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CVs of Speakers and Working Groups' Chairs

Albana Vokshi, Director of the Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination, Government of Albania

Albana Vokshi is Director of the Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination since the department was established in 2005, thus being responsible for managing and assuring the quality of all functions delivered by the Department. She manages and is directly accountable for the work of three areas: IPS Co-ordination; NSDI; and External Assistance co-ordination.

She has experience at an advisory level to the Prime Minister for policy and technical support on External Assistance Co-ordination issues. She has had a long experience working in International Organizations, such as with USAID, UN, as well as with the IMF, Washington DC at Research Department in Macroeconomic data processing and analysis. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration focusing on Economic Policy at the School of International and Public Affairs Columbia University, New York.

Timo Summa, Director for Financial Instruments and Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement

Timo Summa is Finnish and has a Ph.D. in Economics. After having senior management positions in the private sector he joined the European Commission's External Relations, Directorate General in 1995. He has been Director responsible for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in 1995-2001, then joined the Enterprise Directorate General being responsible for the Small and medium size enterprises and Entrepreneurship. Since 2005 he has been Director at the Enlargement Directorate General responsible for the Strategic coordination and Financial instruments.

Michael Leigh, Director-General for Enlargement

Michael Leigh is the Director-General for Enlargement in the European Commission. In his previous position as Deputy Director General in the Directorate General for External relations, he was responsible for European Neighborhood Policy, relations with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, Middle East and South Mediterranean. Before joining DG External Relations, he was Director in DG Enlargement in charge of Turkey as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Malta, Romania. He was an advisor to Commissioners Hans van den Broek, Frans Andriessen and Lord Cockfield. He has held a number of other positions in the Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council for over 20 years. Leigh's background is in political science; he holds a BA from Oxford University, a PhD from M.I.T., and has published and lectured on European integration, foreign policy and international relations at Wellesley College, the University of Sussex, and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Bologna.

Dušana Basta, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Finance and Treasury Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dušana Basta is the Assistant Minister for the Coordination of International Economic Aid in the BiH Ministry of Finance and Treasury. She has 20 years of work experience, in a variety of



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progressively responsible positions. In her previous position as Head of Department for International Aid Coordination in the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relation, she was in charge of international aid coordination and resource mobilization, and the yearly production and updating of the Public Investment Programme, as well as its presentation and promotion to the potential financiers. During that period she was also the Team Leader and National Professional Expert of UNDP's Programme Support to BiH in the Management and Coordination of Development Resources project. Prior to these posts, she was the Senior Official in the BiH Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relation, responsible for preparing negotiations and conducting all activities before signing financial agreements with infrastructure sector donors, such as the World Bank, EBRD and EIB. Before joining the civil service, she was Head of Department for Investments and Insurance in the BiH Public Railways Enterprise. In addition to her employment experiences, she has also served as the National Coordinator for the Netherlands PSO Programme for Economic Cooperation with BiH, as well as the BiH Representative for Environment Investment Projects within EC General Secretariat for environmental protection. Dušanka Basta's academic background is in economic science. She holds a B.Sc.Oec from Sarajevo University, a Civil Service Diploma and a Macroeconomics for Central and Eastern European Countries Diploma from JICA, Japan.

Edon Cana, Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Coordination of Development and European Integration, Prime Ministers Office-Government of Kosova

Edon Cana is the CEO of Agency for Coordination of Development and European Integration within the Prime Ministers Office. In his previous post within the Foreign Ministry he was engaged as Political Advisor, primarily focused on Kosova's relationship with Europe. Before enlisting in Ministry of Foreign Affairs he was Political Advisor to Prime Minister of Kosova Mr. Hashim Thaci. Mr. Cana has also worked in England in many big commercial companies like Caudwell Communications and Virgin. He has spent significant time of his life living in England. He holds Ba in Politics, Philosophy and Economy from LGU (London Guildhall University), MSc in Political Theory from LSE (London School of Economics). He has shortly lectured in University of Prishtina in Political Science Department, primarily on John Rawls' Theory of Justice.

