish species; invasive species research; ecological risk assessment; habitat mapping; fisheries management advice; eco-technology development and applications; Natura 2000 network development as regards small cetaceans and Alosa spp. He participated in many EU FP6 and 7 projects, BSERP UNDP project, CBC JOP, over 20 national and international projects and programs. His scientific interest and work is focused on ichthyology, EC Data collection program, fish stock assessment, fisheries management and biodiversity, indicators under EU MSFD, cetacean research, Initial assessment and GES contribution on Descriptors 1,3,4 and 10. He is member of Advisory Group of Fisheries at Black Sea Commission, Vice Coordinator of WGBS at GFCM, National expert at FAO, member of WGBS at STECF, EC, Chair of B.EN.A. training center of "Marine science and technology" at IO-BAS.

Dr Cristina Sandu, Senior Researcher, Institute of Biology Bucharest, Romanian Academy; Coordinator - "Sturgeon 2020 - a program fostering research and cooperation in the NW Black Sea"

Dr. Cristina Sandu is the coordinator of the Danube Sturgeon Task Force (DSTF), established in the frame of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region - Priority Area 06 Biodiversity (DSTF – EUSDR PA 06) with the aim to foster sturgeon revival. Born in July 1966, she graduated in chemistry in 1989 at the Polytechnic Institute Bucharest, and 5 years later joined the Institute of Biology Bucharest of the Romanian Academy, where she works since over 20 years as researcher in freshwater ecology. She took her PhD in 2005 and was involved in several international projects, cooperating with research teams, policy level, NGOs and local communities from the Danube Region. Since 2009, as representative of the International Association for Danube Research, she cooperates with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) for the Danube River Basin Management Plan. Elected in January 2012 as DSTF coordinator, she led the preparation of Sturgeon 2020 Program for sturgeon conservation in the Danube River Basin and the adjacent Black Sea and contributes actively to its implementation. She is seeking for synergies with major regional stakeholders, aiming to support the recovery of these iconic species and ensure an environmentally friendly development of the area.

Dr Vangelis Papathanassiou, Research Director, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, PERSEUS

Vangelis Papathanassiou obtained his B.Sc. degree in Biology from the University of Athens followed by a Ph.D. degree on Marine Biology from University of Swansea (UK). He is currently Research Director at the Institute of Oceanography in the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), in Greece; Director (2003-2006) and Acting Director (2009-2012) of the same Institute in HCMR. He has worked for more than 30 years in the fields of ecotoxicology, marine biology and ecology and has long experience in international marine policy and management. His current work focuses on marine research as well as on policy-relevant marine research in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. He was involved in expeditions and research work in the Red Sea. He was the Greek representative member of Environment Committees of DG research for the 5th FP and 6th FP. He has more than 130 publications and was the Coordinator of the European projects in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, IASON (SSA), SESAME-IP (2006-2011) and PERSEUS (2012-2015).

Prof Dr. Bayram Ozturk, President of the Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV)

Bayram ÖZTÜRK, born in 1960, on the Black Sea coast of Turkey.
After he got Ph.D. on Marine Biology from the Institute of Marine Sciences, Istanbul University, in 1990, he has been studying on fishery science and biological oceanography in various seas and oceans in the world. He is Founder and Director of Turkish Marine Research Foundation (TUDAV), and currently Editor for the Journal of Black Sea and Mediterranean Environment (www.blackmeditjournal.org). He has published four books and over 100 papers on fisheries, marine biology and ecology. Since 1999 to date, he has been working as Professor on Marine Biology, Faculty of Fisheries, Istanbul University. He is also involved in two EU FP7 funded projects, Marlisco, Perseus and CoCoNet, for the latter of which he works as a Workpackage Leader. Dr. Öztürk also acts as a National Representative of Turkey and a Board Member of CIESM. His recent studies are on alien species, illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fisheries mainly Black and Mediterranean Seas for FAO/GFCM. He was also leader of the first Turkish Antarctica Expedition.

