Meet the Keynote Speakers, Panellists, Workshop Facilitators and Organisers
Jean ASSELBORN represents the Luxembourg government at the Council of Ministers of the European Union in its Foreign Affairs and General Affairs configurations since July 2004. Jean ASSELBORN joined the Luxembourg government as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration on 31 July 2004. He retained the offices of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs on 23 July 2009. Following the legislative elections of 2013, Jean ASSELBORN was appointed Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Minister of Immigration and Asylum on 4 December 2013.

Before joining the Luxembourg government Jean ASSELBORN was the administrator of the Intercommunal Hospital of Steinfort (1976 to 2004). He was the mayor of the municipality of Steinfort from 1982 to 2004 and served as a Member of Parliament from 1984 to 2004. In addition to his parliamentary mandate, Jean ASSELBORN was a member of the Committee of the Regions from 1999 to 2004.

Jean ASSELBORN was awarded a Master’s degree in private judicial law from the University Nancy II in 1981.

Jean ASSELBORN was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in 2010 and appointed Commander of the National Order of the Legion of Honour of the French Republic in 2013.

Federica MOGHERINI is the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the Commission since November 2014. Before assuming the position she was the Minister of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation of Italy and a Member of the Italian Parliament (Chamber of Deputies) where she was elected for the first time in 2008. In her parliamentary capacity, she has been the Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-president of its Political Committee (2013-2014); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-2013); Secretary of the Defence Committee (2008-2013) and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She has also been a Member of the Italian Institute for Foreign Affairs (IAI).

Federica MOGHERINI has acquired a Degree in Political Science from the University of Rome (1994) and is a Fellow of the German Marshall Fund for the United States (2007).
H E Lubomír ZAORÁLEK

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Lubomír ZAORÁLEK was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on 29 January 2014, following years in the position of the shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Social Democratic Party and a leading representative of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

Prior to his appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs in January 2014, Lubomír ZAORÁLEK was a leading figure in the Czech Parliament, in 2002 – 2006 being the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies and later the Deputy Chairman. In 1998 he was elected the Deputy Chair of the Czech Social Democratic Party and since 2002 he was the Party’s Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs.

In 1996, Lubomír ZAORÁLEK was elected to the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic for the first time. Before he joined the Czech legislature, Lubomír ZAORÁLEK served on the Ostrava City Council since 1990. He was elected on the ballot of the Civic Forum (Obcanské fórum), being one of its founders and representatives appointed to the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly in January 1990. At that time he joined the staff of the Philosophy Department of the Ostrava University teaching political philosophy, current philosophy, ethics and Czech political thought of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Prior to November 1989, Lubomír ZAORÁLEK worked for the Czechoslovak Socialist Party after he had left his job at the Ostrava studio of the Czechoslovak Television.

Lubomír ZAORÁLEK graduated in philosophy from Jan Evangelista Purkyne University in Brno.

Mr Claude MEISCH

Minister of Education, Children and Youth
Minister for Higher Education and Research
Luxembourg

Claude MEISCH joined the government as Minister of Education, Children and Youth, Minister for Higher Education and Research on 4 December 2013 in the coalition government formed by the Democratic Party (DP), the Luxembourg Socialist Workers’ Party (LSAP) and the Green Party (“déi gréng”).

He was elected to Parliament for the first time in 1999 while standing for the DP in the constituency of the South. He was re-elected in 2004, 2009 and 2013. In Parliament, he assumed among others the roles of vice-chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee from 2009 to 2013 as well as vice-chairman of the Committee for Family, Youth and Equal Opportunities from 2004 to 2006 and from 2009 to 2013.

At local level, Claude MEISCH initially served as a municipal alderman in Differdange from 2000 to 2002, then as mayor from 2002 to 2013, an office he held until his appointment to the government. Claude Meisch served as chairman of the DP from 2004 to 2013. Claude MEISCH worked for Banque de Luxembourg from 1999 to 2013.

He was chairman of the intercommunal syndicate of the Princess Marie-Astrid Hospital (Hôpital Princesse MarieAstrid) in Niederkorn from 2005 to 2013 and a member of the executive board of the Émile Mayrisch Hospital Complex (Centre hospitalier Émile Mayrisch – CHEM) from 2008 to 2013.
Ms Martine REICHERTS

Director-General
Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC)
European Commission

Ms Martine REICHERTS assumed the position of Director-General for Education and Culture (DG EAC) in September 2015 and is responsible for EU policies in the field of culture, youth and sport, and for the Creative Europe programme. She started working for the European Institutions in 1984 and has held various positions during this period, including Director-General of “Publications Office” (2007-2015), Head of service of the “Office for Infrastructure and Logistics – Luxembourg” (2003-2007) and Director “Administration and Personnel Management (Luxembourg & Ispra)”, Directorate-General “Personnel and Administration” (2001-2002). She has also been a lecturer in the Free University of Brussels on Fiscal Management – Customs and Excise from 1988 till 1991.

