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*Short biographies of speakers and presenters*

**Michael Leigh, Director-General for Enlargement, European Commission**

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 Commissioner 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.

Michael 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.

**Philippe Le Houérou, Vice-President, Europe and Central Asia, World Bank**

Born in Montpellier, France, Philippe Le Houérou grew up in North Africa and Italy and attended the "Institut D'etudes Politiques de Paris" (France), followed by an MBA at Columbia University in New York and a PhD in International Economics from the "Institut D'etudes Politiques de Paris".

Philippe Le Houérou joined the World Bank as part of its Young Professional program and has worked in the East Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Europe and Central Asia Regions. In May 2006, Le Houérou took on the task of coordinating the World Bank's effort of working with donor countries to replenish the International Development Association (IDA) - the Bank's concessionary loan arm that supports anti-poverty programs in the poorest developing countries with long-term, no interest loans. While Vice-President of Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships, he also oversaw a reform of donor trust fund management and innovative finance methods for the World Bank Group. As Vice President for the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia Region, Le Houérou oversees a region that loaned \$9 billion last year to a range of borrowing countries as diverse as Croatia and Tajikistan.

### **Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen, Vice-President, European Investment Bank**

Born 1957 in Germany, Matthias Kollatz-Ahnen holds degrees in physics and economics and a doctorate in engineering. After having been Head of Cabinet in a Federal German State Ministry in Hessen, he became Managing Director and Member of the Executive Board of Landestreuhandstelle Hessen and Investitionsbank Hessen.

Since October 2006, Mr Kollatz-Ahnen has been a Member of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank in Luxembourg, where he is responsible for lending programmes in Germany, Austria, Turkey, Romania and Croatia. Further responsibilities concern Convergence Policies of the EU as well as new products and special transactions, often involving energy projects.

### **Jan Fischer, Vice President for Operational Policies, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

Born in Prague in 1951, Jan Fischer graduated in 1974 from the national economics faculty of the University of Economics, Prague, with a degree in statistics and econometrics. After graduation, he joined the Research Institute of Socioeconomic Information. In 1985, he completed his post-graduate studies at the Prague School of Economics where he was nominated the Candidate of Science in the field of economic statistics.

Mr Fischer joined the EBRD on 1 September 2010 as Vice President, Operational Policies. Reporting to the President, he has overall responsibility for the development and delivery of the Bank's policies on Environment and Sustainability; Procurement and Consultancy Services; Stakeholder Relations, including the Bank's Gender Action Initiative. In addition, as Vice President, he manages high level relations with the institutions of the European Union and governments of the countries of operations. He also coordinates the preparation of country strategies. Prior to joining the EBRD, Mr. Fischer was the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, from 9 April 2009 to June 2010. From April 2003 to April 2009, he was the President of the Czech Statistical Office.

### **Bozidar Djelic, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia**

Born in Belgrade in 1965, Mr Djelic graduated from HEC business studies and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, France in 1987. He graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School, Boston, MA, USA, in 1991.

He worked as a privatization and banking sector advisor to the Russian, Romanian and Polish governments between 1991-1993 and was a partner with McKinsey&Company, the strategic management consultancy, where he specialized in financial institutions and media from 1993 to 2000. Mr Djelic was Minister of Finance and Economy in the Government of the Republic of Serbia, from 2001 to 2004 and elected as an MP in the Serbian Parliament, during elections in early 2007. He currently holds the position of Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European Integration and Minister of Science and Technological Development. Recognizing his achievements in business and politics, the World Economic Forum (Davos) nominated him as Young Global Leader for the period 2005-2010. His book entitled : "Serbia: Things Will Get Better", has sold over 15,000 copies.

### **Vasko Naumovski, Deputy Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Dr. Vasko Naumovski holds a BA in International Law from the Faculty of Law in Skopje, a Master's degree from the "Rheinische – Friedrich – Wilhelms" University of Bonn in Germany, as well as a Master's degree from the Faculty of Law in Skopje, in subjects related to the EU Integration. In 2008 he was awarded a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" in Skopje with a thesis in the field of "The Influence of the European Institutions and the Enlargement of the European Union with the Western Balkan Countries".

Dr Naumovski took office as Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European affairs in July 2009. Since 2005 he has also worked with the Faculty of International Relations, Politics and European Studies of the New York University Skopje and in 2008 he became an Assistant Professor of International Law and EU Law. He is the author of numerous publications in the field of European integration and international law, and has taken part in a number of international scientific conferences and study visits in Europe and in the USA.

### **Gordana Djurović, Minister for European Integration of Montenegro**

Prof Dr. Gordana Djurović was appointed Minister for European Integration of Montenegro on 10 June 2009 by the Parliament of Montenegro. In 2005, she was appointed Head of the Team negotiating the Stabilization and association agreement (SAA), which was signed on 15 October 2007. In the period 2006-2009, she held the position of Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration. In the previous Government of Montenegro, she was Minister for International Economic Relations (February 2004-October 2006).

She is also a full professor in the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, where she teaches Economic Development, International Economic Relations, and Regional Economy. As Head of the post-graduate studies in the field of European Economic Integration, she teaches Economics of the EU and Enlargement Policy. She is an eminent writer in the field of economics, author and co-author of many books, papers and articles.

