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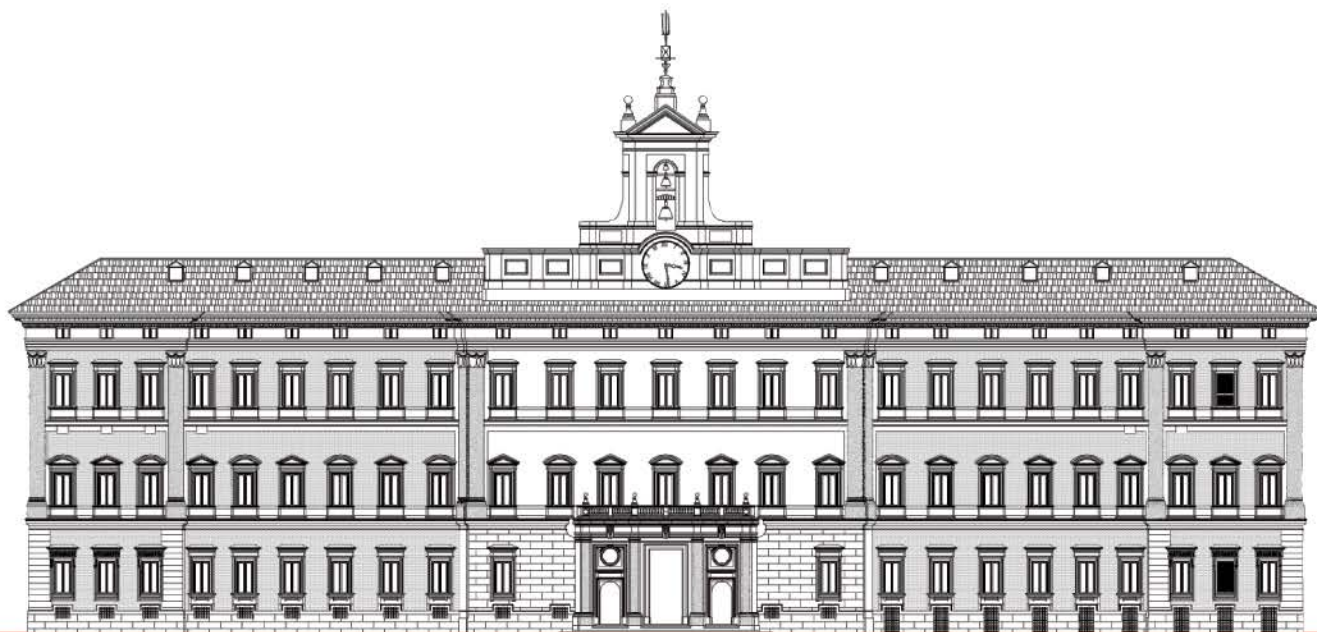
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# AUSTRIA

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**Doris BURES**

*President*



Group: Austrian Social Democratic Parliamentary Group

Party: Austrian Social Democratic Party (SPÖ)

### **Career**

Born: 3 August 1962, Vienna

Primary school

Comprehensive school

Commercial school

1980 federal office of Socialist Youth

1985 - 1986 project with unemployed adolescents

1988 - 1994 Secretary of the Association of Socialist Municipal and District Deputies Vienna

1995 - 2000 Secretary General of Tenants Association Austria

2000 - 2007 & 2008 Federal Executive Director of Austrian Social Democratic Party (SPÖ)

### **Political Career**

05/11/1990 - 15/01/2007 National Council member

11/01/2007 - 28/02/2007 Minister without Portfolio

01/03/2007 - 01/07/2008 Minister for Women, Media and Public Services

03/07/2008 - 02/12/2008 National Council member

02/12/2008 - 31/08/2014 Minister for Transport, Innovation and Technology

29/10/2013 - 16/12/2013 National Council member

02/09/2014 - today National Council member

02/09/2014 - today President of the National Council



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## Ingrid WINKLER

*Vice President*



### Career

Born: 22 October 1958, Wiener Neustadt (Lower Austria)

Wehrl primary school, Wiener Neustadt

Lower secondary school, Wiener Neustadt

Commercial college, Wiener Neustadt

Staff member of the accounting department, specializing in controlling and cost accounting, at Wiener Neustadt Holding GmbH

Managing director of Druck- und Verlagsanstalt Gutenberg GmbH

Head of accounting at Druck- und Verlagsanstalt Gutenberg GmbH

Office clerk at Dkfm. Rudolf Scheicher, tax consultant

2011 Award of professional title of Kommerzialrätin

### Political Career

2008 - 2013 Member of the Municipal Senate of the City of Wiener Neustadt

2013 - today Chairperson of the SPÖ women's district organization of Wiener Neustadt

2014 - today Deputy chairperson of the SPÖ district party organization of Wiener Neustadt

24/04/2013 - today Member of the Federal Council

01/01/2016 - today Vice President of the Federal Council

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Membre du groupe N-VA. Né à Gand le 21 février 1953. Licencié en philologie germanique. Ancien journaliste. Président de la Chambre. Ancien vice-président de la Chambre. Conseiller communal de Gand.

Président de la commission de la Révision de la Constitution et de la Réforme des Institutions. Ancien président de la commission de l'Intérieur, des Affaires générales et de la Fonction publique.

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*President*



Née à Liège le 29 avril 1962

Licenciée en droit (ULg)

Avocate

1985-1987 : attachée de cabinet (vice-premier ministre et ministre des Réformes institutionnelles)

1989-1994 et depuis 2001 : conseillère communale (Liège)

Depuis 1999 : membre du Parlement wallon

Depuis 1999 : membre du Parlement de la Communauté française

2003-2008 : présidente du TEC Liège-Verviers

2003-2014 : sénatrice désignée par le Parlement de la Communauté française

2003-2009 et 2011-2014 : présidente du groupe MR (Sénat)

2004-2007 : membre suppléante de l'Assemblée parlementaire du Conseil de l'Europe et de l'Assemblée de l'Union de l'Europe occidentale

Depuis le 3 juillet 2014 : sénatrice des entités fédérées désignée par le Parlement wallon

Depuis le 14 octobre 2014 : présidente du Sénat

Officier de l'ordre de Léopold (21 mai 2014)

# CIPRO

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (VOULI ANTIPROSOPON)

**Demetrios SYLLOURIS**

*President*



Place of origin and date of birth:

Potamia, Nicosia District, 27 July 1953.

Marital status:

Married to Antigoni Nicolaidou; has three daughters and one son.

Studies:

Civil Engineering (North East London Polytechnic).

Profession:

Civil engineer.

Parliamentary tenury / activity:

Representative of Nicosia constituency under the banner of the Democratic Rally Party (DISY)-Liberals Coalition 1991-2001, under the banner of DISY 2001-2004, independent 2004-2005 and under the banner of the European Party since 2005.

Was:

- ☐ Parliamentary Spokesman of DISY (June 2001-May 2004).
- ☐ Member of the Committee of Selection.
- ☐ Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Trade and Industry.
- ☐ Deputy Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs.
- ☐ Second Vice-chairman of the delegation of the House to the EU-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC).

Is:

- ☐ Spokesman of the European Party group in the House.

- ☐ Member of the Committee of Selection.
- ☐ Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Institutions, Merit and the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).
- ☐ Member of the House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs and of the House Standing Committee on Internal Affairs.
- ☐ Member of the delegation of the House to the Conference of Community and European Affairs Committees of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC).

Political career:

- ☐ Secretary of the DISY Youth Organisation (NEDISY) and DISY Enlightenment Committees.
- ☐ Nicosia District Organisational Secretary of DISY and General Secretary of the Party.
- ☐ Observer to the European Parliament (2003) and member of the Political Group of the European People's Party.
- ☐ Member of the Cyprus Scientific and Technical Chamber (ETEK).
- ☐ Founding member and President of the European Party since 2005.
- ☐ Member of the National Council, the supreme advisory body to the President of the Republic on the Cyprus problem.