Gordana Lazarevic, Deputy National Coordinator for IPA, Ministry of Finance, Government of the Republic of Serbia

Gordana Lazarevic has worked for 35 years in key positions in the public administration. Her duties have involved planning; work on economic and financial regulations, debt management, cooperation with international financial institutions (International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank) and the European Union. Mrs. Lazarevic has great experience in programming and harmonization of international assistance, debt management. She was key economic adviser in negotiations with Paris Club and London Club of Commercial Creditors. At the present position she is managing team of 42 persons in charge for strategic programming for EU and other bilateral donor funds; establishing clear relations and regulations between EU administrative framework and domestic one. Her team is supporting office for DPM B. Djelic in the process of SAA and "aquis communautaire"



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implementation providing support to line ministries to prepare adequate projects which contribute to these political goals. Mrs. Lazarevic has worked on several projects of the World Bank, the most significant being the ones dealing with poverty reduction strategy and restructuring of financial sector. On behalf of Yugoslavia, she has participated in numerous negotiations regarding loans of various international institutions. She obtained a MA degree in 1973, at the Faculty of Economy.

Vladimira Ivandic, Director, Ministry of Finance, Government of the Republic of Croatia

Vladimira Ivandic is the Director of the Directorate for European Integration and International Financial Relations at the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Republic of Croatia. In her previous position as an Assistant Minister of the MoF in the Directorate for Financing EU Assistance Programs and Projects she was responsible for the implementation of the EU pre-accession programs in Croatia. She was also in charge of the implementing agency (CFCU) and served as the PAO (Program Authorizing Officer). She has held a number of other positions in the state administration mostly related to the co-operation with the international financial institutions (IFIs). She also worked at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, USA as an Advisor to the Executive Director. Her background is in Economics. She holds a MA degree in the Development Economics.

Pero Dimsoski, State Secretary, Secretariat for European Affairs, Government of the Republic of Macedonia

Pero Dimsoski is the State Secretary in the Secretariat for European Affairs, in the Republic of Macedonia. In his previous position as the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, he was responsible for the development of the IPARD program and establishment of the IPARD Paying Agency in the Republic of Macedonia. Before joining the Ministry of Agriculture he was the President and Chief Scientific Officer at the Genoma Inc., and the Senior Scientist at the Applied Biosystems at San Francisco, Bay Area, California. He was the member of the Sorrow Eagles expert team, established by the President Bush to identify the victims of 9/11 attacks. He has held a number of other positions such as the Teaching and Research Assistant at The Ohio State University for 5 years. Dimsoski's background is in Genetics; he holds a BS from Cyril & Methodius University, a MS and PhD from The Ohio State University, and a 4-year Postdoctoral Training from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. He has published in peer reviewed scientific journals on animal genetics, genotyping technologies and impact of environmental stressors on the genetics of populations. He published a patent registered with the U.S. Patent Office and presented his research at International Society of Animal Genetics, World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production, and organized the Molecular Ecology session at the Society for Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology. He was invited speaker at the Mayo Clinic Course on Molecular Biology and DNA Forensics.

Özgür PEHLİVAN, Deputy Director General, Undersecretariat of the Turkish Treasury

Özgür Pehlivan completed his elementary and secondary education in Ankara, studied in department of economics of Middle East Technical University and graduated in 1988. He started his professional career first in Export Promotion and Research Centre (IGEME) then



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Undersecretariat of Treasury in 1991. In the meantime, studied economics and got his MA degree at the American University, Washington D.C, USA in 1994-95. In Treasury, used to work as Head of Department of Bilateral Financing Department and World Bank Projects Department. Currently, he is holding the position of Deputy Director General in charge of public project financing. For years, he has been taking leading role in structuring financing package including PPPs for the public investment projects and negotiating financial transaction with IFIs and all other banks. Also, a Member of Executive Director Board of Turkiye Lokomotif Motor Sanayi A.S, TULOMSAS since 2007.

Martin White, Project Director, MWH Consortium

Martin White is the Project Director for the MWH Consortium of a contract “*Interim Evaluation of EU pre-accession activities in Croatia and Turkey*” for the Evaluation Unit of DG Enlargement. He has more than ten years experience of evaluation of pre-accession programmes, including Deputy Project Director for an *ex post* evaluation of 1999-2001 Phare programmes, and resident team leader in Slovenia and Bulgaria, responsible also for Albania, Romania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Hungary. White’s background is in process and environmental engineering: he holds a B.Sc (Eng) and PhD from University College London, and has published more than 30 papers on wastewater treatment; for several years he was Assistant Director of the UK Water Research Centre, and following a period as Director of Research and Development for a Dutch manufacturer, he moved to head process engineering and industrial waste treatment for MWH in the UK.

