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Professor Christopher Bovis *JD, MPhil, LL.M, FRSA* is Professor of International and European Business at the University of Hull.

Professor Christopher Bovis is an international leading authority in public procurement and public-private partnerships. He specializes in all areas of European Business Law, anti-trust law and policy, with particular emphasis on public sector management.

He advises national governments in public sector reforms and he has acted on behalf of public sector and industry on numerous high profile projects. He has been instrumental in structuring flagship public-private partnerships in the UK, EU and overseas.

He has published extensively in international legal and management journals and has produced numerous monographs and articles on European and international business subjects. He is Editor in Chief of *European Procurement and Public-Private Partnerships Law Review*, published by Lexxion Verlagsgesellschaft. He is the author of *The Law of EU Public Procurement*, by Oxford University Press, *Public Procurement: Case Law and Regulation*, by Oxford University Press, *The Research Handbook on EU Public Procurement Law* by Elgar, and *Public Private Partnerships in the EU*, Routledge. His academic work has been translated into different languages, including Chinese, French, Russian and German.

**Bio - Joan Prummel**

Procurement has proven to be one of the accelerating factors in changing society towards circular economy. Circular demand stimulates suppliers and producers to go to market with their circular offers and demand stimulates suppliers and producers to develop circular products and offers. The potential of procurement as a lever for circular economy is enormous, in Europe public procurement alone has a yearly volume of € 1,800 BLN. Private procurement multiplies that several times. More and more public and private organisations want to apply circularity in their own organization and procurement is the key process for that. Procurement is 'the only way in' to use products in any organisation and that's where an organisation's own and direct responsibility begins: the products they use and the way they use them.

As the first category manager on waste and resource management for the Dutch national government (2014-2016) Joan started the implementation of waste separation in government waste management contracts. Aim was to decrease the total volume of waste flows in favour of reusable resources. Recycling obviously was part of the solution, but the Dutch central government also looked for solutions at the beginning of the waste flows: the purchasing of products and their packaging.

Joan now works as international Strategic Advisor on Circular Procurement for the Dutch Rijkswaterstaat. To improve the circularity of any organisation, circular procurement is the way to implement it. Just because procurement is the only way in. Together with international colleagues Joan helps and guides organisations to set their ambitions, policies and operations, aiming at a more circular organisation. Circularity connects resource efficiency and sustainability to economic benefits. The strength lies in collaboration: through the supply chain (with the market) and within the organisation. Rijkswaterstaat advises, stimulates and supports public bodies (and private companies) in Europe about circular procurement: using their procurement as a lever to stimulate circular economy. Enjoy the benefits of circular business models, 'produce' useful resource flows instead of waste and diminish the total volume of waste.

**Experience record**

- Co-creator of the concept 'circular procurement'
- Founder of the Dutch Green Deal Circular Procurement
- Initiator of projects and pilots with circular procurement by the Dutch central government
- Key-note speaker on congresses
- Trainer and lecturer about circular procurement at universities, cities and companies
- Member of the Green Public Procurement Advisory Group of the European Commission
- Secretary of SPP Next, a group of European member state frontrunners

***Background [if needed]***

*Studies: Communication Sciences, Strategic Marketing, Programme Management*

*Special interests: networking and network communication, change management*

## **Bio for Arnhild Dordi Gjønnnes**

**Arnhild Dordi Gjønnnes**, Chair for the Working Group Public Contracts in Business Europe & Attorney-at-law with the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise. Arnhild leads the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise's judicial work on public procurement. She holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Oslo and LLM from Vrije Universiteit Brussels. Written books about the EEA and public procurement in Norway.

### **Arnhild Dordi Gjønnnes**

Advokat/Attorney

## BIOGRAPHY

Marie Ranty works as a policy advisor on public services and public procurement at EUROCITIES, the network of major European cities, in Brussels: [www.eurocities.eu](http://www.eurocities.eu)

She develops the strategy and coordinates the activities of EUROCITIES, on local economic development, cities' support to entrepreneurs and SMEs, innovation policy, public services and public procurement. She advises EUROCITIES member cities on the impact of EU policies on the local economy especially on their transition to digital transformation, local innovation ecosystems, including public procurement of innovation, and the impact of EU policies such as internal market and competition.

For the last 15 years, she has worked as policy advisor for different networks, doing research and influencing work on EU policies on internal market, competition, research and innovation, and public procurement.



### **Curriculum Vitae Barbara Ettinger-Brinckmann**

Barbara Ettinger-Brinckmann has been President of the Federal Chamber of German Architects since 2013. From 2000 to 2004, she acted as Vice-President of the Hessen Chamber of Architects and then became its President from 2004-2014. Ms Ettinger-Brinckmann has been working as a freelance architect since 1980. As an associate of ANP Architektur- und Planungsgesellschaft mbH in Kassel, she currently employs 20 permanent employees. She completed her architectural studies at the University of Stuttgart.

She is member in the board of trustees at the Federal Foundation for Building Culture, member of the supervisory council at planen-bauen 4.0 GmbH, Vice-President of the Federal Association for Freelance Professions, member of the DIN Committee and DIN Steering Committee "Construction and Buildings", chairperson of the Kassel Architectural Centre at the Culture Railway Station (KAZimKUBA e. V.) as well as advisory council member in deENet Kassel (Centre of Excellence for Decentralised Energy Technologies). She is a member of the scientific committee for the German Foundation for Monument Protection in the scientific advisory board at the Institute for Urban Architecture.