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“Governance Mechanisms for Research and Innovation”

Welcome and Introduction

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Prof. Danuta Hübner, Poland's first-ever European Commissioner, is one of her country's foremost economists and policymakers and has played a key role in the enlargement of the EU. Since July 2009 Ms. Hübner is Member of European Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Regional Development.

In May 2004 Ms. Hübner became member of Romano Prodi's European Commission and in November 2004 Professor Hübner was entrusted as Commissionaire with the regional policy portfolio. Earlier, during the past decade, her roles in Poland's Government have included Minister for European Affairs, Head of Office of the Committee for European Integration and Secretary of State for Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade and Minister Head of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland.

In 2000-2001 she was United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva. She studied at the Warsaw School of Economics where she gained an MSc (1971) and a PhD (1974). In 1988-1990 Ms. Hübner was a Fulbright scholar at the University of California, Berkeley. In 1992 she was conferred with the scientific title of Professor of Economics by the President of the Republic of Poland. She has been awarded with five doctorates honoris causa by European universities.

Speakers

Mr. David Harmon

Member of the Cabinet of European Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn
European Commission

November 2009 - today



I was appointed by the European Commissioner Designate Maire Geoghegan Quinn as her key administrator to oversee her transitional arrangements from the date of her nomination to the date of her ratification as a prospective member of the European Commission. Mrs Maire Geoghegan Quinn has designated responsibility for the political brief of research, innovation and science for the period 2010 - 2014. I co-ordinated the preparation of a three hour ratification hearing for Mrs Geoghegan Quinn before the European Parliament concerning the allocation of her proposed portfolio within the European Commission. This hearing took place in the European Parliament in

Brussels before the Industry, Technology and Research (ITRE) Committee of the European Parliament on January 15th 2010.

October 2005 - November 2009

Political Administrator in the European Parliament - I worked as a political administrator in the European Parliament for the Union for Europe of the Nations (UEN) Group between the period October 2005 and June 2009. I then worked in the European Parliament for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in Europe (ALDE) Group between the period July 2009 and November 2009.

I was the primary contributor to the report that was published in 1998 by the foreign affairs committee in the Irish Parliament into the future effects and benefits for Ireland from the enlargement of the European Union. Between 1999 and 2004, I was the key administrator for the UEN political group in the European Parliament dealing with relations in the Middle East. This involved extensive travel to countries such as Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and Jordan and which covered a range of different and very sensitive political issues. I am an active member of the E.L.D.R. (European Liberal and Democratic Reform) party in Europe.

Dr. Laszlo Szendrodi

Counsellor, Sciences and Technologies

Permanent Representation of Hungary to the European Union



Education:

2001: Dr. habil., University of West Hungary, Sopron

1995: PhD in Agricultural (Forest) Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

1988: Dr. univ., University of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Sopron, Hungary

1976: M.Sc. in forestry, University of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Sopron, Hungary

1970: Technician in forestry, Secondary School of Forestry, Sopron, Hungary

Work experience:

2010 onwards: Counsellor, Sciences and Technologies, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Brussels, Belgium

2008-2010: National Expert, European Commission DG Research I/3 Environmental Technologies and Pollution Prevention, Brussels, Belgium

2003-2007: Counsellor, Science and Technology Attaché, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Brussels, Belgium

2002: NATO Science Fellow, University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry, Earth Sciences Centre Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2001-2002: Hungarian Representative at the Technical Committee on Environment for the COST

2001-2002: Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, University of West Hungary, Sopron, Hungary

1998-2001: Scientific Secretary for COST environmental activities, EU Commission, DG Research, COST Secretariat, Brussels, Belgium

1996-1998: Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, University of West Hungary, Sopron, Hungary

1995-1998: Hungarian Representative to the Technical Committee on Forestry and Forest Products of COST

1993-1994: Fulbright Research Scholar, State University of New York, Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF), Syracuse, New York, USA

1992-1996: Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Sopron, Hungary

1988-1992: Head of Department, University of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Sopron, Hungary

1976-1988: Researcher, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Forestry and Wood Sciences, Sopron, Hungary

Dr. Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña

**President, COST Committee of Senior Officials,
European Cooperation in Science and Technology**



Dr Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña has been the President of the COST Committee of Senior Officials since June 2010 and, in addition, started as the Special Advisor to the Technical Cabinet of the Secretary General of Innovation at the Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation in January 2011.

