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Biographies

In order of appearance



Roberta Metsola

President of the European Parliament

Roberta Metsola was elected as President of the European Parliament on 18 January 2022. Roberta Metsola was appointed to the European Parliament in 2013, as an MEP for the European People's Party Group and became the First Vice-President of the European Parliament in November 2020. She has been a member within Malta's Partit Nazzjonalista, serving within the party's international secretariat and volunteering with the PN's election arm. Roberta Metsola studied at St Joseph School Sliema, graduated in law from the University of Malta in 2003 and obtained a diploma in European studies from the College of Europe in Bruges in 2004. She received the First Class of the Order of Princess Olga.

Panel I



Udo Bullmann

Chair of the European Parliament's Sub-Committee on Human Rights

Udo Bullmann was appointed Chair of the European Parliament's Sub-Committee on Human Rights (DROI) on 6 February 2023. Udo Bullmann is a member of the European Parliament since 20 July 1999 for the "Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands". He has been a member of the Delegation for Relations with the Countries of Central America and the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly since July 2, 2019. Bullmann studied political science, sociology, public law and economics. He has held a doctorate in social sciences since 1988, and was a lecturer at the University of Giessen from 1989 to 1996.



David McAllister

Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs

David McAllister was appointed Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) on 24 January 2017. Mr McAllister became a Member of the European Parliament in July 2014. Since November 2014 he is the Vice President of IDU (International Democrat Union), and since Octobre 2015, the Vice President of the EPP (European People's Party). He served as Prime Minister of Lower Saxony From 2010 until 2013, and Party Chairman of the CDU in Lower Saxony from 2008-2016. He has worked as a lawyer since 1998. He was a Member of the State Parliament of Lower Saxony from 1998 until 2014 and the Mayor of his hometown Bad Bederkesa between 2001 and 2002. David Mc Allister holds a degree in Law from Hanover University. He received an Honorary Doctorate from Edinburgh University in 2012 and is a fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the US. He was awarded the Grand Cross of Merit of the Order of Merit of Lower Saxony in 1910.



Volker Türk

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

M. Türk is the current UN High Commissioner for Human Rights since October 17, 2022. He has a long career dedicated to promoting human rights, particularly for refugees and stateless persons. Before this role, he held various key positions at the United Nations, including Deputy Secretary-General for Policy, where he coordinated global policy work and led UN efforts on human rights. He also played a vital role in shaping the Global Compact on Refugees during his time as Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at the UNHCR. Mr. Türk is a recognized expert in international law, holding a doctorate from the University of Vienna and a master's degree from the University of Linz, Austria.



Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño

First Vice President of the inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Esmeralda Arosemena de Troitiño was (re)elected by the General Assembly of the OAS for a four-year term from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2023. During her first term as a commissioner (2016-2019), she served as President of the IACHR in 2019. She has an extensive experience in Panama's judiciary area, including roles as a Justice of the Supreme Court, vice-president of the Supreme Court, presiding over the Chamber for Criminal Cases, and serving as a judge on the High Court for children and adolescent affairs. Commissioner Arosemena has also been involved in constitutional reform and the development of the Code of Constitutional Procedures in Panama. She holds several degrees in social sciences and law, along with post-graduate studies in gender, family, childhood, and constitutional affairs. Additionally, she works as a consultant on childhood, adolescence, women, and family for international organizations and has contributed to the development of important legislation in Panama related to these areas.



Eamon Gilmore

EU Special Representative for Human Rights

Eamon Gilmore is the European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights. He is a former Deputy Prime Minister of Ireland, and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade (2011-2014). Since 2015, he has been the EU Special Envoy for the Peace Process in Colombia. He was a member of Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament) from 1989 until 2016, and was Leader of the Irish Labour Party (2007-2014). He served on the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2004-2007) and was Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE (2012). Prior to his election to Dáil Éireann, he worked as a trade union officer (1978-1989), and he was President of the Union of Students in Ireland (1976-1978). He is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and Government in Dublin City University and in 2017 was Visiting Practitioner Chair at the School of Public Policy, Central European University, Budapest. He is a graduate in Psychology of the National University of Ireland, Galway, which has also conferred him with an Honorary Doctorate in Laws. He has received several international honours and awards for his work on Peace and his leadership on human rights issue.