# CROAZIA

HRVATSKI SABOR

Božo PETROV

*President*



## Carriera politica

Il 17 novembre 2012, assieme ad altre persone che non avevano fino ad allora fatto politica attiva, Petrov fonda la piattaforma politica regionalista [\*Most nezavisnih lista\*](#) ([Ponte delle Liste Indipendenti](#) - [MOST](#)). Božo Petrov ne è il fondatore e primo presidente.<sup>[3]</sup>

Nel 2013 MOST partecipa alle elezioni amministrative della città di [Metković](#), in cui ottiene il 46,25% dei voti e 9 seggi su 17 del consiglio comunale (l'affluenza al voto è del 67,49%).<sup>[4]</sup> Božo Petrov, con il 45,78% dei voti passa al secondo turno, dove sconfigge con il 67,94% dei voti il sindaco uscente Stipe Gabrić "Jambo", al potere dal 1997. Alle stesse elezioni [MOST](#) vince il 9,97% dei voti alle elezioni regionali ed entra nell'assemblea regionale della [Regione raguseo-narentana](#) ([Contea di Dubrovnik-Neretva](#))<sup>[5]</sup>

Alle [elezioni politiche del 2015](#), MOST decide di partecipare su scala nazionale, congiungendosi ad altri politici locali indipendenti dal resto del paese. Il partito, guidato da Petrov, fa campagna per la responsabilità fiscale, la riduzione della spesa e del debito pubblico, il taglio delle tasse, la riforma del settore pubblico e la riduzione delle divisioni amministrative della Croazia.

# DANIMARCA

## FOLKETINGET

### Jan E. JØRGENSEN

*Member of Parliament*



Jan Ejnar Jørgensen, born February 19th 1965 in Frederiksberg, son of Einar Jacob Sørensen and Asta Noomi Jørgensen. Married to Jane Nørgaard Jørgensen. Father of Kamma Nørgaard Jørgensen and Valdemar Nørgaard Jørgensen.

#### **Member period**

Member of Parliament for the Liberal Party in Copenhagen greater constituency from September 15th 2011.

Candidate for the Liberal Party in Frederiksberg Slot nomination district from 2011.

Candidate for the Liberal Party in Utterslev nomination district from 2006 to 2011.

Candidate for the Liberal Party in Østerbro nomination district from 1993 to 1995.

Candidate for the Liberal Party in Brønshøj nomination district from 1993 to 1995.

#### **Parliamentary career**

Spokesman on European affairs and access to public administration files from 2016, human rights from 2014 and naturalisation from 2011. Member of the Children's and Education Committee, the Business, Growth and Export Committee, the European Affairs Committee, the Naturalization Committee, the Cultural Affairs Committee, the Legal Affairs Committee, the Fiscal Affairs Committee, the Transport and Building Committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Immigration and Integration Affairs Committee.

#### **Education and jobs**

Master's degree (law), University of Copenhagen, from 1989 to 1995.

Matriculation certificate in the social languages line, Sankt Annæ Upper Secondary School, from 1981 to 1984.

High Court Barrister (L), DLA Nordic and Horten, from 2005 to 2011.

Environmental Consultant, trainee solicitor, High Court Barrister (L), 'De Samvirkende Købmænd', from 1997 to 2005.

Director, 'Foreningen for et Bedre Butiksmiljø', from 1995 to 1997.

Advertising Consultant, 'Vibenhushuset Butikscenters avis', from 1989 to 1995.

Advertising Consultant, 'Farum Nyt', from 1985 to 1988.

Journalist, 'Frederiksberg Posten', 1985.

Secretary, the Young Liberals, from 1984 to 1986.

Temporary primary school teacher, Rådmandsgades School and Stevnsgades School, from 1984 to

1985.

Subscription Inspector, 'Berlingske Tidende', from 1984 to 1985.

Cantor, Korsvejs Church, Johannes Døbers Church, Høje Gladsaxe Church, from 1981 to 1986.

### **Affiliations**

A series of posts with the Young Liberals 1983-1990, including the chairmanship of the Young Liberals Copenhagen and the Young Liberals Frederiksberg, member of the national committee, editor of »Unge Liberale« and chairman of the national convention committee. A series of posts with the Liberal Party 1983-1998, including the vice-chairmanship of the Liberal Party in Frederiksberg and editor of »Taburetten«. Member of Frederiksberg Municipal Council from 1998, acting deputy mayor 1999 and 2001, chairman of the Children's and Education Committee 1998-2009, Alderman from 2002, chairman of the Urban Affairs and Environment Committee from 2010. Blogger with Berlingske, »Den politiske puls« from 2016.

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# ESTONIA

## RIIGIKOGU

### Enn EESMAA

*First Vice President*



**Date and place of birth:** 7 June 1946; Tallinn, Estonia

**Family:** widower, one son

**Education:** Tallinn English College (former Tallinn Secondary School No. 7) 1964; University of Tartu, English philology 1969 (equivalent to Master's degree)

**Career:** Estonian Television, Programme Deputy Director, Editor-in-Chief of news programme "Aktuaalne Kaamera", presenter (entertainment and culture programmes, quiz shows), newsreader, commentator, 1970–1993; Finnish Mainos TV, Correspondent in the Baltic States 1989–1993; Office of the President of the Republic, media adviser 1993–1994; TV channel EVTV, Director General 1994–1996; TV3, Head of News Department, presenter, foreign news editor 1996–2003

**Party affiliation:** Estonian Centre Party 2003–, Member of Board

**Membership in representative bodies:** X Riigikogu (Deputy Chairman 2003–2005 and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee 2005–2007), XI Riigikogu, XII Riigikogu, XIII Riigikogu (Deputy Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee 2007–2016, Vice-President of the Riigikogu 2016–); elected to Tallinn City Council 2005, 2009 and 2013

**Awards:** Order of the White Star, 4th Class 2002; National Order of the Legion of Honour of France 2001; Order for Merits to Lithuania, Cross of Commander 2006; Order of Merit of the Republic of Austria, Grand Decoration of Honour in Gold 2010

**Other activities:** Programmes in Estonian Television, TV3 and Tallinn Television, and KUKU Radio. Has published book "Sajandi suured staarid" ("Great Stars of the Century", 2001) and articles in the Estonian press, has also performed songs

**Hobbies:** history, music, literature, television, cinema

# FINLANDIA

EDUSKUNTA

**Anne-Mari VIROLAINEN**

*Chair of the Grand Committee*



**Electoral district:**

Electoral District of Varsinais-Suomi 21.03.2007 -

**Present memberships in committees:**

Speaker's Council (member) 05.05.2015 -  
Grand Committee (member) 03.05.2011 - , (Chair)  
05.05.2015 -  
Working Subcommittee of the Grand Committee  
(Chair) 05.05.2015 -  
Constitutional Law Committee (deputy member)  
09.06.2015 -  
Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe  
(member) 08.02.2017 -  
Inter-Parliamentary Union, Finnish Group (member)  
29.06.2015 -  
Forum for International Affairs (member) 05.05.2015 -

**Earlier memberships in committees:**

Transport and Communications Committee (member)  
03.04.2007 - 19.04.2011  
Agriculture and Forestry Committee (member)  
03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Commerce Committee (deputy member) 03.05.2007 -  
19.04.2011  
Committee for the Future (member) 03.05.2007 -  
09.10.2009, (member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Environment Committee (deputy member) 03.05.2007  
- 07.10.2009, (member) 08.10.2009 - 19.04.2011,  
(deputy member) 03.05.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Finance Committee (deputy member) 03.05.2011 -  
21.04.2015

Employment and Equality Committee (vice chair)  
03.05.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Subcommittee for Municipal and Health Affairs  
(member) 01.09.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Housing and Environment Subcommittee (member)  
01.09.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Administration Committee (deputy member)  
05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council (member)  
04.04.2007 - 19.04.2011, (deputy member) 10.06.2011 -  
29.06.2011  
Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe  
(member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015

**Parliamentary group:**

Parliamentary Group of the National Coalition Party  
21.03.2007 -

## FRANCIA

### ASSEMBLÉE NATIONALE

**Claude BARTOLONE**

*Président*



Né à Tunis le 29 juillet 1951, de mère maltaise et de père italien, Claude Bartolone arrive en France à l'âge de 9 ans. Ses parents, avec leurs trois enfants, s'installent au Pré-Saint-Gervais en Seine-Saint-Denis. Scolarisé dans l'école de la République, il obtient une licence de mathématiques puis devient cadre dans l'industrie pharmaceutique.

Parallèlement, il adhère au parti socialiste au Pré-Saint-Gervais avant d'accéder à son premier mandat municipal en 1977. En 1981, il est élu député et devient l'un des benjamins de l'Assemblée nationale.

Fort de son ancrage local, il est réélu député et devient maire du Pré-Saint-Gervais en 1995. Trois ans plus tard, il est nommé Ministre délégué à la Ville au sein du gouvernement de Lionel Jospin.

En 2008, Claude Bartolone est élu Président du conseil général de la Seine-Saint-Denis. Il fait de l'éducation, de la mixité sociale et du développement économique ses grandes priorités.