Ms Martine REICHERTS has acquired Master’s degree in Business Law from University of Luxembourg, University of Nice, University of Aix-en-Provence (1979) and done Post-graduate studies in Business Law in the „Paris II“ University in France (1980).

Ms Mariana KOTZEVA

Deputy Director-General
Eurostat

Ms Mariana KOTZEVA is currently Deputy Director-General at Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Union. She holds a doctoral degree in Statistics and Econometrics from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia and an executive education at the Harvard Kennedy School. She is Associated Professor at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia and was also a Visiting Professor in Econometrics in the Central European University in Budapest. She has published more than 30 articles in scientific journals and papers presented at international conferences.

Ms KOTZEVA joined Eurostat in 2012 as an Advisor Hors Class to the Director-General. In 2014 she combined that position with the role of Director of Methodology, IT and Dissemination. Before taking up duties in Eurostat she was President of the Bulgarian National Statistical Institute. Prior to that Ms KOTZEVA worked on a number of World Bank and UNDP projects in the areas of poverty mapping, evaluation of active labour market policies and Roma integration. She has also led teams and provided advisory services for the development of strategic policy documents such as National Employment Strategies in Bulgaria and Serbia and Annual Reports of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Ms Margarita DILKOVSKA

Minister Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union

Ms Margarita DILKOVSKA is a Minister Plenipotentiary at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the European Union in charge of employment, social dialogue, occupational safety and health, corporate social responsibility (CSR) and antidiscrimination. She is a member of the Social Questions Working Party at the Council of the European Union. Since 1997 she has been working in the sphere of social policy, most of the time as a civil servant at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (MLSP) of the Republic of Bulgaria, including as Head of the International Cooperation Unit at the Employment Agency and Director of the International Directorate of the State Agency for Child Protection. As an expert at the European Coordinaton Unit of MLSP, she was Deputy Head of the Social Policy and Employment Working Group at the European Affairs Council with the Council of Ministers and Deputy Secretary of the Consultative Council for CSR. She represented Bulgaria as an alternative member in the PROGRESS Committee and the High Level Group on CSR at the European Commission. She has served as commercial attaché at the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Finland. Ms DILKOVSKA holds a Masters’ Degree in International Economic Relations from the Economic Institute, Sofia and has received training in diplomacy (Geneva), social policy and employment (Hague) and decision-making process in the European Union (Maastricht).
Dr Werner HOYER has been President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank since 2012. Dr HOYER was Deputy Foreign Minister at the German Foreign Office between 1994-1998 and President of the European Liberal Democratic Reform Party (EDLR) between 2000 and 2005. Dr HOYER holds a PhD (economics) from Cologne University where he also started his career as senior research assistant then as associate lecturer before becoming Director of Economics and Information (Carl Duisberg Society) in 1985.

Dr Jacques POOS was appointed as Adviser to the Ministry of Economy in 1959; he worked as a researcher at the Service for Economic and Statistical Studies (STATEC) from 1962 to 1964. His first public office was as member of the Economic and Social Council, in which he held a seat in the ranks of the trade-unions delegation, since the establishment of the Council in 1966 until 1972. From 1969 to 1976, he was elected member of the Town Council of the City of Esch-sur-Alzette. In 1974 he won a seat in Parliament and in 1975 became Chairman of the Socialist Parliamentary Group (POSL). In July 1976, he was appointed Minister of Finance and National Planning in the Cabinet of Gaston Thorn. As Minister of Finance, Jacques POOS was the instigator of the Societe Nationale de Credit et d’Investissement (SNCI), and one of the architects of the Luxembourgish crisis management model in the steel industry. At European level, he took part in the negotiations of the European Monetary System (EMS), which was launched on 13 March 1979. Following the 1979 elections, Jacques POOS resumed work in the private sector while remaining a Member of Parliament. He was first Executive Director of the Banque Continentale, and then of the Banque Paribas (Luxembourg) S.A. from 1980 to 1984.

