

2011 RegioStars Jury

President

Ann Mettler is executive director and co-founder of the Lisbon Council, a Brussels-based, independent, non-partisan think tank and policy network. Launched in 2003, the Lisbon Council is committed to making a positive contribution by engaging political leaders and the public at large in a constructive exchange about the Europe's economic and social future. Prior to starting the entrepreneurial venture, Ms. Mettler served as Director for Europe at the World Economic Forum.

Ms. Mettler is a prominent commentator on EU economic affairs, and has published articles in major media outlets such as the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Newsweek, FT Deutschland, and European Voice. She holds Masters degrees in political science and European law and economics, and graduated with distinction from the University of New Mexico, USA, and the Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) in Bonn, Germany.

Members

Economic competitiveness theme

1) Networking and cluster initiatives supporting regional growth and SMEs access to global markets

2) Anticipating economic change

Prof. Christian KETELS (SE) is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Strategy and Competitiveness at the Stockholm School of Economics; a Principal Associate at Professor Michael E. Porter's Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness of the Harvard Business School, and an Executive Director of the foundation "Clusters and Competitiveness", a not-for-profit organisation incorporated in Barcelona.

Dr Ketels' research interests focus on the relationship between company strategy and location and on competitiveness at different geographic levels, especially in Europe. He received his PhD (Economics) from the London School of Economics where he developed microeconomic models analyzing the relationship between international competition and firm efficiency.

Mr Werner PAMMINGER (ÖS) is an experienced executive and senior consultant for a few years. After a couple of years in industry as an engineer, Werner is since 2006 the general manager of Clusterland Upper Austria Ltd. the Upper Austrian regional development agency for cluster and network management, responsible for 40 employees and an annual budget of about 5 mil €. Werner is an international expert in cluster management and in the plastics industry, he has established the Upper Austrian Plastics Cluster since 1999 (a plastic industrial network of about 400 contributing companies). His main competences are situated in the fields of general management, project management, institutional development, workshop trainings and moderation.

Ms Claire NAUWELAERS (BE) is a Policy Analyst, working on regional innovation policy within the Regional Competitiveness and Regional Governance Division of OECD. Previously, she was Research Director at UNU-MERIT, the University of Maastricht and United Nations University, in charge of the research team: "Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation». Her main areas of research and expertise revolve around the analysis and policy advice about the functioning of research and innovation systems, notably at the regional level. She is working on policy development, analysis and evaluation in the areas of Research, Technological Development and Innovation, for national and regional authorities in covering OECD countries, in interaction with the European Commission. She is member of Scientific Steering Committees of several Research Networks, part of policy review teams, and is regularly invited as expert in High-Level Expert groups for national and international bodies. She has published numerous books and articles on policy aspects of research, technology and innovation.

II. Low carbon economy theme

3) Promoting sustainable energy in cities (“CityStar” category)

4) Integrated, clean urban transport projects (“CityStar” category)

Ms Monica OREVICEANU (RO) is Superior Councillor for Evaluation-Examination in the Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism in Bucharest, dealing with major urban mobility policy and research issues. She is co-ordinating specific legislative and public policy proposals at national and regional level in the field of mobility and transport networks development.

She often has participated as guest lecturer and conference speaker to events and working groups organized by the European Commission and other international bodies on the subject of urban development and mobility, promoting clean transport systems and renewable energy as well.

Before joining the ministry, Ms. Monica Oreviceanu co-ordinated, for more than 15 years, many interdisciplinary staff in relation to urban planning projects and research studies with the Urban Project Institute in Bucharest. She holds degrees in Architecture and Urban Planning and is a member of the Romanian Union of Architects (UAR). She is currently finalising her doctorate in urban/regional planning of sustainable transport networks and development of mobility at the University of Architecture and Urban Planning of Bucharest where she is also teaching as Associate Lecturer in traffic engineering, mobility policy and urban transport management.

Ms Zdenka SIMONOVIC (HR), member of the Civitas network, Site Manager in Ljubljana, Project Coordinator of ELAN

Mr Marcello ANTINUCCI (IT) Dr. Antinucci, physicist, after 4-years of academic research, spent more than 30 years in industrial research and consulting in renewable energies, energy efficiency, and building energy applications. He led the Conphoebus (ENEL Group) building energy laboratory for 12 years, then operated for 6 years as manager for Conphoebus business development, performing project management, scientific co-ordination, project promotion in several technical areas, from waste recycling to electro-chromic material applications for windows. In 1998 he started working as a free lance consultant in energy and local development. He co-founded the consulting ECUBA srl in 1997, operating energy, environment and land planning studies and services. Since 1999 he is the director of Modena energy agency, operating at local level in energy planning, feasibility studies, design of renewable energy plants, energy audit in buildings and industries, energy performance contracting for building systems and street lighting. He is a member of the Italian Association of energy managers, associate of RENAEL (Association of Italian local energy agencies), trainer for ManagEnergy (an initiative of DG Energy), developed studies for DG TREN and the EU Parliament, consultant of local administrations in the development of energy sustainable regulations and programmes.

III. Information and communication theme

5) Promotional photo of a co-funded project

Mr Neil Warner (IE) holds the Associateship of the Irish Professional Photographers Association, the Fellowship of the British Institute of Professional Photography and the Fellowship of the British Master Photographers Association. He has also received his membership of the Marketing Institute of Ireland at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Neil has been Irish Professional Photographer of the Year in 1997, 1999 and 2000.

Training initially as a photojournalist with a regional group of newspapers, Neil progressed as a photographic manager of a large printing house. During this

time he secured a scholarship to study with Kodak at their school of professional photography in Harrow and later a scholarship to study with Afga in Munich in Germany.