

Speakers on behalf of the Minority SafePack Initiative



Daniel Alfreider

Daniel Alfreider from the Ladin-speaking minority in Italy was born on 4 April 1981. His political party is the South Tyrolean People's Party SVP. Originally from Colfosco, a hamlet of Corvara in Badia, Alfreider has a degree in civil engineering from the Technical University of Munich, with a master's degree in procurement law from Rome.

Since 25 January 2019, he is the Vice President and Regional Minister of Ladin Education and Culture, Mobility and Infrastructures of the Autonomous Province of South Tyrol; since 21 October 2018 a Member of the South Tyrolean Parliament; since 2016 Vice President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) ; since 2012 Chairman of SVP Ladina and since 2012 Vice Chairperson of the SVP.

From 2013 to 2018, Daniel Alfreider was a Member of the Italian Parliament and from 2008 to 2013 a civil engineer at BBT involved in the design of the Brenner base tunnel.

Alois Durnwalder

Alois Durnwalder from the German-speaking minority in Italy was born on 23 September 1941. His political party is the South Tyrolean People's Party SVP. Durnwalder is originally from Pfalzen. In 1969, he became mayor of his home municipality and in 1973 delegate to the provincial state assembly; he was Regional Counsellor for the Land Register from 1973 to 1978. At that time, he also worked as director of the farmers' association, Südtiroler Bauernbund.

For 25 years, from 17 March 1989 until 8 January 2014, he was the Governor (Landeshauptmann) of the autonomous province of South Tyrol.

Durnwalder studied agriculture at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna, additionally he attended lectures in law. Alois Durnwalder is a member of the Minority SafePack Initiative (MSPI) Citizens' Committee.

Prof. Hans Heinrich Hansen

Professor Hans Heinrich Hansen from the German minority in Denmark was born on 26 June 1938 in Haderslev/Hadersleben and currently lives in Ekensund/Egernsund in Denmark. He studied veterinary medicine at the University of Veterinary Medicine in Hanover and at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen, where he graduated with a veterinary degree in 1963. As of 1966, he operated the first small animal hospital in northern Schleswig in Heisagger/Hejsager.

Hans Heinrich Hansen was the Chairman of the German minority in Denmark (Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger) from 1993 until 2006, Vice President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) from 1994 until 2007 and President of FUEN from 2007 until 2016.

Hans Heinrich Hansen is the Representative of the Minority SafePack Initiative (MSPI) Citizens' Committee.

Dr Valentin Inzko

Dr Valentin Inzko was born on 22 May 1949 in Klagenfurt, Austria, and grew up in a Slovene-speaking household. He studied Law and Languages at Graz University, specializing in Russian and what was then Serbo-Croat. He subsequently studied at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

Dr Valentin Inzko is an Austrian diplomat who served for four years as Ambassador to Slovenia immediately before taking up his appointment as High Representative and EU Special Representative (HR/EUSR) for Bosnia and Herzegovina in March 2009.

Based in Vienna from 1999 to 2005, Dr Inzko headed the Austrian Foreign Ministry department responsible for Central, Eastern and Southern Europe as well as Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus. Before joining the Foreign Ministry, Dr Inzko held senior positions with UN Development Programme missions in Mongolia and Sri Lanka. His other diplomatic postings have included serving as the Austrian Representative at the United Nations, and as the Deputy Director of the UN Disarmament mission.

Dr Valentin Inzko is the Chairman of the Council of Carinthian Slovenes (NSKS) and a member of the Minority SafePack Initiative (MSPI) Citizens' Committee.

Hunor Kelemen

Hunor Kelemen is the leader of the Hungarian community in Romania. He is member of the Romanian Parliament representing the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania - RMDSZ since 2000. He was elected president of RMDSZ in 2011. Kelemen entered politics and became State Secretary in the Ministry of Culture in 1997. He has served as Minister of Culture and National Heritage in several Governments between 2009-2012. In 2014, Hunor Kelemen was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Culture and National Heritage. At the last three Romanian presidential elections Hunor Kelemen was the candidate of the Hungarian community.

Kelemen was born on 18th of October 1967 in the region of Transylvania. He studied first at the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár and obtained a degree in veterinary medicine. Later Kelemen continued his studies in the field of philosophy at the Babes-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár. Following the Revolution of 1989, he has been working in the editorial staff of different cultural and literary periodicals, and also at the Public Radio Station in Cluj-Napoca/Kolozsvár. He published several volumes of poems and novels.

Hunor Kelemen is the Deputy Representative of the Minority SafePack Initiative (MSPI) Citizens' Committee.

Karl-Heinz Lambertz

After working as an assistant at the law faculty at UCL (1976-1981) and as a consultant at SRIW (1981-1990), Karl-Heinz Lambertz, a qualified lawyer, was minister from 1990 and Minister-President of the German-speaking Community of Belgium from 1999 to 2014. Between September 2014 and September 2016, he already held the function of President of the Parliament for a first time. Since June 2019, he has been in the office of Parliament president again. In the meantime, he represented the German-speaking community in the Belgian Senate. On the European level, Karl-Heinz Lambertz is a member of the Committee of the Regions (CoR) since 2001 and held the position of its First Vice-President from February 2015 to July 2017. On 12 July 2017, he was elected President of the CoR for two and a half years. Currently, he is a member of the bureau of this European institution. He is also a member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe since 2000 and its Vice-President since October 2016. From 2010 to 2017, he was President of the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR). Since November 2020, he is back in this position again.

Karl-Heinz Lambertz is a member of the Minority SafePack Initiative (MSPI) Citizens' Committee.

Dr Angelika Mlinar

Angelika Mlinar (born 29 June 1970) is a Carinthian Slovene from Austria. She studied law (1988-1996) at the University of Salzburg and Washington College of Law and has a doctoral degree. Her professional career include founding/running an own company from 2005-2010, Program Manager / Liaison Officer at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in Vienna, Austria from 2007-2008, Project Manager in Justice and Internal Affairs at the European Commission delegation in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 2000-2005 and traineeship in the office of MEP Dr Friedhelm Frischenschlager at the European Parliament in 1997.

From December 2019 until 13 March 2020, Angelika Mlinar was Minister for Cohesion and Development of the Republic of Slovenia and from 2014 – 2019 a Member of the European Parliament. Angelika Mlinar was Vice-President of ALDE Party from 2014 – 2018, Vice-Chair of NEOS – New Austria and Liberal Forum from 2014 – 2018, a Member of the Austrian Parliament from 2013 – 2014, Federal spokesperson of the Liberal Forum from 2009 – 2014, Secretary-General of the Council of Carinthian Slovenes from 2009 – 2010 and since 2013 she is the President of Neos LAB (Political Academy).

The publications of Angelika Mlinar include Women's Rights as Human Rights in 1996 and Liberal Prospectives for Europe in 2018. Angelika Mlinar is a Vice President of the Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) since 2019.