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JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETING
SVARTSENGI
Tuesday 29 April & Wednesday 30 April 2008

BIOGRAPHIES OF EP MEMBERS



Bilyana Ilieva RAEVA
Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
Member of the bureau

Bulgaria
National Movement Simeon II
Born on 12 July 1973, Varna

Chairwoman

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary

Member

Conference of Delegation Chairmen
Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Substitute

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Curriculum vitae

Master of Economics, International political and economic relations, Academy of Economics, Cracow, Poland (1999)

Postgraduate studies in international and European policies and management, Amsterdam School of International Relations, Universiteit van Amsterdam (UvA), the Netherlands (2000).

Trainee, European Commission, DG INFO (2000-2001).

Expert in information and communication; political adviser on EC enlargement, culture and Euromed - Eurocities, Brussels, Belgium (2002-2005).

Director, Programme and Project Management Directorate - operational programme 'Administrative capacity', Ministry of State Administration and Administrative Reform, Bulgaria (2005-2007).



Aloyzas SAKALAS
Socialist Group in the European Parliament
Member

Lithuania
Lietuvos socialdemokratų partija
Born on 6 July 1931, Anykščiai

Vice-Chairman

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Member

Committee on Legal Affairs

Substitute

Committee on Foreign Affairs
Delegation for relations with Belarus

Curriculum vitae

Degree in Engineering from the Kaunas Polytechnic Institute (1960); doctorate (1970); Associate Professor (1972); qualification as a Professor of Physics and Mathematics (1977). Professor at the University of Vilnius (1980). Engineer at the Institute for Electrographics (1960-1962). Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor at the University of Vilnius (1982-1990).

Member of the Lithuanian Social Democratic Party (LDSP) (1989-1991); Chairman of the LSDP (1991-1999). Honorary Chairman of the LSDP (since 1999).

Chairman of the Committee on the Verification of Credentials of the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania (1990-1992). Deputy President of Parliament (1992-1996); Member of Parliament (1996-2004); Chairman of the Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs (2000-2004).

Chairman of the organisation 'Help Lithuanian Children' (1993-2004).

Honours: Prize of the Council of Ministers of the LSSR for academic achievement, State Prize of the LSSR for academic achievement, Commander of the Order of the Lithuanian Grand Duke Gediminas, awarded for political service, Medal of the Republic of China (Taiwan), awarded for his work in improving relations.



Jens-Peter BONDE
Independence/Democracy Group
Chairman

Denmark
JuniBevægelsen - Mod Unionen
Born on 27 March 1948, Åbenrå

Vice-Chairman

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Member

Conference of Presidents
Committee on Constitutional Affairs

Substitute

Committee on Budgetary Control
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Curriculum vitae

Advanced school-leaving certificate (1966). Studied political science (1966-1974). Editor (1974-1979).

Co-founder of the People's Movement against the EC (1972). Co-founder of Denmark 92 (1991). Co-founder (1992) and spokesperson (since 1992) of the June Movement.

Member of the European Parliament (since 1979). Chairman of the Delegation for relations with Iceland (1992-1994). Co-Chairman (1994-1997) and Chairman (1997-1999) of the EDN Group. Chairman of the Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities (1999-2004). Chairman of the Independence/Democracy Group.

Co-founder of the Intergroup SOS Democracy. Co-founder of the Intergroup Eurosun. Co-founder of TEAM (1992). Co-founder of Friends of Clean Accounts, The Referendum Group (2004).



Marie PANAYOTOPOULOS-CASSIOTOU

**Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
Member**

Greece

Nea Dimokratia

Born on 29 July 1952, Chios

Member

Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Committee on Petitions

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Legal Affairs

Committee of Inquiry into the crisis of the Equitable Life Assurance Society

Curriculum vitae

Graduate in Greek and French literature (Athens 1974). Graduate in Byzantine and modern Greek literature (Athens 1976). DEA (Paris I Sorbonne, 1977). Doctorate in History (Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne 1982), Diploma in History and Byzantine Culture (Bari, 1982). Specialist in Education and Vocational Guidance (Lyons II, 1983). Lexicographic research (Bonn, 1996-1997). Assistant French teacher (1975). Language teacher in lower and upper secondary schools in Greece (1980-1984) and Germany (1984-1990). Educational and vocational guidance counsellor Germany (1990-1996). Deputy educational coordinator for Western Europe (Greece) (1993-1994). Teacher of modern Greek language and literature and Byzantine literature at the University of Bonn. Involved in compilation of Byzantine-Greek dictionary (1996-2003).

Member of Stuttgart (1984-1990) and Bonn (1990-2004) New Democracy Movement. Representative of the Greek Confederation of Large Families in COFACE (1998-2004).

Awarded Silver Cross of the Legion of Honour by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr R. Herzog (1994).



Paul RÜBIG

**Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
Member**

Austria

Österreichische Volkspartei - Liste Ursula Stenzel

Born on 6 May 1953, Wels

Member

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Budgets
Committee on Budgetary Control
Temporary Committee on Climate Change
Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand

Curriculum vitae

Farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic (1967-1972). Studied economics in Linz (1972-1978). Doctorate, Linz University Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy (1978-1984). Managing director of the Rübiger Schmied company. Member, Upper Austria Regional Assembly (1991-1996). Chairman, EU Integration Committee.

Member of the Nationalrat (1996).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1996). EPP-ED Group coordinator in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. Substitute member of the Committee on Budgets. Member of the Lisbon Strategy Coordination Group. EPP small business spokesman on the WTO Steering Committee. Vice-Chairman, Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway (2002-2004), (Arctic Council and EFTA). Substitute member of the Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand.

President, SME Circle (1999-2000).

Co-President (2000-2001) and President (2001-2003), Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union.

President, SME Global (since 2003). Board member, Upper Austria Business Promotion Institute (1991-1996).

Vice-President, Upper Austria Chamber of Commerce (1996-2000).

President of EUCUSA (2000-2002). Industry Vice-Chairman, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (2000-2005).



Alyn SMITH
Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Member

United Kingdom
Scottish National Party
Born on 15 September 1973, Glasgow

Member

Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee

Substitute

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Curriculum vitae

LLB (Hons.), Leeds University and Heidelberg University (1994). MA (Advanced European Studies) College of Europe (1995). Diploma in Legal Practice, Nottingham Law School (1996).

Qualified solicitor, Clifford Chance, London (1999).

Anderson Strathern Solicitors Edinburgh 2000-2002.

Scottish Parliament Advisor to Richard Lochhead MSP, Shadow Scottish Fisheries Minister 2002-2003. Scottish Parliament, Scottish National Party Group Justice Business and Europe Advisor 2003-2004.