Idrissa Sow

Commissioner of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Idrissa Sow is a Senegalese Law specialist, with an extensive experience in international law and NGOs dealing with human rights advocating. Since 2021, he is Commissioner at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. He is also currently judge at the Senegalese Supreme Court. Furthermore, he serves as a Chairperson of the Working Group on the Death Penalty, Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa.



Mattias GUYOMAR

Judge at the European Court on Human Rights (ECHR) - [online]

Mattias Guyomar is a judge at the European Court of Human Rights, elected in respect of France, since 22 June 2020. He was previously President of the 10th Chamber of the Administrative Jurisdiction Division of the French Council of State, which he joined in 1996 after graduating from the École nationale d'administration (ENA). Mattias Guyomar was an associate professor of public law at the University of Paris-Sud, Jean Monnet Faculty, and then at the University of Panthéon-Assas. He was also Secretary General of the French Institute of Administrative Sciences (IFSA) (2013-2020), Secretary General of the Commission des sondages (1998-2020), General Rapporteur of the Commission supérieure de codification (2012-2020).



Matteo Mecacci

Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Born in Italy, Matteo Mecacci has assumed the role of Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) since December 2020. Prior to this, he served as President of the International Campaign for Tibet for seven years. He also led the OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission to Georgia in 2013 and held positions as a Member of the Italian Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee and as a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly from 2008 to 2013. From 2000 to 2008, he represented "No Peace Without Justice" and the "Transnational Radical Party" at the United Nations in New York. He holds a JD in International Law from the University of Florence.



Khin Ohmar - Progressive voice

Burmese democracy activist

Khin Ohmar is a Burmese democracy activist and Chairperson of the Advisory Board, Progressive Voice. Khin Ohmar is a founder and chairperson of Progressive Voice, a Myanmar human rights research and advocacy organization. She has been advocating for human rights and democracy in Myanmar since 1988. Progressive Voice is a participatory rights-based policy research and advocacy organization rooted in civil society that maintains strong networks and relationships with grassroots organizations and community-based organizations throughout Myanmar. It acts as a bridge to the international community and international policymakers by amplifying voices from the ground, and advocating for a rights-based policy narrative.



Tony Germain Nkina- APRODH

Burundian lawyer and human rights defender

Tony Germain Nkina is a Burundian lawyer and a prominent actor of the Burundian human rights movement. He was a member of the APRODH (mentioned above) until the government shut it down in 2015, and was one of the last figure of the Burundian human rights movement still living in the country, despite the risks and the exile of many human rights activists abroad. In 2020, he was arrested and imprisoned based on false accusations of collaboration with armed rebels. His imprisonment sparked outrage in the international human rights movements and was another proof of the poor state of human rights in the country. Despite a 5-year sentence, he was acquitted in late 2022 and currently lives in Belgium.



Parasto Hakim

Afghan education advocate

Parasto Hakim is an Afghan education advocate and one of the founders of the SRAK, a clandestine Afghan network of women that organises secret classrooms for the Afghan women and girls who have been banned from accessing education by the Taliban government. Hakim started this advocacy in 2021 by opening the SRAK and their underground clandestine schools, personally

participating in the creation of 90 community-based schools in Afghanistan. She is nominated for this year's Sakharov Prize, a prize awarded by the European Parliament for individuals or organisations that have made an exceptional contribution to the fight for human rights.