Parlementaire aguerri, Claude Bartolone a assumé les fonctions de Vice-président de l'Assemblée nationale (du 02/04/1992 au 01/04/1993) puis de Président de la commission des affaires culturelles, familiales et sociales (du 17/06/1997 au 01/04/1998).

Entre juin et décembre 2011, Claude Bartolone a présidé la commission d'enquête parlementaire sur les emprunts et produits à risque souscrits par les collectivités territoriales et les acteurs publics locaux, créée à l'unanimité de l'Assemblée nationale à son initiative. Son rapport a également été adopté à l'unanimité des membres de la commission d'enquête.

## SÉNAT

### GÉRARD LARCHER

*President*



Etat Civil

Né le 14 septembre 1949

Profession

Docteur vétérinaire

- Membre du [groupe Union pour un Mouvement Populaire](#)

### *Election*

- Elu le 28 septembre 1986
- Réélu le 24 septembre 1995 jusqu'au 30 avril 2004 (devenu membre du Gouvernement)
- Redevenu Sénateur le 1er octobre 2007 (en remplacement de Mme Adeline Gousseau, démissionnaire)
- Réélu le 25 septembre 2011

### *Intercommunalité*

- Conseiller de la Communauté de communes Plaines et Forêts d'Yvelines

### *Autres fonctions*

- Président de droit du Groupe français de l'Union Interparlementaire (U.I.P.)

### *Fonctions antérieures*

- Vice-président du Sénat
- Secrétaire du Sénat
- Ministre délégué

- Président de la commission des affaires économiques
- Membre de la Section française de l'Assemblée parlementaire de la francophonie (A.P.F.)
- Maire de Rambouillet
- Membre de la Commission consultative du secret de la défense nationale
- Membre de la Commission supérieure du service public des postes et des communications électroniques
- Membre du Conseil national de l'aménagement et du développement du territoire (CNADT)
- Chargé d'une mission temporaire auprès de la Ministre de la santé, de la jeunesse et des sports
- Chargé d'une mission temporaire auprès du Ministre de la culture et de la francophonie

# GERMANIA

## BUNDESTAG

### Norbert LAMMERT

*President*



Professor Norbert Lammert has served as President of the German Bundestag since October 2005. On 22 October 2013, the Members of the Bundestag re-elected him to the top parliamentary post. In terms of protocol, he ranks second only to the President of the Federal Republic. As President of the Bundestag he ensures that Parliament's rules are upheld and represents Parliament in the public sphere. He also heads the Bundestag Administration, which has around 2500 members of staff, and the Bundestag police.

#### *Political career*

Norbert Lammert was born in 1948. After obtaining his *Abitur* (higher-education entrance qualification) and completing military service, he studied political science, modern history and social economics in Bochum

and at Oxford.

He joined the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 1966. In 1975, he obtained his doctorate in social science. After holding a range of political posts at local and regional level, he was elected to the Bundestag in 1980. He served as deputy chairman of the Committee for the Scrutiny of Elections, Immunity and the Rules of Procedure from 1983 to 1989, then as a parliamentary state secretary at various federal ministries in the 1990s.

#### *Above the party fray*

Regarding his post as President of the Bundestag, he says: "This post is unlike almost any other political office, in fact, because it is clearly positioned at the heart of the political action, not outside of active politics, yet at the same time the President is – as laid down in the Bundestag's Rules of Procedure – above the party fray. This balancing act demands a great deal of skill at times and is, in a sense, a never-ending intelligence test which every President is required to undertake."

#### *Cultural policy: not a diversion*

Norbert Lammert ensures that Members do not cross the line in the Bundestag's lively debates. "In my opinion, it does the Bundestag no harm for there to be lighter moments amidst the serious matters we deal with," he says.

He is keenly interested in cultural policy. In his view, art is not one of life's most pleasant diversions; it is one of the essentials. "Because what will remain of this generation in our country's collective memory is not the tax laws we have passed, or the miles of motorway we have built, or the benefits we have increased or reduced; it is our artistic and cultural achievements which will be passed on to future generations," Lammert says.

**BUNDESRAT**

**Malu DREYER**

*President*



Born February 6th, 1961, in Neustadt an der Weinstraße

1977

One-year stay in Claremont, California

1980

Graduation from secondary school(German Abitur) in Neustadt an der Weinstraße

Studies of English and Theology at the University of Mainz

From

1981

Law Studies at the University of Mainz

1987

First state examination

1990

Second state examination

1989-1991

Research Assistant to Professor Dr. Pflug at Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz

1991

Appointed probationary judge

Service contract as public prosecutor of the city of Bad Kreuznach

1992

Officer in the Research and Documentation Service of the Rhineland-Palatinate StateParliament

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May 18th, 1995

Full-time Mayor of the city of Bad-Kreuznach

September 24th, 1997

Head of Department for Social Affairs, Youth, and Housing of the city of Mainz

March 15th, 2002

Minister for Work, Social Affairs, Family, and Health of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

December 6th, 2006

Minister for Work, Social Affairs, Health, Family, and Women of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

May 18th, 2011

Minister for Social Affairs, Work, Health, and Demography of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

Since January 16th,2013

Minister President of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate

Since November 1st, 2016

President of the Bundesrat

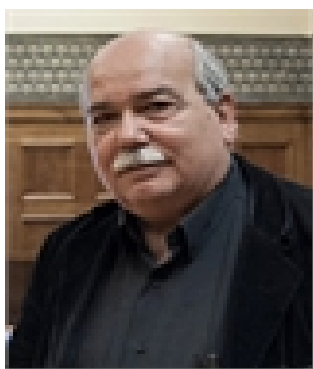


## GRECIA

VOULI TON ELLINON

Nikolaos VOUTSIS

*President*



**Place and Date of Birth:**

Nikos Voutsis was born in Athens in 1951. His place of origin is Tegea in the prefecture of Arkadia.

**Marital Status:**

He is married to Angeliki Papazoglou and he has three children George, Arianna-Nicky and Panos.

**Profession:**

He worked as a freelancer (1975 – 2010).

**Studies:**

He graduated from the Experimental School of the University of Athens (Class of '69)

He graduated from the Civil Engineer School of the National Technical University of Athens.

Foreign Languages:

He speaks German.

**Parliamentary Activities**

- Elected MP of SYRIZA in the 1st Constituency of Athens in the elections of May and June 2012. Re-elected in the January and September 2015 elections.
- Secretary of the Parliamentary Group of SYRIZA (June 2012 – December 2014).
- Member of the Standing Committee on Public Order, Public Administration and Justice and of the Special Permanent Committee on Institutions and Transparency of the Hellenic Parliament.

**Political/Social Activities**

- He actively participated in the mass student movement against the military regime as a member of the anti-junta student committees of the National Technical University of Athens. He vice-chaired the first Central Council of the National Student Union of Greece

in 1975 after the restitution of democracy, which resulted from the National Council of which he was a member of the Bureau.

- Secretary of the Central Council of the Student Organization (EKON Rigas Feraios) of the Communist Party of Greece - Interior (KKE Interior) during two periods (1980 – 1985). A member of the Communist Party of Greece – Interior and the 9-member Secretariat until 1986. He participated in the Communist Party of Greece – Interior – Reformist Left from 1987 to 1991.

- He became a member of SYNASPISMOS (Coalition of the Left) following the 1993 elections and was elected to the Central Committee . He was Head of the Press office of SYNASPISMOS from 2000 to 2006. Since SYRIZA formation, he has been a candidate MP from 2004 and member of its Central Committee from the founding congress of SYRIZA until today.

- Candidate for the position of Deputy Head of the Region and Councilor of the Region of Attica with “Cooperation in Attica – No to the Memorandum” in the period of 2010 to 2012.

- Minister of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction in the first SYRIZA – ANEL government (January – August 2015).

## IRLANDA

### DAIL EIREANN

#### Pat "the Cope" GALLAGHER

*Deputy Speaker*



Pat the Cope Gallagher is the 20<sup>th</sup> Leas Cheann Comhairle of Dail Eireann having been elected by secret ballot on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2016. Representing the newly established 5 seater constituency of Donegal, having previously served the constituency of Donegal South West between June 1981 to June 1997 and again between May 2002 to June 2009. In the intervening period he served in the European Parliament between June 1994 to June 2002 and again June 2009 to May 2014. Pat served as Chairperson of Donegal County Council in 1985/86 having been first elected to the Council in 1979. He also served in various roles - as a Minister of State in the Departments of the Gaeltachta Affairs, Marine, Transport , Environment and Health Promotion. He is a native Irish speaker and prior to entering politics worked in the fish processing sector, a graduate of the National University of Galway where he obtained a Degree in Commerce. He is married to Ann and resides in Dungloe, Co Donegal.

