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Iverna McGowan joined Amnesty International's European Institution's Office in March 2012. She is currently the office's Acting Director, overseeing the organisation's work towards the European Union (EU) and the Council of Europe (CoE). Before being appointed to the post of Director of Programmes in April 2014, Iverna led on policy and strategy coordination, as well as on the organisation's work towards the rotating presidencies of the EU. In 2009, Iverna left her managerial position in the private sector to pursue a career in human rights. She previously worked on human rights policy at the United Nations and at the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She has also worked as a consultant on research ethics. She holds an LL.M in European and International human rights law from the University of Maastricht, and a B.A. in European Studies from Trinity College Dublin.