Abdelkhalig Shaib

Sudanese lawyer and human rights defender

Abdelkhalig Shaib is a lawyer and legal counsel at an international bank in Bahrain. He received his LLB and LLM degrees from the Faculty of Law at the University of Khartoum and an LLM degree from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the Sudanese Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He is also one of the founders of the Arab Association of Constitutional Law. Abdelkhalig participated in the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry in 2011. Abdelkhalig was also a visiting fellow at Harvard University and provided legal advice to a number of international organizations on Sudan's constitutionmaking, elections, and political accommodation in Sudan. Abdelkhalig has published a number of academic articles, such as a media sustainability index report published with the International Research and Exchanges Board and an article on the right to nondiscrimination published in the yearly book of the Arab Association of Constitutional Law. Finally, Abdelkhalig provided detailed comments and revised drafts to the Constitutional Charter of 2019.



Juan Fernando López Aguilar

Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Mr.Fernando Lopez Aguilar became a Member of the European Parliament in 2009 as a S&D Member. He is appointed Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. For the parliamentary elections of March 12, 2000, he was chosen to head the list in the province of Las Palmas. Elected to the Congress of Deputies, he briefly served as spokesman for the Justice

and Interior Committee, as well as a member of the permanent deputation. In July 2001, he became the party's Secretary for Public Liberties and Autonomous Development. He was re-elected to Congress in the parliamentary elections of March 14, 2004, and became Minister of Justice on April 18. In this capacity, he introduced the law authorizing marriage for same-sex couples. He holds a law degree from the University of Granada and a degree in political science and sociology from the University of Madrid. He also has a master's degree in law and diplomacy from Tufts University and a doctorate in constitutional law from the University of Bologna.

Panel II



Tomas Tobe

Chair of the Committee on Development

Tomas Tobe became a Member of the European Parliament as a PPE member, in 2019. Since the 2019 European Parliament election, he has been serving as chairman of the Committee on Development. In this capacity, he co-chairs (alongside David McAllister) the **Democracy Support and Election Coordination Group** (DEG), which oversees the Parliament's election observation missions. He is also a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. On the committee, he has been serving as rapporteur on asylum and migration since 2020. He was elected to the Swedish Riksdag in the 2006 general election. During his parliament, he served as chair of its Committee on Employment from 2010 to 2012; the Committee on Education from 2012 to 2014; and the Committee on Legal Affairs from 2018 to 2019. He graduated in Media and Communication Sciences from Gavle University in 1998.



Jutta Urpilainen

European Commissioner for International Partnerships

Ms. Jutta Urpilainen is the European Commissioner for International Partnerships and she leads the European Commission's initiatives in international cooperation and sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on advancing gender equality, social justice, and youth participation. Her political career in Finland mostly includes being a member of the Finnish Parliament for almost 17 years. She became the first female leader of the Social Democratic Party of Finland in 2008 and served as Finland's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister from 2011 to 2014. Furthermore, she contributed to foreign affairs as a member of the Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs from 2015 to 2019. She has a academic background in educational science, with a master's degree from the University of Jyväskylä.



Amina J. Mohammed

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group (video message)

Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed was Minister of the Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, where she led the country's efforts in climate action and protection of the natural environment. Ms. Mohammed joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (then Ban Ki-moon) on post-2015 development planning. She led the process, which culminated in the global consensus on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the definition of the Sustainable Development Goals. She holds a master's degree in law from Taras-Chevtchenko State University in Kiev, Ukraine, as well as a postgraduate master of laws from Strathmore University in Kenya. In 1993, she obtained another postgraduate degree in international relations from Oxford University.



Agnes Callamard

Secretary General of Amnesty International

From 1998 to 2001, She was Chef de Cabinet for the Secretary General of Amnesty International and the organization's Research Policy Coordinator. She returned to Amnesty International as Secretary General, in march 2021. She leads the organization's humanrights work and is its chief spokesperson. She is responsible for providing overall leadership of the International Secretariat, including setting the strategic direction for the organization and managing relations with Amnesty International's national entities. She has conducted human-rights investigations in a number of countries in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. She has published in the field of human rights, women's rights, refugee movements and accountability. She has worked extensively in the field of international refugee movements, including work with the Center for Refugee Studies in Toronto. Callamard received her

undergraduate degree from the Institut d'Etudes
Politiques de Grenoble in 1985. She earned a master's
degree in international and African studies from Howard
University in 1988. Callamard received a PhD in Political
Science from the New School for Social Research in New
York City, with a thesis titled "Populations Under Fire,
Population Under Stress: A Study of Mozambican
Refugees and Malawian villagers in Malawi" in 1995.