Ollivier Bodin, Advisor to Director, DG Enlargement

Ollivier Bodin was born in 1952 in Nice (France). He studied economics in Heidelberg (1969-1974) and was then employed at this University as an academic assistant (1975-1979). He joined a German private bank in Frankfurt from 1979 to 1981. In 1981, he started his career in the European Commission and occupied various posts at the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs until 1999, the last as Head of Unit for Western Balkan and Mediterranean countries in the directorate for international affairs. In 1999, he joined the Directorate General in charge of enlargement countries and served from then until end of 2008 as Co-head of the European Commission/World Bank Joint Office for South East Europe. Since January 2009, he is in charge of aid coordination issues in DG Enlargement (Directorate D).

André Lys, Head of Unit, Financial instruments and contracts, DG Enlargement

André Lys is the Head of the Financial Instruments and Contracts Unit in DG Enlargement (European Commission) since August 2008. He joined the Commission in 1990 and has held different positions in the field of external relations, in particular in the areas of private sector development, EU enlargement negotiations and management of financial assistance to third countries. Between 1999 and 2008, he has been successively Head of Phare and ISPA Section, then Acting Head of Delegation in Romania, and Head of Operations at the Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. André Lys developed new financial instruments with international financial institutions and initiated the creation of the European Fund for Southeast Europe (EFSE) together with KfW. He has a Master in Law and in Economics, and worked for 9 years in



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finance and project development in a group of companies investing in agro-industry in Africa and Latin-America before joining the Commission.

Saba D'Elia, Ambassador of Italy to Albania

Born in Nola (Naples) in 1948, Mr. Saba D'Elia is Ambassador of Italy to Albania since October 2007. He began his career in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1974. He has served in the General Secretariat, the Directorate General for Political Affairs, the Directorate General for Personnel and the Directorate General for European Countries. On April 2000 he was nominated Minister Plenipotentiary. He has held several positions abroad: in Zurich, East Berlin and Moscow as well as to the Permanent Representation of Italy at the United Nations. In June 2001, he was appointed Ambassador of Italy to Sarajevo. His back ground is in political science: he holds a Degree from the University of Rome.

Tobias F. Svenningsen, Assistant Director General, Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Tobias F. Svenningsen is Assistant Director General in the Section for Western Balkan Affairs in the Norwegian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The Section is responsible for Norway's development assistance programme in the Western Balkans. Svenningsen has been serving at the Norwegian embassies in Tirana and Reykjavik and has also served at the OSCE presence in Tirana. Svenningsen's background is in social anthropology and he conducted a study of social and economic change in rural Albania in the beginning of the 90-ies. The study was published in 1997.

Tifani Simunovic Boban, Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Central State Office for Development Strategy and Coordination of EU Funds (CODEF), Government of the Republic of Croatia

Tifani Simunovic Boban is Head of Monitoring and Evaluation Unit in CODEF (NAC/NIPAC Office) since May 2006. She joined former Croatian Ministry for European Integration in 2002 (merged with Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2005) and has held different positions in the Directorate for Coordination of EU Funded Programmes and Projects. She worked on the preparation and introduction of DIS in Croatia and she is a member of the Croatian negotiating team for the Chapter 22. She has Master in Business Administration (Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, USA and IGBS Zagreb) and BA from Journalism (Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb).

Aneta Raic, Head of Unit for Donor Coordination, Finance, Monitoring and Evaluation (PARCO), Bosnia and Herzegovina

Aneta Raic is the Head of the Unit for Donor Coordination, Finance, Monitoring and Evaluation in the BiH Public Administration Reform Coordinator's Office (PARCO). Before joining the PARCO, she worked for over 10 years as a Freelance Expert – Monitoring Specialist focused on monitoring and evaluation of EC Integrated Housing and Infrastructure Projects for the Return of Refugees and Displaced Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina (OBNOVA and CARDS Programmes) for the International Management Group, the Franklin Advisory Services, the AHT



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Group A.G. and the Kronauer Consulting. She has background in technical sciences and she holds a BA in architecture from the University of Sarajevo.