## SEANAD ÉIREANN

### Catherine ARDAGH

*Member of Seanad Éireann*



Senator and Leader of the Fianna Fail Group in Seanad Eireann (Irish Senate)  
Experienced Professional with 11 years PQE (Barrister 5 years and Solicitor 6 years)  
with excellent advisory and advocacy skills.

Principal and owner of Ardagh Solicitors, Solicitor's practice with three employees.  
Very strong interpersonal and communication skills as well as problem-solving and  
decision making skills.

#### **Political Experience**

Senator and Leader of the Fianna Fail group in the Senate 2016-Present

General Election Candidate Dublin South Central February 2016

Dublin City Councillor 2014-2016

#### **Professional Experience**

Principal, Ardagh Solicitors September 2011 – Present

BPO'Reilly Solicitors, Tallaght January 2011 –

September 2011

The Bar of Ireland

Junior Counsel

2011

July 2006 – January

#### **Professional and Personal Development**

Member of Dublin City Council

Accredited Mediator -Mediation Forum Ireland

Member of the Employment Bar Association 2006-2011

Member of Women for Election Group

Member of the Walkinstown Business Association

New member of South Dublin Chamber of Commerce

# LETTONIA

## SAEIMA

### Gundars DAUDZE

*Deputy Speaker*



**Date of Birth:** 9 May 1965

**Education:** Certified health care manager  
Certified anaesthesiologist and intensive care physician  
1989-1990 Internship in anaesthesiology and intensive care  
Children's Clinical Hospital of the  
Republic of Latvia

1983-1989 Paediatrician  
Riga Medical Institute, Department of Paediatrics

1975-1983 Riga Secondary School No. 49

1972-1975 Talsi Primary School No. 2

**Language proficiency:** Latvian English Russian

**Work experience:** *Member of the 12th Saeima*  
Parliamentary group of the Union of Greens and Farmers  
Deputy Speaker of the 12th Saeima

04.11.2014 *Membership in committees:*  
Legal Affairs Committee; Parliamentary Inquiry Committee; Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee; Criminal Law Policy Subcommittee of the Legal Affairs Committee

*Membership in permanent delegations:*  
- Latvian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Head of the delegation

- 08.07.2011-03.11.2014 Head of the Chancery of the President of Latvia
2010. - 2011. *Member of the Saeima*  
 Parliamentary group of the Union of Greens and Farmers  
 Deputy Speaker of the Saeima
- Membership in committees:*  
 National Security Committee, Chairman; Legal Affairs Committee; Judicial Policy Subcommittee of the Legal Affairs Committee; Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee
- Membership in permanent delegations:*  
 Latvian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Head of the delegation
- Membership in groups:*  
 Group for interparliamentary relations with the United States of America; Group for interparliamentary relations with Georgia; Group for interparliamentary relations with Japan; Group for interparliamentary relations with Russia; Group for interparliamentary relations with the People's Republic of China; Group for interparliamentary relations with Lithuania; Group for interparliamentary relations with Poland; Group for interparliamentary relations with Canada; Group for interparliamentary relations with Estonia
2007. - 2010. *Member of the Saeima*  
 Parliamentary group of the Union of Greens and Farmers Speaker of the Saeima
- Membership in committees:* National Security Committee, Secretary; Legal Affairs Committee; Foreign Affairs Committee; Social Security Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee; Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee
- Membership in permanent delegations:* - Latvian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union
2006. - 2007. *Member of the Saeima* Parliamentary group of the Union of Greens and Farmers
- Membership in committees:* Government Review Committee; Social and Employment Matters Committee; Employment Subcommittee of

the Social and Employment Matters Committee; Public Health Subcommittee of the Social and Employment Matters Committee

*Membership in permanent delegations:* Latvian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union

2006. - 2007.	Parliamentary secretary Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
2005. - 2006.	Member of the Ventspils City Council
2004. - 2006.	Member of the board and medical director Ventspils Hospital
1996. - 2004.	Medical director Ventspils City Hospital
Since August 1990	Anaesthesiologist and intensive care physician Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Unit, Ventspils Hospital

### **Political Affiliation**

Since 2001 Political organisation (party) For Latvia and Ventspils

### **Public Activities**

February 2007 – September 2007 Member of the UNESCO Latvian National Commission

Member of the Association of the Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Specialists of Latvia

Member of the Association of the Health Care Management Specialists of Latvia

### **Hobbies** Sailing

# LITHUANIA

## SEIMAS

**Viktoras PRANCKIETIS**

*President*



**Date of birth** 1958  
**Place of Birth** Ruteliai Village, Kelmė District, Lithuania

### **Education**

1998 PhD in biomedicine  
1977–1982 Lithuanian Academy of Agriculture, Diploma of Agronomist  
1973–1977 Tytuvėnai Agricultural College  
1965–1973 Tytuvėnai Secondary School

### **Work experience**

Since 2016 Professor, Aleksandras Stulginskis University  
2008–2016 Dean, Faculty of Agronomy, Aleksandras Stulginskis University  
1998-2015 Associated Professor  
2006-2008 Head of the Department of Horticulture, Lithuanian Academy of Agriculture (currently Aleksandras Stulginskis University)  
1976-1977 Agronomist

### **Political career**

Since 2014 Member of the Council and Board, Deputy Chair of the Lithuanian Peasant and Greens Union  
Former Member, Municipal Council of Kaunas District

### **Miscellaneous**



Former Member of the Board of the Lithuanian Agronomists Union  
Former Member of the Council and Senate, Aleksandras Stulginskis University  
Publications: research publications, textbooks, articles  
Scientific achievements: plant breeding

**Family**

Wife Irena, PhD in biomedicine, Associate Professor at the Institute of Agroecosystems and Soil Science

Three children: son Vaidotas, businessman; daughter Viktorija, Key Account Manager at an IT company; and daughter Monika, graduate, Faculty of Agronomy, Aleksandras Stulginskis University

# LUSSEMBURGO

## CHAMBRE DES DÉPUTÉS

**Mars DI BARTOLOMEO**

*President*



Membre de la Chambre des Députés (Historique)

- Président depuis le 05/12/2013
- Député du 13/07/2004 au 30/07/2004
- Député du 13/07/1999 au 05/06/2004
- Député du 18/07/1994 au 08/06/1999
- Député du 18/07/1989 au 05/06/1994

### Fonctions

- Membre du Parti ouvrier socialiste luxembourgeois
- Membre du groupe politique socialiste depuis le 05/12/2013
- Président du Bureau depuis le 05/12/2013
- Président de la Conférence des Présidents depuis le 05/12/2013
- Membre effectif de la Délégation luxembourgeoise à l'Assemblée parlementaire de l'Organisation pour la Sécurité et la Coopération en Europe (OSCE) (Président de la Chambre des Députés, membre d'office) depuis le 05/12/2013
- Membre effectif de la Délégation luxembourgeoise auprès du Conseil Parlementaire Interrégional (CPI) (Président de la Chambre des Députés, membre d'office) depuis le 05/12/2013

### **Fonctions antérieures**

- Ministre de la Santé de 2004 à 2013
- Ministre de la Sécurité sociale de 2004 à 2013
- Vice-Président de la Commission de la Santé et de la Sécurité sociale du 09/10/2001 au 05/06/2004
- Membre suppléant de la Délégation à l'Assemblée Parlementaire de l'OTAN du 12/08/1999 au 05/06/2004
- Président de la Délégation à l'Assemblée Parlementaire de l'OTAN du 27/07/1994 au 12/08/1999
- Membre effectif de la Délégation luxembourgeoise auprès du Conseil Parlementaire Interrégional (CPI) du 12/10/1989 au 13/10/1992
- Membre de la Commission spéciale "Immigration" du 12/06/2001 au 09/03/2004
- Membre de la Commission spéciale "Plan d'action national en faveur de l'emploi" du 12/08/1999 au 05/06/2004
- Membre de la Commission des Affaires intérieures (volet Police) du 10/10/2000 au 05/06/2004
- Vice-Président de la Commission de la Fonction publique et de la Réforme administrative du 10/10/2000 au 05/06/2004
- Vice-Président de la Commission de la Famille, de la Solidarité sociale et de la Jeunesse du 10/10/2000 au 05/06/2004
- Membre de la Commission des Comptes du 12/08/1999 au 05/06/2004

### **Mandats communaux et professions**

- Membre du Comité, Syvicol (Syndicat des Villes et Communes Luxembourg depuis le 27/03/2000
- Bourgmestre, Ville de Dudelange du 01/01/1994 au 30/07/2004
- Conseiller, Ville de Dudelange du 01/01/1988 au 31/12/1993
- Rédacteur en chef adjoint, Tageblatt
- Journaliste, Tageblatt de 1972 à 1984

# MALTA

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### Anglu FARRUGIA

*President*

Dr Anglu Farrugia LL.D. M.Jur. (*magna cum laude*), has assumed office after being elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Malta, during the first sitting of the Twelfth Legislature on 6 April 2013.