Dmitry Muratov

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate 2021 (freedom of the media)

Known for his investigations into abuses of power, corruption, human rights abuses, Dmitry Muratov was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2021, with Maria Ressa for his fight for freedom of expression. He criticized on several occasions Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and Russian authorities, in particular for electoral fraud and human violations. In 2007, Dmitry Muratov received the International Press Freedom award from the Committee to Protect Journalists. In the mid-1980s, he started out as a newspaper reporter at Volzhsky Komsomolets. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and the restrictions imposed on news media, he founded with other journalists Novaya Gazeta, a pro-democratic newspaper. He began as deputy editor in chief of the newspaper, and then served as a correspondent during the Chechnya conflict. Then, in 1995, he became editor in chief. Dmitry Muratov studied at the Faculty of Philology at Kuybyshev State University for five years. After graduating from University, he served in the Soviet army for several years, as a specialist in communications equipment security.



Oleksandra Matviichuk

Center for Civil Liberties

Oleksandra Matviichuk is a human rights defender who works on issues in Ukraine and the OSCE region. At present she heads the human rights organization **Center for Civil Liberties** Center for Civil Liberties, and also coordinates the work of the initiative group **Euromaidan**

SOS. Oleksandra Matviichuk has experience in creating horizontal structures for massive involvement of people in human rights activities against attacks on rights and freedoms, as well as a multi-year practice of documenting violations during armed conflict. In 2016 she received the Democracy Defender Award for "Exclusive Contribution to Promoting Democracy and Human Rights" from missions to the OSCE. In 2017 she became the first woman to participate in the Ukrainian Emerging Leaders Program of Stanford University. In 2022 Oleksandra Matviichuk was awarded with the Right Livelihood Award and recognized as one of the 25th influential women in the world by Financial Times. The same year Center for Civil Liberties which Oleksandra Matviichuk heads received the Nobel Peace Prize 2022. She was also one of the Ukrainian people for the Sakharov Prize 2022. She is the author of a number of alternative reports to various UN bodies, the Council of Europe, the European Union, the OSCE and the International Criminal Court.



Mahbouba Seraj

Director of Afghan Women Skills Development Center (women's rights)

Mahbouba Seraj is a journalist and a women's rights activist. In 2021, when the Taliban returned to power, she refused to flee her country and continued working with women and children. The same year, she was part of the Time's annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world. She is the founder and director of Organization for Research in Peace and Solidarity (ORPS), working in Afghanistan for Peace and Reintegration Programs. Mahbouba. Seraj is also Executive Board Member and Chair of Afghan Women Network or AWN, the biggest women network in Afghanistan. She is the creator and the host of the radio show "Our Beloved Afghanistan by Mahbouba Seraj", intended for women. She established Women's Listening Circles, allowing women to gather and discuss different topics. After her 26-year exile in the United States, she returned to Afghanistan in 2003 and founded a number of organizations to fight against corruption and to support

rights of women and children. She advocated for women's education, for women to be part of the political discourse. Mahbouba Seraj is dedicated to protecting children's health or empowering victims of domestic violence.



Attorney General Loughman of Vanuatu

Arnold Kiel Loughman is the Attorney-General for the Republic of Vanuatu. He was educated at the University of Papua New Guinea (LLB) and the University of Sheffield in the UK (LLM) and worked in both public and private practice for about 19 years prior to being appointed as Attorney-General in 2016. He is currently leading Vanuatu's participation and international coordination in the International Court of Justice's Advisory Opinion on States obligations in relation to climate change.