### **Jane Armitage, World Bank Country Coordinator and Regional Coordinator for Southeast Europe and Central Asia Region**

Jane Armitage, a British national, holds a Bachelor's Degree in economics from Cambridge University and a Ph. D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ms. Armitage is the Country Director and Regional Coordinator for Southeast Europe and leads the World Bank's policy dialogue, partnership strategy, program delivery and overall relationship in the countries of the Western Balkans. She joined the World Bank in 1985 as a Young Professional and then worked for five years as an economist in the Southern Africa Department. In 1993 she became Manager of the Labour Markets, Training and Social Insurance Division. With the appointment of Mr. Wolfensohn as President in 1995, she returned to the Executive Offices to aid in the Presidential transition. Her more recent assignments include serving as Director, External Affairs and UN Affairs (1996-2000), Director, Strategy and Operations in the Latin America and Caribbean Region (2000-2002) and Country Director for Central America (2003-2007) where she led the World Bank's country dialogue and assistance programs in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

### **Ulrich Zachau, Country Director for Turkey, World Bank**

Ulrich Zachau is the Country Director for Turkey of the World Bank. He holds degrees in mathematics and economics from the University of Munich and a D.Phil. in economics from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

He worked for McKinsey&Co and taught economics at the University of Bonn. Since joining the World Bank in 1988, he has held various staff and management positions, including in Operations in Asia, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in Finance, Policy, and Research. He served as the World Bank's Director of Strategy and Operations for Latin America and the Caribbean from 2003 until January 2007, when he assumed his current position as Country Director for Turkey.

### **Özgür Pehlivan, Deputy Director General Undersecretariat of Treasury**

Özgür Pehlivan completed his elementary and secondary education in Ankara, and graduated from the Department of Economics of Middle East Technical University in 1988. He started his professional career in the Export Promotion and Research Centre (IGEME), and then at the Undersecretariat of the Treasury in 1991. He continued to pursue studies in economics and received an MA degree from the American University, Washington D.C, USA in 95. At the Treasury he headed the Department for Bilateral Financing and the World Bank Project's Department. Currently, he holds the position of Deputy Director General in charge of public projects financing. For many years he has played a leading role in structuring financing package including public, private partnerships (PPPs) for public investment projects and negotiating financial transactions for public investment projects with IFIs and other banks.

Mr Pehlivan is a member of the Executive Director Board of International PPP Platform-Turkey and currently a member of the Clean Technology Trust Fund Committee - a multilateral Fund administered by the World Bank, with the aim of extending concessional financing to developing countries to support mitigation and adaptation activities on climate change.

### **Jean-Marie Seyler, Director for Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Romania, IPA/ISPA accessions negotiations, Directorate-General for Regional Policy, European Commission**

Jean-Marie Seyler has a post-graduate degree in Economics from the University of Paris, Sorbonne, and a diploma in political sciences from the Institute of Political Sciences in Paris. Before joining the European Commission he worked in the private banking sector.

Mr Seyler has been a director in the Directorate General for Regional policy since 2005. He was the head of the 'resources and finance' directorate of the regional budget and financial instruments, and subsequently headed different geographical directorates (e.g. Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and Pre-accession Countries). In his current role he is in charge of the implementation of regional policy funds in the South-Eastern Member states: Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus and also the pre-accession countries.

He has held a number of other positions in the Directorate General for Regional Policy and other Services of the European Commission since 1980: mainly in charge of general coordination of the structural interventions, and also as the vice-chair of the committee attached to the 'Financial mechanism of the European economic area'.

**José Manuel Sousa Uva, Director for Horizontal Aspects of Rural Development, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission**

José Manuel Sousa Uva, born in Lisbon in 1949, has an engineering university degree as well as a post-graduate economic degree from Amsterdam University. He has worked in the European Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, since 1987. In 1998, he was nominated Director in charge of the relations with the European Parliament and other institutions, as well as the information policy of the CAP and the promotion policy for agricultural products. From 2004 to 2008, José Sousa Uva was the Director responsible for the rural development programmes of sixteen member states, including two new member states for the period 2000-2006.

Since 2008, José Sousa Uva has been Director responsible for Horizontal Aspects of Rural Development policy, working mainly on consistency, financial aspects and monitoring ensured by the European Network. He is also responsible for pre-accession assistance for Agriculture and Rural Development in the Candidate Countries.

**Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler, Director, Financial Instruments and Regional Programmes, European Commission**

A German national, Gerhard Schumann-Hitzler has a Doctor diploma in Law from the University of Augsburg.

As Director of the Financial Instruments and Regional Programmes Directorate, within DG Enlargement, Mr Schumann-Hitzler is responsible for the coordination of the implementation of pre-accession assistance internally within the DG and with other services of the Commission and externally with the Member States, the beneficiary countries and other donors, in particular the International Financial Institutions. Prior to taking up this post Mr Schumann-Hitzler was the Director of Resources in DG Enlargement. He joined the European Commission in 1987 and other posts have included a number of Head of Unit positions in several services of the Commission, mainly in the field of human resources, informatics and tackling fraud and other irregularities. Before joining the Commission Mr Schumann-Hitzler worked for the Liaison Office of the Regional Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany and for the Ministry of Land Economy of Bavaria.