Dr Farrugia first entered Parliament in 1996, and was re-elected in 1998, 2003 and 2008. Between 1998 and 2008, Dr Farrugia was the Shadow Minister for Justice. In June 2008, he was elected as the Labour Party's Deputy Leader responsible for Parliamentary Affairs, and served for five years as the Opposition's Shadow Minister on Employment and Workers' Rights.

Dr Farrugia was Chairman of the Standing Committee of the House for the Consideration of Bills between 1996 and 1998, and an ad hoc member between 1998 and 2013 on the same committee. Between 1996 and 2008, he was also a member of the Privileges Committee of the House of Representatives.

Dr Farrugia headed the Maltese Parliament's delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) between 1996 and 1998, and served as a member of the delegation since then till 2008. He has travelled abroad on a number of EU and OSCE missions as an international observer during the holding of various elections, including the ones in Georgia (1999), the Presidential Election in Palestine (2004), the US Presidential Election in 2004, the Montenegrin Independence Referendum (2006) and the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Zambia (2006).

Dr Farrugia also served as a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Standing Committee on Human Rights.

Prior to entering politics, Dr Farrugia moved up the ranks within the Malta Police Force from 1977 to 1996, leaving the Force in the rank of Police Superintendent. During this period, he graduated as a lawyer from the University of Malta.

Dr Farrugia was born on the 29th December 1955 in Mosta, and is married to Carmen née Zammit. They have a daughter, Caroline, who is a practising lawyer.



## PAESI BASSI

### EERSTE KAMER

#### Ankie BROEKERS-KNOL

*President*



Ankie Broekers-Knol (1946) has been President of the Dutch Senate since 2 July 2013 and a member of the parliamentary group of the VVD (People's Party for Freedom and Democracy) in the Senate since 2 October 2001.

She was previously director of the Department of Moot Court and Advocacy of Leiden Law School. She was also

a member of the municipal council of Bloemendaal.

Mrs Broekers-Knol was chair of the Senate's standing committee for Security and Justice.

#### **Person details**

- born in Leiden on 23 November 1946
- married in Voorburg on 2 October 1971

#### children

- 2 daughters
- 5 grandchildren

#### place of residence

- Overveen

#### Education

- Dutch law, Leiden University, from September 1965 to December 1970
- pre-university school (classics) – Huygens Lyceum in Voorburg from 1958 to 1965

#### other courses

- negotiating skills course in Amsterdam, 1998
- various vocational courses

#### **Career**

- director of the Department of Moot Court and Advocacy, Leiden Law School, from 1 September 1992 to 1 December 2011; university lecturer (unremunerated position) from 1 December 2011 to date

- member of Bloemendaal municipal council from 29 April 1986 to 1 May 1997
- university lecturer and member of the board of Leiden Law School, Leiden University, from 1 September 1988 to 1 September 1992
- university lecturer at Leiden Law School, Leiden University, from 1 April 1971 to 1 September 1988

### **Additional positions**

#### current

- member of the Advisory Board of the Frans Hals Museum Haarlem
- chair of the Alumni Council of Leiden Student Society 'Minerva'
- member of the Franco-Dutch Cooperation Council since 1 April 2010
- member of the Supervisory Board of the National Register of Forensic Experts Foundation since 2007
- chair of the Committee of Appeal of the Kennemer Golf & Country Club (KG&CC) since June 2003
- lecturer and course leader on various postgraduate courses

#### former

- chair of the Age Assessment Committee on asylum seeking minors (Department of Security and Justice) from 1 March 2010
- member of the board of the Friends of Leiden Law School Association from 1 January 2010 to 2012
- member of the 'Wildhoeft' Committee of Recommendation (Pro Senectute Association) from 2002 to 2011
- special Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, municipality of Bloemendaal, from 1998 to 1 December 2012
- editor-in-chief of the magazine of Leiden Law School's alumni association from 2005 to 2009
- chair of the taskforce set up to improve the results of students to obtain a university degree, from 2005 to 2009
- chair of the Steering Group for cooperation between District Courts of The Hague and Haarlem and Leiden Law School from 2005 to 2009
- member of the faculty council of Leiden Law School from 1999 to 2001
- member of the board of Kennemer Golf & Country Club in the capacity of secretary, from 1997 to 2003
- member of the board of the Faculty Club Management Foundation from 1994 to 2004
- member of the Faculty Club Association from 1994 to 2004
- member of the lustrum committee of Leiden University from 1993 to 1995
- member of the Central Electoral Committee of Leiden University from 1992 to 2005
- member of the board of Leiden Law School's alumni association from 1992 to 1999
- member of the appointment board of the Cleveringa Chair, Leiden University, from 1988 to 1992
- member of the Consultative Council of Dutch Law Schools 1988 to 1992
- member and chair and deputy chair of the Committee of Appeal and Objection of the municipality of Bloemendaal from 1986 to 1997
- member of the faculty council of Leiden Law School from 1973 to 1977

## **Party political positions**

### current

- chair of the VVD Bloemendaal party manifesto committee for the 2015 municipal elections

### former

- member of the board of VVD Haarlem constituency chamber from May 1998 to 2003
- vice-chair of VVD Haarlem/Velsen subdistrict constituency chamber from November 1997 to 2003
- member of the VVD Leiden manifesto committee from 1969 to 1970

## **Publications**

- Aandacht voor Europa in de Eerste Kamer. Een voortrekkersrol (Attention for Europe in the Senate. A pioneering role), in the 2012 Parliamentary History Yearbook (September 2012)
- Odysseus in Leiden. Drie aspecten van Hans Nieuwenhuis (Odysseus in Leiden. Three aspects of Hans Nieuwenhuis), in Ex libris Hans Nieuwenhuis (October 2009)
- De tweetrapsraket van de wetsvoorstellen Stille cessie en Financiële zekerheidsovereenkomsten (The two-stage rocket of the Undisclosed Assignment and Financial Security Agreements Bills), in Maandblad voor Vermogensrecht (August 2009)
- Juridisch Wijzer, De Staat, Europa en het recht (Legal Pointer: the State, Europe and the Law) (with B.M.J. van Klink), published by Bert Bakker, Amsterdam (2012, 4th edition)
- Pleitwijzer, succesvol pleiten in de praktijk (Advocacy Guide: successful pleading in practice) (with B.M.J. van Klink), published by Bert Bakker, Amsterdam (2013, 18th edition)
- Mondelinge vaardigheden in de juridische opleiding (Oral skills in legal education), in Ars Aequi (1999)
- Moot Court, in Elf gedachten over onderwijs (Moot Court, in Eleven ideas about education), Leiden (1993)
- Een methode voor het oplossen van casusposities (A method for solving cases stated) (with P. Abas), Gouda (1985)

## TWEEDE KAMER

**Khadija ARIB**

*President*



### **Personal details**

Date of birth: 10 October 1960

Place of birth: Hedami, Morocco

Nationality: Dutch

Khadija Arib has three children and lives in Amsterdam.

### **Career**

Khadija Arib has been the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the States General since 13 January 2016. She has been a member of the House of Representatives (Dutch Labour Party/PvdA) since 19 May 1998, with a brief threemonth interruption in 2006/2007. As an MP, Arib was a member of the standing committee on Public Health, Welfare and Sport and the committee on Security and Justice, in the latter role as vice-chair from 2007 to 2010. Arib's main areas of focus were human trafficking, sexual offence legislation, healthcare and issues of medical ethics. In 2001, she put forward a private member's bill for the establishment of a children's ombudsman; this bill was passed by the Dutch Senate in 2010.

Arib has been a permanent member of the Presidium, the executive board of the House of Representatives, since 2012, before which she spent two years as an acting member. Since 13 January, she has been a member of both the Presidium and the Procedure Committee. In her role as MP, Arib has also been a member of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly and the Union for the Mediterranean and has chaired the Parliamentary Contact Group on France.