Dr Rodríguez-Peña the Spanish representative of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) from July 2007 until her election. From 2002 to 2007, she was Deputy Head of International Affairs at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) responsible for European Science Foundation (ESF) relations as well as European policy fora such as the Framework Programme. Dr Rodríguez-Peña headed the Spanish delegation in the Scientific and Technical Research Committee of the Council of the European Union (CREST) and was member of the newly-named European Research Area Committee (ERAC). She also represented Spain in the Strategic Forum for International Science & Technology Cooperation (SFIC), another CREST level created by the Council of the European Union. Since January 2011, she has been special adviser for the technical cabinet of the General Secretary for Innovation at the Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation. Her flair for international research cooperation is partly thanks to her own background as a scientist and her experience as a coordinator for implementing bilateral and multilateral relations at the CSIC level.

After obtaining her Ph.D. in Biology in Madrid, Spain, she obtained a postdoctoral fellowship from the European Molecular Biology Organisation in 1981 to join the former Imperial Cancer Research Foundation – now Cancer Research UK – in London, United Kingdom, where she remained as an associated scientist until 1986. Between 2002 and 2004 she was a seconded national expert at the Research Directorate-General of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Gernot Klotz

**Executive Director for Research and Innovation,
European Chemical Industry Council**



Dr. Gernot Klotz studied Biology and Microbiology at the University of Aachen (Germany). After having worked for the US based pharmaceutical company Armour he joined Bayer in various business sections (pharmaceutical, animal health and crop protection/product development).

Since February 2007 G. Klotz is the Executive Director for Research and Innovation for the European Chemical Industry (CEFIC). He is member of the CEFIC Leadership Team, which has the overall responsibility for coordinating and steering the activities of the organisation. Specific key areas of responsibility are innovation (technology development, innovation policies, societal acceptance of new technologies and products), emerging science-policy issues (Health and Environment) and the CEFIC Long Range Research Initiative (LRI) as well as managing the CEFIC Research and Innovation Board. He is also a Board Member of the EU Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry (SusChem).

G. Klotz has been called on to various advisory and steering committees at OECD, WHO and EU Commission level in areas like innovation, technology development, testing and assessment, impact on environment on health and sensitive subpopulations.

Mr. Luuk Borg

**Head of EUREKA Secretariat,
EUREKA Brussels Office**



In 2006, Luuk Borg was seconded to Brussels by the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, to manage the set-up and launch of the joint EU-EUREKA Eurostars Programme for R&D-performing SMEs. In July 2007, he accepted the post as head of EUREKA's Secretariat. Under his leadership, says Borg, 'EUREKA continues in its ambition to perform as the best platform for research-performing businesses in Europe, with results that benefit society at large.'

Luuk Borg holds a master of science from Erasmus Economic University Rotterdam and followed a graduate programme at University Davis California. He began his career as a consultant and account manager on EU-funded and other research projects, specifically targeting the participation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Borg subsequently joined the Senter/EU-Liaison Agency of the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs where, in 1997, as managing director, he oversaw the merger of EU-Liaison with Senter. Borg was also responsible for establishing the Netherlands Office for European Science and Technology (NEST).

In 2001, Borg became director of Marketing and Promotion at the Agency for International Business and Co-operation (EVD), responsible for both the planning and execution of trade missions and coordination of overseas trade support offices.

He then headed the Patent Information Division of the Netherlands Patent Office, with specific responsibility for the management of the marketing division. Under his leadership, a new business case for the Patent Office aimed at better use of intellectual property rights and patent information by companies and research institutions was developed.