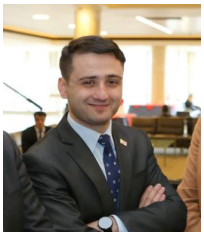
Mr Kostiantyn Demianenko, Deputy Director on Science, Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology (IFME), State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine

Dr. Kostiantyn Demianenko is well known Ukrainian scientist, fishery expert, which is acting in the fields of marine biology, marine ecology, water bioresources protection, statistics, fishing gear technologies, aquaculture, international management of marine bioresources and fisheries. He was graduated as MSc in Ichthyology and fishbreeding in the Kaliningrad Technical Institute of Fisheries (Kaliningrad, USSR) in 1992. The scientific grade PhD Biology was received by him in 1999 («Ecological and biological characteristics of populations Acipenser gueldenstaedtii and Acipenser stellatus in the Sea of Azov»), in the Shmalgausen Zoology Institute of the Ukranian Academy of Science. Dr. Demianenko has a post of Deputy Director on Science in Institute of Fisheries and Marine Ecology of the State Agency of Fisheries of Ukraine since 2004. Last years he is representing Ukraine as national scientific expert and/or official representative in General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), Ukrainian-Russian Commission on fisheries inb the Sea of Azov, Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution (BSC) etc.

Mr Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, DG MARE, European Commission

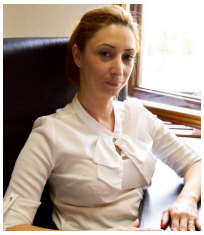
Mr Economou is Head of Unit in DG MARE with responsibility for Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean and Black sea. His portfolio includes Coastal and Maritime Tourism and Maritime security. He joined the Commission in 2000 and has worked in various positions in DG MOVE, dealing with maritime transport, land transport and innovation in railways; the last from the position of Interim Executive Director for the Shift2 Rail Joint Undertaking. Prior to 2000, he worked in the European Community Shiponwners' Associations (ECSA) in Brussels. He holds a Degree on Business Administration from the University of Athens, as well as a Master Degree on European Economics and a Master Degree on Maritime & Aviation Law, both from the University of Brussels.

Mr Ivane Abashidze, Head of Division, International Econ. Development, LEPL "Maritime Transport Agency", Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia



Mr. Ivane Abashidze is currently working as the Head of Legal & International Relations Department at the Maritime Transport Agency of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. He is a graduate of IMO International Maritime Law Institute with the degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law (with distinction). Mr. Abashidze is working with the national maritime authority of Georgia since 2011 and has the vast experience of marine related technical regulatory activities in Georgia, as well as policymaking process. He is actively participating in European legislation transposition process in maritime field as per Association Agreement and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement requirements between Georgia and the EU. He has extensively researched international legal framework for maritime safety related issues and published the book: Maritime Safety & Classification Society - A Georgian Prospective

Ms Laura Bobarnac, Deputy Head, Joint Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development, Romania



Mrs.Bobarnac is a Romanian expert with an extensive experience in public administration in general and in cross-border cooperation, in particular. She has been working in the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (former Ministry of European Integration) since 2001, while from 2006 she has been working within the Managing Authority (MA) for the Joint Operation Programme Black Sea Basin. Currently, she is the Head of unit in charge with the overall management and coordination of operational functions of the BSB MA and the Deputy Head of the MA. Her educational background includes a law degree from the Romanian American University in Bucharest and a Master degree in the field of public administration, also various trainings regarding the EU policies and funds.

Mr Patrick Anvroin, Director, Balkans and Black Sea Regional Commission, CPMR

Patrick Anvroin is Director at the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR). Graduated in engineering, he opted for a career dealing with European Affairs, serving regional authorities willing to get integrated in EU reflections, decisions and implementation. Within the CPMR General Secretariat, he is in charge of the Wider Black Sea area and of transport policies. He has contributed to the launching of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy, and coordinated the Vasco da Gama project, aiming to develop the "europeanisation" of maritime training and education.