Before entering parliament, Arib held various positions, including senior policy officer and acting head of the social care sector at the City of Amsterdam (1992/1998), researcher at Erasmus University Rotterdam (1992/1995), women's emancipation and minority policy



coordinator at the City of Amsterdam (1988/1992), lecturer in methodology development at Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (1987/1991) and coordinator of an employment project for ethnic minority women in social services at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (1984/1987). Arib started her career as a social worker; initially at the Central Netherlands Foundation for Foreign Employees (Stichting Buitenlandse Werknemers Midden-Nederland) in Utrecht (1978/1979) and later at the Medical Education Agency (Medisch Opvoedkundig Bureau) – now known as Riagg – in Amsterdam (1982/1983).

## Education

After completing an advanced training course in Social Work, Khadija Arib went on to study Social Work at Amsterdam's Social Academy, now part of Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences. In 1995, she graduated in Sociology at the University of Amsterdam.

## Publications

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| 2011 | Arib. K, 'Allah heeft ons zo gemaakt, liefde tussen vrouwen' (Allah made us this way, love between women). Amsterdam: Uitgeverij Balans                                     |
| 2009 | Arib. K, 'Couscous op Zondag, een familiegeschiedenis' (Couscous on Sunday, a family history). Amsterdam: Uitgeverij Balans   |
| 1995 | Wit M. de, Arib. K (editorial team member), 'Politieke Vernieuwing en Sekse' (Political Renewal and Gender). Amsterdam: Instituut voor Publiek en Politiek                  |
| 1992 | Arib. K, Rijmers. E, 'Marokkaanse Vrouwen in Nederland' (Moroccan Women in the Netherlands). Leiden: Stichting Burgerschapskunde, Nederlands Centrum voor Politieke Vorming |

## POLONIA

### SEJM

**Izabela KLOC**

*Chairperson of the EU Affairs Committee*



Born on 8th May 1963 in Mikołów (Silesian Province).

Graduated from the Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology in the University of Silesia (1997) and from the Institute of Higher Religious Culture at the Catholic University of Lublin. She completed a postgraduate course in enterprise and management (2000) and in EU project management (2003) in the University of Economics in Katowice.

Began her professional career as a teacher in a primary school in Pszczyna. Between 1997 and 1999 – the director of the Public Upper Silesian Union Secondary School in Katowice.

Worked in a consulting company as deputy head responsible for schooling and EU projects, dealt with projects connected with acquisition and use of EU funds.

1998 – 2002 – deputy to Silesian Provincial Parliament, between 2002 and 2005 – member of the Pszczyna District Council.

Since 2010 she is the president of „Self-Government Academy” Foundation.

Deputy to the Fifth Term Sejm: member of the European Union Affairs Committee, the Territorial Self-Government and Regional Policy Committee and the special Committee “Solidary State” (Solidarne Państwo). Chairwoman of the Polish-Austrian Parliamentary Group and deputy chairwoman of the Polish-German Parliamentary Group. In the Sixth Term Sejm was deputy chairwoman of the Territorial Self-Government and Regional Policy Committee, member of the Public Finance Committee. In the Seventh Term Sejm

was deputy chairwoman of the Territorial Self-Government and Regional Policy Committee.

Member of the Law and Justice political party.

Married, has two children.

**SENAT**

**Stanisław KARCZEWSKI**

*President*



**Marshal of the Ninth Term Senate**

Deputy Marshal of the Eighth Term Senate

Member of the Sixth, Seventh and Ninth Term Senate

Born on 14th November 1955 in Warsaw.

Attended the Joachim Lelewel High School in Warsaw and graduated from the Second Faculty of Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw in 1981. Obtained the second degree of specialization in general surgery in 1993.

Since 1981 works at the Regional Hospital at Nowe Miasto on Pilica (Independent Public Healthcare Unit). Was consecutively an intern, junior assistant, assistant, head of the emergency ward, director of a hospital, head of the surgical ward.

1989 – helped to establish the Civic Committee in Nowe Miasto on Pilica. For many years headed the Solidarity Trade Union committee at the hospital.

1998–2002 was a member of the Grójec District Council. 2002–2005 – a deputy to the Mazowieckie Provincial Parliament.

Member of the Polish Surgeons' Society, Society of Videosurgeons and Society of Cancer Surgeons.

Was the head of the Law and Justice electoral campaign in the 2015 parliamentary election.

Deputy chairman of the Health Committee in the Sixth and Seventh Term Senate, a member of the Local Government and State Administration Committee in the Sixth Term and a member of the Emigration Affairs and Contacts with Poles Abroad Committee and the Budget and Public Finance Committee in the Seventh Term.

Member of the Health Committee and the Rules, Ethics and Senatorial Affairs in the Eighth Term Senate. Since 2010 was the head for Senate Section of the Law and Justice Parliamentary Club.

Belongs to the Law and Justice political party since 2003. Member of its political committee and its Ethics Committee.

Married, has two daughters and five grandsons.

# PORTOGALLO

## ASSEMBLEIA DA REPUBLICA

### Eduardo FERRO RODRIGUES

*President*



Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues was born in Lisbon, on 3 November 1949.

He is married to Maria Filomena de Aguiar, with whom he has two children, João Luís de

Aguilar Ferro Rodrigues and Rita Ferro Rodrigues.

He has a degree in Economics and is a Professor at the Higher Institute for Business and Labour Studies – University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE).

President of the Parliamentary Group of the Socialist Party (2014-2015).

Vice-President of the Assembly of the Republic (2011-2014).

Ambassador of Portugal to OECD - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (2005-2011).

Head of the delegation of the Assembly of the Republic to PACE - Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2004-2005).

Secretary-General of the Socialist Party (2002-2004).

Minister for Social Infrastructure (2001-2002).

Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity (1998-2001).

Minister of Solidarity and Social Security (1995-1998).

Vice-President of the Parliamentary Group of the Socialist Party (1993-1995).

Spokesman for the Socialist Party at the Committee on Economy and Finance (1991-1993).

Visiting Assistant Professor at ISCTE (1987-1991).

Member of the Shadow Cabinet of Vítor Constâncio (1986-1987).

Assistant Lecturer at ISCTE (1973-1986).

Senior official of the Studies Bureau for Industrial Economy of the Ministry of Industry and Technology (1971-1986).

Grand Cross of the Order of May for Merit of the Republic of Argentina (18 June 2003).

## REPUBBLICA CECA

### CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

**Jan HAMÁČEK**

*President*



Jan Hamacek serves as Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic from 27 November 2013. Mr. Hamacek rose to power as a Social Democrat member of Chamber of Deputies in 2006, becoming one of the youngest members of the Chamber. He is currently serving his third term and represents District Mlada Boleslav (Central Bohemian Region). At the 38th Congress of the Social Democrats in March 2015, he was elected Vice Chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party.

His political career began as a member of the Young Social Democrats in 1998. He joined the Czech Social Democratic Party in 2001. He has been actively involved and gained a wide range of experience in local, regional and national politics. From 2001-2004, he served as Secretary of the Club of the Czech Social Democratic Party in the Assembly of the Central Bohemian Region; from 2004-2006, he was Head of International Department of Social Democrats and from 2005-2006 he was an Adviser to Former Prime Minister, Jiri Paroubek, in the sphere of foreign policy. He served as Chairman of the Young Social Democrats in 2002-2006 and as Vice President of the International Union of Social Youth (IUSY) in 2006-2008.

Throughout his tenure in the Chamber of Deputies in the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Hamacek chaired the Foreign Affairs Committee and was a member of the European Affairs Committee and the Permanent Commission of the Chamber of Deputies on Oversight over the work of Security Information Services (BIS). He was Deputy Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and a Shadow Minister of Defence for the Czech Social Democratic Party. From 2013, Mr. Hamacek serves as Chairman of the Steering Committee and a member of the Permanent Delegation to NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr Hamacek and his wife, Kamila, have two sons.

## SENATE

**Milan ŠTĚCH**

*President*



I was born in České Budějovice on November 13, 1953. Until the age of 21 I lived in Horní Slověnice near Třeboň with my parents and brother. My parents worked in farming. I got married in 1974 and since then I lived with my family in České Budějovice until 2002. Since 2002 I have been living again in Horní Slověnice. My wife works as an accountant. We have two children; both have graduated from the University of Economy.

After having received my certificate of apprenticeship as fitter/mechanist, I graduated from a secondary technical college. Since my first employment until 1990 I worked at the Škoda České Budějovice company as a fitter, shop floor dispatcher, foreman and chairman of the trade unions.

In 1990, I was elected to the Board of the Trade Union Association Kovo where I started performing the function of the head of the department of methodology for the South Bohemian region, and later the function of a deputy chairman. From 1994 I worked in the leadership of the Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Union Associations; eight years as a deputy chairman and from April 2002 until April 2010 I chaired this largest trade union agency in the country. From 1994 until April 2010 I was a deputy chairman of the Council of Economic and Social Agreement (tripartite).