Ivonne Yanez - Acción Ecológica

Environmental and feminist activist (Equador)

Yvonne Yanez is an environmental and feminist activist from Ecuador and a founding member of Acción Ecológica, one of the main environmental organisations of South America and based in Ecuador. She is also active in other environmental organisations such as Oilwatch Latin America and is a vocal actor of the environmental movement of South America. She has been working on climate topics for more than 20 years and is a critical voice of the policies aggravating climate change as well as the lack of political response to fight the environmental crisis. Overall, she is one the leading figures of the environmental movement in Latin America.



Ruslan Myatiev -Turkmen.news

Turkmen human rights defender

Ruslan Myatiev is a journalist and a human rights defender from Turkmenistan, founder and editor of Turkmen.News - one of the handful independent media and human rights organizations dedicated to Turkmenistan. Due to restrictive environment in Turkmenistan, Myatiev runs Turkmen.News from exile in the Netherlands. With a wide network of local correspondents and sources on all levels of Turkmen power and governance, Turkmen.News covers politics, economics, security and energy issues, as well as topics in the education, healthcare and other social spheres. Myatiev holds a Bachelor's degree in journalism (American University of Central Asia, 2007) and a Master's degree in political science (OSCE Academy, 2008). He speaks Turkmen, English, Dutch and Russian.



Ana Claudia Santano - Transparência Eleitoral Brasil

Brazilian democracy and human rights defender

Ana Claudia Santano is a Law specialist, a Brazilian university professor, a PhD in Rule of Law and active on issues related to democracy. In 2018, she founded and has been the General Coordinator of the Transparência Eleitoral Brasil, an independent Brazilian organisation whose primary objective is to promote and develop democracy and democratic practices, working in collaboration with other Latin countries. Santano is also a professor and a specialist in human rights matters with regards to the law, as she often uses her knowledge in Laws and Political Sciences to promote safe and fair democratic and social practices. She wrote several books on democracy, politics, social issues, law and human rights.



Nacho Sanchez Amor

Rapporteur on the annual report on democracy and human rights in the world and the EU's policies on the matter in 2023

Member of the European Parliament (EP) since 2019: he is a full member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. being the current Standing Rapporteur for Turkey; he is also full member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights. where he is the coordinator (spokesperson) of his political group (S&D). He is also member of the Delegation for the EU-Türkiye JPC and the Delegation for the Euronest PA. He has previously been Secretary of State (deputy minister) for Territorial Policy (2018-2019) in the Spanish Government; Member of the National Parliament (2011-2018); Member of the regional Parliament Extremadura (2007-2011) and Vice President of the Junta de Extremadura (2004-2007), the government of his home region. He has an extensive experience in international policy, human rights and election observation -having conducted more than 20 election observation missions, several of them as chief observer. Graduated in Law from the Complutense University.



Heidi Hautala

Vice President of the European Parliament

Heidi Hautala is Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament in the Greens/EFA group. She was elected as a Vice-President of the European Parliament in October 2017 and serves on the Committee on International Trade and the Subcommittee on Human Rights. In 2017, she established a Working Group on Responsible Business Conduct in the European Parliament.

In Finland, Ms Hautala served as a Member of Parliament from 1991 to 1995 and from 2003 to 2009. From 2011 to 2013, she was the Minister for International Development and State Ownership Steering. She holds a Master's degree in Agriculture and Forestry.

With the active participation of:

European Parliament's rapporteurs

Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Human Rights

- <u>Isabel Wiseler Lima</u>: Rapporteur on the protection of journalists around the world and EU policies on the matter, (EPP)
- <u>David Lega</u>: Rapporteur "Towards an EU strategy to promote education for children in the world: mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the world", (EPP)
- Nacho Sanchez Amor: Rapporteur on the annual report on democracy and human rights in the world and the EU's policies on the matter, (S&D)
- Raphaël Glucksmann: Rapporteur on the opinion related to the proposal for a directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending directive (EU) 2019/1937, (S&D)
- Katalin Cseh: Rapporteur on corruption and human rights, (Renew Europe)
- Soraya Rodriguez Ramos: Rapporteur on the situation of children deprived of liberty in the world, (Renew Europe)
- Salima Yenbou: Rapporteur on the Commission proposal on prohibiting products made with forced labour in the Union's market, (Renew Europe)
- Karol Karski: Rapporteur on the persecution of minorities on the grounds of beliefs of religions, (ECR)
- Hannah Neumann: Rapporteur on the EU's guidelines on human rights defenders, (Greens/EFA)
- Heidi Hautala: Rapporteur on shaping the EU's position on the UN binding instruments on business and human rights in particular on access to remedy and the protection of victims, (Greens/EFA)
- Miguel Urban Crespo: Rapporteur "Access to water as a human right",
 (The Left)