Spiros T. Voyadzis, Senior Advisor, Development Gateway International

Spiros T. Voyadzis, is Senior Advisor to the CEO and Resident Head of the Brussels Office of Development Gateway International (DGI), a not for profit European organization that focuses its work around the theme of aid and development effectiveness as reflected in the Rome Declaration on Harmonization (2003) and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005). Mr. Voyadzis graduated from the University of Brussels with a Masters degree in Economics, Political and Social Science. During his 26 years at the World Bank, Mr. Voyadzis held senior management operational positions. From 1989 to 1995 M. Voyadzis was in charge of the World Bank's lending operations in the Mashreq (Middle East and North Africa Region), including the Bank's support in the reconstruction efforts of the Palestinian Territories. His last position before resigning from the World Bank in 2000 was Director of the Bank's Brussels Office. He was in charge of the World Bank's operational cooperation with the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. His expertise extends from economic policy, public sector management, to finance and private sector development. Mr. Voyadzis has extensive experience in donor coordination.

Henrik Faudel, Deputy Head of the Operations Department, European Training Foundation

Henrik Faudel is currently Deputy Head of the Operations Department at the European Training Foundation in Turin with specific responsibility for the ETF's activities in the Western Balkans and Turkey. He has spent the last 13 years at ETF where he was responsible for the activities in Central Asia from 2003 to 2007 and prior to that worked as country desk officer for especially Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Lithuania and Cyprus. During his time at ETF Henrik has made a number of publications on vocational and training issues in the partner countries. Prior to joining the ETF, Henrik gained years of experience in working with developing and transition countries. First with the UNDP in Costa Rica, then the European Commission in the Phare programme and finally for a year and a half as advisor to the Ministry of Health in Lithuania on project management and donor coordination on a bilateral programme between Lithuania and Denmark. Henrik's educational background is a Masters in Economics and Business Administration from the Aarhus School of Business Administration and a post graduate diploma in European Integration from the University of Amsterdam. He has also studied in the USA and France and worked in Indonesia.

Anne Burrill, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Environment

Anne Burrill is Deputy Head of the unit responsible in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Environment for relations with the countries involved in the enlargement and neighborhood processes. She was previously the DG Environment desk officer for Romania and helped this country to prepare to meet the challenges of complying with the EU environmental acquis. From 1990 to 1997, Anne Burrill worked at the Commission's Joint Research Center on issues related to natural resource management and monitoring. Before joining the Commission,



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she worked as an environmental information consultant, particularly at the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi. Her academic background is in geography and economics; she holds a Masters degree from Columbia University and a post-graduate diploma from the University of London.

Erich Unterwurzacher, Head of Unit, DG Regional Policy

Erich Unterwurzacher leads the unit that is responsible in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional Policy for the implementation of the Commission's fund for regional development in the candidate countries Croatia, Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the preparation of Western Balkans countries for these funds. Until accession, he also managed pre-accession assistance in Bulgaria and Romania and prepared these countries for the absorption of EU Structural Assistance post-accession (European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund). Between 1996 and 1999, Erich Unterwurzacher was at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, where he worked already from 1987 to 1991. From 1991 to 1994 he was with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and dealt with infrastructure financing in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. His academic background is in engineering and economics; he holds a Masters degree from Vienna University of Technology and a Doctorate in Sciences from that same university, where he also was assistant professor.

Christian Melis, member of the "Task Force for Central and Eastern Europe" of the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

Melis Christian is member of the "Task Force for Central and Eastern Europe" of the Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (Republic of Italy). The Task Force CEE is responsible for the implementation of the bilateral cooperation in the field of energy and environment between Italian Ministry and related Ministries in countries of the area. It is focused on management and coordination of environmental cooperation, including renewable energies, sustainable development strategies, environmental impact assessments, rehabilitation of polluted sites, capacity building. Moreover, the Task Force CEE coordinates technical assistance for signature/ratification of Kyoto Protocol and promotion of renewable energies through CDM, JI, ET, and Green Certificates. Christian Melis is actually Programme Manager in Republic of Macedonia (since January 2009), previously he has been Programme Manager in Montenegro (2006-2008) and Air Quality expert in Serbia (2005-2006). He holds Master Diploma in "International Cooperation for development in the rural areas" (2002), and Degree in "Environmental Sciences" (2001). His expertise is concentrate in the fields of International Cooperation, Air quality management, Greenhouse gases and other gaseous pollutants inventory (IPCC, CORINAIR).