In 1996, I was elected a Senator of the Czech Parliament for the constituency Pelhřimov-Jindřichův Hradec, re-elected in 2002, 2008 and 2014. From 1996 until 2008 I worked as a vice-chairman of the Committee on Health and Social Policy. In 2008, I was elected a Vice-President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. On November 24, 2010 I was elected the President of the Senate for the first time, re-elected in 2012 and 2014 (November 19).

I am a member of the Czech Social Democratic Party. Gardening, sport, nature, in particular the ponds of the Třeboň region, can be mentioned as my hobbies.



# REPUBBLICA SLOVACCA

## NATIONAL COUNCIL

Andrej DANKO

*Speaker*



Born on August 12th 1974 in Revúca

### **Education**

2003

Bar examination - Attorney in law

1992 - 1998

Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Law

1988 - 1992

High School of M. Kukučín, Revúca

### **Professional experience**

2016 -

Speaker of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

2012 - 2016

### **Private law practice**

2006 - 2010

Assistant to MPs from the Slovak National Party

2003 - 2012

### **Attorney at law**

1998 - 2003

Lawyer

### **Language skills**

German – advanced

Russian – advanced

# ROMANIA

## CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

**Carmen-Ileana MIHĂLCESCU**

*Deputy Speaker*



### **Personal data**

Date and place of birth: 14 May 1970, Bucharest

**Civil status:** single

**Education;** scientific degrees

Faculty of Legal Sciences, degree from the "Lucian Blaga" University, Sibiu;  
graduate of the National Defence College

### **Political activity**

member of the PSD; 1999-2001 foreign relations secretary of the PSD Youth Organisation;  
member of the central staff of the 2000 election campaign

### **Parliamentary activity**

deputy;  
since 2000, member of the Committee for Culture, Arts, and Mass Media;  
vicepresident of the Romania-Czech Republic and member of the Romania-Philippines friendship parliamentary groups;  
member of the Romania-UNESCO parliamentary group

### **Professional activities**

Profession: jurist  
1993-1995 editor with the "Jurnalul National" newspaper, accredited to the Parliament of Romania (Senate) ;  
1995 - 1997 reporter with the Antena 1 TV station, accredited to the Parliament of Romania (Senate);  
1999 ARED legal researcher

### **Languages skills**

French, English

## SENAT

**Calin POPESCU-TARICEANU**

*President*



Nato a Bucarest, il 14 gennaio 1952;

Dal marzo 2014 – presente: Presidente del Senato della Romania;

Primo ministro della Romania dal 2004 al 2008;

Presidente del Partito Nazionale Liberale nel periodo 2005-2009;

Nel 2014 lascia il partito Nazionale Liberale e si candida alle elezioni presidenziali come candidato indipendente;

Il 3 luglio 2014 forma il Partito Liberale Riformatore, partito che il 19 giugno 2015 si unisce al Partito Conservatore, formando l'Alleanza dei Liberali e Democratici (ALDE);

Presidente ALDE dal 19 giugno 2015

Presidente del Partito Nazionale Liberale (Partidul Național Liberal, "PNL") fino al 2009 e vicepresidente del Partito Europeo dei Liberali, Democratici e Riformatori - ELDR

2008 – 2012: Deputato, Partito Nazionale Liberale

Dal 2012- presente: Senatore

Studi: Istituto Tecnico di Costruzione a Bucarest e si è laureato in Matematica ed Informatica.

Negli anni 1996-1997 è stato Ministro dell'Industria e del Commercio. In questo periodo è stato anche deputato liberale ricoprendo dal 2000 fino al 2004 la carica di vicepresidente del gruppo parlamentare del PNL e vicepresidente alla Commissione per il Budget, Finanza e Assicurazioni alla Camera.

Ha fondato nel 1990 la prima stazione radio privata in Romania, "Radio Contact".

Attività pubblicistica: 37 libri in qualità di autore e coautore

Decorazione reale NIHIL SINE DEO

Lingue straniere: inglese, francese, italiano

# **SLOVENIA**

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Milan BRGLEZ**

*President*



**Electoral district:** IV Ljubljana - Bežigrad II 9  
SMC - Party of Miro Cerar Deputy Group (Member)

### **Education:**

2006 PhD, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana - recipient of best PhD award

1996 Master's degree, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana

1992 Bachelor's degree, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana - Prešeren Award for best undergraduate thesis at the Faculty of Social Sciences

### **Work experience:**

August 2014 President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

August 2014 Deputy of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia

2011 – 2014 Vice-President, Slovenian Red Cross

2006 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Diplomatic and Consular Relations, Theory of International Relations, Selected Topics of International Law, Selected Topics of Diplomatic Law, European Protection of Human Rights, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

1992 – 2006 Teaching Assistant in Diplomatic and Consular Relations, International Law Policy, International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

## SPAGNA

### CONGRESO DE LOS DIPUTADOS

**Ana María PASTOR JULIÁN**

*President*



12th Legislative Term (2016-to date)

Pastor Julián, Ana María

Member of Parliament for Pontevedra

Popular Parliamentary Group (GP)

Personal details

Born on November 11, 1957.

Married.

MP during the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Legislative Terms.

University Degree in Medicine and Surgery. Civil Servant of the Higher Corps of Public Health and Health Care Administration. Expert in Family and Community Medicine.

Minister of Health and Consumer Affairs. Minister of Public Works. Deputy Speaker of the Congress of Deputies. Executive Secretary for Social Policies of the PP (2004-2008). Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Undersecretary of the Ministry of the Presidency. Undersecretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Date of entry: 05/07/2016

Speaker of the Congress of Deputies

Chairperson of the Bureau of the Congress of Deputies

**Pío García-ESCUDERO MÁRQUEZ**

*President*



Pío García-Escudero was born in Madrid on 28 October 1952. An architect by profession, he qualified at the Higher College of Architecture in the capital of Spain.

In his professional life he was an architect in the Directorate General for Fine Arts at the Ministry of Culture. In 1987 he was appointed Director General for Heritage and Cultural Promotion for the government of Junta de Castilla y León, where he remained until 1990, thereafter becoming Director for Restoration of the Old Quarter at the Madrid City Council, a post he held until 1993. A decade later, he returned to the City Council in his native city, this time as government city councillor for Urban Development, Works and Infrastructure and second deputy mayor.

His work in restoring architectural monuments was recognised with several awards, such as the Europa Nostra in the years 1985, 1988 and 1996, for the restoration projects carried out, respectively, at the Monterrey Palace in Salamanca, the Santa Clara Convent in the same city, and the Constable's Chapel at Burgos Cathedral.

Together with his architectural career, Pío García-Escudero has spent over two decades devoted to political activities, during which time he has held various positions of responsibility within his party, the Partido Popular: chairman of the Madrid PP between 1993 and 2004, coordinator for electoral organisation from 1999 to 2003, chairman of the organising committees for the 13th and 14th national conferences of the PP in 1998 and 2001 respectively, and campaign coordinator for several general, municipal, regional and European elections.

During these years Parliament has been the common thread throughout his political career, on the one hand as a Member of the Madrid Assembly over three legislatures between 1991 and 2003, and on the other hand as a senator: firstly appointed by the Comunidad de Madrid between 1995 and 2003, and afterwards being elected by Madrid from 2004 to the present day. In the upper house he has been spokesman for the parliamentary Partido Popular for three legislatures, in an initial period from 1996 to 1999, and in a second between 2004 and 2011, in which year he was elected to be Speaker of the Senate.

# SVEZIA

## RIKSDAGEN

### Urban AHLIN

*President*



Urban Ahlin was elected Speaker of the Riksdag after the 2014 parliamentary elections.

For the past twenty years, Urban Ahlin has worked in the field of foreign policy. In the Riksdag, he has been a member of the Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs, a member of the War Delegation and Deputy Head of the Swedish delegation to the NATO parliamentary assembly. He has also been a member of the Swedish Defence Commission and of the all-party Committee of Inquiry on Export Control of Military Equipment.

Urban Ahlin has been member of the Riksdag since 1994, representing the Swedish Social Democratic Party. He has held the position of Foreign Policy Spokesperson for the party. Between 2002 and 2006, he held the position of Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and between 2006 and 2014 he was the Deputy Chair of the Committee. Urban Ahlin has also been Chair of the party organisation of his constituency and a member of the Social Democratic Party's Executive Board.