Committee on Development

- György Hölvényi: Rapporteur on EU development cooperation to enhance access to education and training in developing countries (EPP)
- Janina Ochojska: Rapporteur on Policy Coherence for Development (EPP)
- <u>Carlos Zorrinho</u>: Rapporteur on how to build an innovative humanitarian aid strategy: spotlight on current and forgotten crises (S&D)
- Barry Andrews: Rapporteur on the implementation and delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals (Renew Europe)
- Beate Kempa: Rapporteur on addressing food security in developing countries (ECR)

Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

- <u>Lukas Mandl</u>: Rapporteur on the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, (EPP)
- <u>Javier Zarzalejos</u>: Rapporteur on Combating child sexual abuse online, (EPP)
- Katarina Barley: Rapporteur on the Situation of fundamental rights in the European Union - annual report 2022 and 2023 (S&D)
- <u>Evin Incir</u>: Rapporteur on Combating violence against women and domestic violence (S&D)
- <u>Łukasz Kohut</u>: Rapporteur on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, by the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (S&D)
- Sophia In 't Veld: Rapporteur on the Report on the Commission's 2023
 Rule of Law report (Renew)
- Anna Júlia Donáth: Rapporteur on "The shrinking space of civil society in Europe", (Renew)
- Maite Pagazaurtundúa: Rapporteur on Extending the list of EU crimes to hate speech and hate crime (Renew)
- Joachim Stanisław Brudziński: Rapporteur on Electoral rights of mobile Union citizens in municipal elections, (ECR)
- Romeo Franz: Rapporteur on "The Implementation of National Roma Integration Strategies: Combating negative attitudes towards people with Romani background in Europe", (Greens/EFA)
- José Gusmão: Rapporteur on the Implementation report on the EU LGBTIQ Equality Strategy 2020-2025 (The Left)

Members from the EU National Parliaments

- <u>Jiří Kobza</u>: Head of the Delegation of the Czech Chamber of Deputies,
 Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- Maria Antoniou: Head of the Delegation of the Hellenic Parliament, Chair of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights
- <u>loannis Sarakiotis</u>: Member of the Special Permanent Committee on Equality, Youth and Human Rights (Hellenic Parliament)
- Federica Onori: Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Community Affairs (Italian Chamber of Deputies)
- Deborah Bergamini: Member of the Committee on Foreign and European Community Affairs (Italian Chamber of Deputies)
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- Katalin Csöbör: Head of the Delegation of the Hungarian National Assembly, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- <u>Dr. Koloman Brenner</u>: Vice-chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Hungarian National Assembly)
- Henk Marquart Scholtz: Head of the Delegation of the Dutch Senate,
 Member of the Committee on Justice and Security
- Janny Bakker-Klein: Member of the Committee on Justice and Security (Dutch Senate)
- Nikolaus Scherak: Head of the Delegation of the Austrian National Council,
 Chair of the Committee on Human Rights
- Anca Dana Dragu: Chair of the Committee for Human Rights, Equal Opportunities, Religions and Minorities (Romanian Senate)
- Radu Mihai Mihail: Member of the Committee for foreign policy (Romanian Senate)
- <u>Lucia Plavakova</u>: Head of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights
- Zuzana Stevulova: Member of the Delegation of the Slovak National Parliament, Member of the Committee on Human Rights