Mr Ahmet Bilici, CEO, Promatech, Professional Maritime Technologies, Turkey

Mr (MSc.) Ahmet Bilici, CEO of PROMATECH has a Master Degree in Maritime Transportation & Management and a BSc. in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering from Istanbul Technical University (ITU), continues his doctoral studies for a PhD. degree. He has extensive experience in Maritime Technology and R&D project management. Mr Ahmet Bilici performs as the project coordinator & manager for several EU Commission & National Funded projects. Ongoing projects under Horizon 2020 SMEInst Phase II: CLOUD-VAS- (Cloud based Vessel Allocation DSS for Vessel Chartering), ERA-NET-MARTEC II: CETEX –Coordinator (Cetacean Experiences) and FP7- IAPP: MiniChip (MINImizing Carbon footprint in maritime sHIPping operations). PROMATECH is the first Turkish company to manage, support and carry out a R&D project as a Project Coordinator within the scope of a MARTEC II project in the Turkish Maritime Industry. PROMATECH is among the 38 SMEs that have been selected in 2014 round of Horizon2020 SME Instrument Phase 2. Mr. Ahmet Bilici has received National grants from the Turkish Research Support Institute (TUBITAK) for his commercialized software solution VPARS, a voyage performance system that monitors the performance of a chartered vessel during its voyage and CleanWave, a near-shore wave energy generator.

Mr Guido Prud'homme, Acting Head, EIB Permanent Representation for Ukraine

Guido PRUD'HOMME has been appointed as Acting Head of EIB's Permanent Representation for Ukraine (starting date 18 April 2016), replacing Liliya CHERNYAVSKA who is currently absent from post and out of the country. Mr Prud'homme, 61, is a Belgian national. Before joining EIB in 1994, he worked 17 years in the Belgian corporate banking sector. He was recruited by EIB as a senior banker first working for the European Investment Fund, an EIB subsidiary providing long term guarantees for infrastructure projects within the European Union. In 2001, he joined EIB's Lending Department for Operations outside the EU (with focus on Mediterranean and Western Balkan countries). In 2004, he moved to EIB's Permanent Representation in Brussels, where he was responsible for EIB's lending policy and mandates outside the EU. In 2009, he became Head of EIB's Permanent Representation in Morocco. Mr Prud'homme holds a degree in Applied Economics from the University of Leuven (BE) and an MBA from the Vlerick School for Management (BE).

Mr Nelko Yordanov, FARNET Flag manager, Shabla –Kavarna –Balchik, Bulgaria

Nelko Yordanov is manager of Fisheries Local Action Group Shabla - Kavarna - Balchik in Bulgaria. He was born in Bulgaria in 1970. He graduated in Public Administration, and later received a Master degree in management of European public projects from Varna Free University and a Master degree in Aquaculture from the Thracian University of Stara Zagora. Mr. Yordanov has experience in management and development of European projects as an expert in Shabla Municipality and head of the management team FLAG Shabla - Kavarna - Balchik for 12 years. In his professional career, he was expert evaluator of projects in various national and regional authorities. Participate in the Monitoring Committee of the Programme for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Bulgaria in the last two programming periods.

Mr Hubert Gambs, Director, Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Hubert Gambs is the Director for the Mediterranean and Black Sea in the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission since November 2014. The Directorate implements the EU's Common Fisheries Policy in these two sea basins. This includes the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources and the cooperation with regional fisheries management organisations like the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the International Commission for the Conservation of the Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT). It also manages fisheries data in the EU and in the relations with third countries. The Directorate develops further an integrated maritime policy for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, for instance by promoting the sustainable economic development of EU coastal regions and by cooperating with non-EU coastal countries. It promotes the integration of maritime surveillance activities in the EU in order to enhance security and safety at sea and cooperation and efficiency amongst maritime surveillance operators and implements the European Union Maritime Security Strategy. By means of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund, the Directorate supports the fisheries and maritime sectors in the following EU Member States: Greece, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Malta, Cyprus, Slovenia and Croatia.

Ms Dorota Przyłudzka, Policy Officer, DG GROW

Dorota Przyłudzka is a Policy Officer in the European Commission, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs. She is working on support for innovation and internationalization of small and medium-sized enterprises. Ms Przyłudzka is originally from Gdańsk, Poland. She holds a master degree in Management and Marketing from the University of Gdańsk. After having worked for a few years in a non-governmental and private sector, Ms Przyłudzka started her career in the European Commission in 2007 in the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, moving to her current post in 2012.

Mr Vsevolod Chentsov, Director General for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Mr. Vsevolod Chentsov is the Head of the EU Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. He was born in Ukraine in 1974. He graduated from the Law Faculty of the Lviv State University. In 1996 he joined the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry and started his professional career in the Legal Department as Attaché. Later he worked in the Embassy of Ukraine in Turkey and in Poland. In 2007 he was appointed as Deputy Head of Mission of Ukraine to the EU. Since September 2011 – Director of the EU Department, MFA of Ukraine.

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