Urban Ahlin has extensive experience of international affairs. Together with economist and philanthropist George Soros, he was a founding member of the first pan-European think-tank, the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). Bringing together politicians, intellectuals and business people from across Europe, the ECFR initiates debates on European foreign policy across the continent. As a member of the Board of Directors of the EastWest Institute Urban Ahlin contributed with his expert knowledge of Russia and Eastern Europe. He has also been a member of the Trilateral Commission.

On behalf of former Secretary of State Ms Condoleezza Rice, Urban Ahlin acted as a backchannel between the US Administration and the Government of Belarus. These efforts successfully contributed to the release of the imprisoned democratic presidential candidate Aleksander Kozulin. He also mediated on behalf of two Swedish construction workers who were falsely accused of espionage and sentenced to prison for two years in Iran. This action, together with contacts with the Iranian Government, led to the release of the two Swedes in 2007. In 2007, Urban Ahlin received the Cross of Commander from the President of Lithuania.

Urban Ahlin is a teacher and graduated from the University of Karlstad with a Master of Science in Education.

Urban Ahlin is married and has two daughters.

# UNGHERIA

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**Márta MÁTRAI**

*Deputy of the Speaker*



Dr. Márta Mátrai (born in Szombathely February 22 1948) is a Hungarian jurist and politician, member of the National Assembly (MP) from Fidesz Somogy County Regional List since 1998, latest in 2014 from the National List.

She was elected for Deputy of the Speaker of the National Assembly in 2013, a position which was re-established after 64-year vacancy. She has been re-elected for the period of 2014-2018.

She took her degree in law from Pécs University of Law in 1978. Later in 1991-1992 she took the specialist examination in law.

She has been the member of the Jurists' Association in Kaposvár since 1980.

Until 1992 she was the legal councillor of the Somogy County Architectural Design Institute. Until 1996 she was the president and general manager of the Kapos-Klinker Corporation.

Between 1996-98 she worked on the control board of the Public Fund for Kaposvár.

Until 1998 she was the regional director of the National Savings Bank (OTP) Real Estate Corporation.

She was the founder of the Kaposvár branch of Fidesz in 1989 and 1990. She was the head of the city branch from 1994. She has been on the County and National Board since 1995. After the transformation into a people's party in 2003 she was awarded the chairmanship of the Kaposvár constituency.

She ran in the 1994 parliamentary election. She won her seat in Parliament in the 1998 parliamentary general elections from the Somogy County Regional List of Fidesz.

She has been the deputy of parliamentary faction leader and she was director from June 1998 to the end of the term.

In the 2002 general election she became MP from the Somogy County Regional List.

She has been a professional politician as MP since 1998.



Her ranks and posts:

She has been the member of the Committee on Constitution and Judicial and Standing Orders Committee.

She was the chair of the Committee on Social and Family Affairs from 1998 to 2002. She was a member of the Defence and Internal Security Committee between 2000-2002. She was the deputy chair of this Committee.

She was the member of the Committee on Human Rights, Minority, Civic and Religious Affairs between 2011-2012. She is member of the Committee on Legislation since 2014.

She has been deputy chair of Fidesz National Board since 2006.

She has been deputy parliamentary faction leader again since 2010.

She was the deputy chair of the Constitution Preparatory Committee between 2002-2010.

She is the member of IPU's Israeli branch.

# PARLAMENTO EUROPEO

**Antonio TAJANI**

*President*



## **Formazione (titoli e diplomi)**

- diploma presso il liceo classico Torquato Tasso
- laurea in giurisprudenza presso l'Università la Sapienza di Roma

## **Carriera professionale**

- 1974-1975 : ufficiale dell'Aeronautica Militare Italiana
- 1983-1987 : inviato speciale in Libano, Unione Sovietica e Somalia
- 1987-1993 : direttore della sede romana del quotidiano "Il Giornale"

## **Carriera politica**

Funzioni svolte in un partito politico o in un sindacato nazionale

- 2014- ... : membro del Comitato di Presidenza di Forza Italia

Funzioni svolte in un'organizzazione internazionale di partiti politici o sindacati

- 2002- ... : vicepresidente del Partito Popolare Europeo

Funzioni svolte nelle istituzioni dell'UE

- 1994-2008 : deputato al Parlamento europeo
- 2008-2010 : vicepresidente della Commissione europea con delega ai trasporti
- 2010-2014 : vicepresidente della Commissione europea con delega all'industria e all'imprenditoria
- 2014-16 gennaio 2017: vicepresidente del Parlamento europeo
- 17 gennaio 2017- : Presidente del Parlamento europeo

# COMMISSIONE EUROPEA

**Frans TIMMERMANS**

*First Vice-President*



Dutch nationality. Married with four children.

First Vice-President of the EU Commission, in charge of Better Regulation, Inter- Institutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights  
2014-present

Minister of Foreign Affairs  
2012-14

Member of the Dutch parliament, representing Partij van de Arbeid (Dutch Labour Party)  
2010-12

Minister of European Affairs  
2007-10

Member of the Dutch parliament, representing Partij van de Arbeid (Dutch Labour Party)  
1998-2007

Senior Advisor and Private Secretary to High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE  
Max van der Stoep  
1995-1998

Staff member for EU Commissioner Hans van den Broek  
1994-1995

Deputy head of the Minister for Development Cooperation's EC Affairs Section  
1993-1994

Deputy Secretary of the Dutch embassy in Moscow  
1990-93

Policy Officer in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
1987-90

Postgraduate courses in European Law and French Literature, University of Nancy  
1984-85

Degree in French language and literature, Radboud University Nijmegen  
1980-85

# CONSIGLIO EUROPEO

**Donald TUSK**

*President*

Presidente del Consiglio europeo

Donald Tusk è nato il 22 aprile 1957 a Danzica, in Polonia. Suo padre lavorava come carpentiere nelle ferrovie e sua madre come segretaria presso un ospedale. Il padre è morto quando Donald aveva 14 anni.

Nel 1976 inizia gli studi di storia presso l'università di Danzica, dove viene coinvolto in attività illegali contro il regime comunista. All'epoca collabora, tra l'altro, con i sindacati liberi clandestini, incontrando il futuro leader di Solidarność Lech Wałęsa.



Nel 1980 Tusk fonda un'associazione indipendente di studenti, la NZS, che fa capo al movimento "Solidarność". Diventa capo di Solidarność sul posto di lavoro nonché giornalista per un giornale pubblicato da Solidarność.

Dopo che nel dicembre 1981 il generale Jaruzelski decreta la legge marziale, si dà alla clandestinità per qualche tempo. Successivamente lavora come panettiere e più tardi, tra il 1984 e il 1989, si guadagna da vivere come operaio specializzato nei lavori in quota con l'ausilio di attrezzature speciali.

In contemporanea è attivista nel movimento clandestino Solidarność. Arrestato per un breve periodo, viene liberato a seguito di un'amnistia per i prigionieri politici proclamata dal generale Jaruzelski.

Nel 1983 Donald Tusk fonda il mensile illegale "Przegląd Polityczny" (rivista politica), in cui promuove il liberalismo economico e le regole della democrazia liberale. Intorno alla rivista gravita un laboratorio di idee informale, che sostiene Lech Wałęsa. Crollato il comunismo, i membri di tale laboratorio, conosciuti sotto il nome di "liberali di Danzica", formano un governo dopo le prime elezioni presidenziali libere in Polonia.

Nello stesso momento fondano il primo partito polacco favorevole all'impresa e all'Europa, il Congresso liberaldemocratico, designandone Donald Tusk leader. Questi è anche incaricato dell'abolizione del monopolio e della privatizzazione dell'ex azienda comunista di Stato per la stampa.

Negli anni 1990, Donald Tusk è membro del Parlamento, tra l'altro in qualità di vicepresidente del Senato.

Negli stessi anni pubblica una serie di libri sulla storia di Danzica, alcuni dei quali diventati dei bestseller.

Nel 2001 Tusk è tra i fondatori del nuovo partito di centro chiamato "Platforma Obywatelska" (piattaforma civica), di cui diviene leader nel 2003.

Nel 2007, dopo una campagna agguerrita, sconfigge il partito di destra al potere ed è nominato primo ministro. Mantiene la carica per sette anni, diventando così il primo ministro più longevo della Polonia democratica, nonché il primo ad essere rieletto.

Nel corso del suo mandato settennale, la Polonia continua a crescere economicamente, e, nel periodo della crisi, l'economia polacca cresce del 20% circa, un risultato eccezionale in Europa.

Nel 2014 Donald Tusk viene eletto all'unanimità alla carica di presidente del Consiglio europeo.