From 1984, he continuously acted as Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development, with varying additional portfolios in the different governments. From 1984 to 1989, he was Minister for the Treasury and Minister for Economy, and from 1989 to 1994 Minister for the Armed Forces. In his capacity as Foreign Minister, Jacques POOS was Luxembourg’s negotiator for major European Treaties. In the late 1990s he was, with his 15 years in office, the longest serving Foreign Minister in Europe. He was elected Member of the European Parliament in June 1999. He was also a full member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defense Policy and a substitute member of the Committee for Constitutional Affairs.

Since 2000 until 2004, Mr POOS was draftsman of the European Parliament for Cyprus’ accession to the EU. From 2000 to 2010, he was member of the board of the Banque BNP – Paribas (Luxembourg) S.A. In June 2006, he was appointed member of the council of the Luxembourg Central Bank (BCL). Since December 2008, he is an independent non-executive member of the board of Directors of Bank of China (Luxembourg). Dr POOS has been the ASEF Governor for Luxembourg since 2011.
Mr Vijay GOYAL

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
ArcelorMittal Europe

Mr Vijay GOYAL is Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of ArcelorMittal Europe and a member of ArcelorMittal Europe’s Executive Management Committee (MC) since January 2014. He is also responsible for HR, IT, Legal and Shared Service Centers of ArcelorMittal Europe and reports to Mr Aditya MITTAL, Group CFO and CEO of ArcelorMittal Europe. Since April this year, Mr GOYAL has taken the additional responsibility of ArcelorMittal’s business in India.

Mr GOYAL started his career as an Internal Auditor at ITC in India before joining the ArcelorMittal Group (formerly Mittal Steel) 16 years ago. He has gained a wealth of experience in various sub-functions of finance (Corporate Finance, Accounting, Controlling, Audit, Treasury and Finance Academy) and other functions including Strategy and Supply Chain primarily in Europe.

Mr GOYAL represents ArcelorMittal on the Boards of various joint ventures of the group notably in Spain, Turkey and Italy. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Cost Accountant from India and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from St. Xavier’s College in Kolkata, India. He has done many management trainings including in Finance at Wharton’s Executive Education.

Ms Sanda BRUNAS

Deputy Director for Youth Policy at the Department of Policy Initiatives and Development, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia

Ms Sanda BRUNAS tasks include youth policy development and implementation of youth policy action plans and activities, cross-sectorial policy development and cooperation between national authorities on issues relevant to youth, as well as bilateral governmental cooperation in youth field, EU Youth policy cooperation and Council of Europe Youth affairs activities. Prior to work in the Ministry she worked as Project Director in Youth NGO “Streetbasket” and as Chief Executive of Youth NGO “Avantis”.

Ms BRUNA has acquired a degree from Riga Stradins University in European Economics and Business.

Mr Jean-Christophe LALOUX

Director General
Head of Lending Operations at European Investment Bank (EIB)

Since the start of his EIB career in 1999, he has held different professional and managerial positions in the front office, both inside and outside the European Union, as well as in EIB’s subsidiary, the European Investment Fund. He was also Advisor to the President (2002-2005) and Head of Personnel (2011-2013).

Prior to joining the Bank, he worked for 6 years as a management consultant for PriceWaterhouseCoopers and the Boston Consulting Group. He holds a Commercial Engineering degree from the Catholic University of Leuven, a Post Graduate in Management (magna cum laude) from the University of Ghent, and a Master of Business Administratio
SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

Ms Servane MOUAZAN
Founder
OGUNTE CIC

Ms Servane MOUAZAN has worked for 15 years as a conscious innovation entrepreneur, helping organisations understand other people’s needs in a changing economy. Working across industries in France, Holland, the UK and Brasil, her expertise includes women social entrepreneurship, sustainable supply chains, collaboration, and social business incubation.

She is the Founder and Director of Ogunte C.I.C, a certified B-Corp and award winning social innovation platform that helps create „a better world, powered by women”. At Ogunte, which has supported over 5000 women social entrepreneurs, socially responsible executives and finance providers, Ms MOUAZAN has developed Make a Wave, the first incubator for women social entrepreneurs in the UK and has run the International Women’s Social Leadership Awards with over 130 finalists from 23 countries.

She has also worked with the Womanity Foundation, one of the TOP 500 NGO’s, to develop the Womanity Awards Programme which invests in organisations that prevent violence against women. Ms MOUAZAN serves as an Advisory Board Member at Match International Women’s Fund, Gap International, the NextBillion, and European Women’s Lobby WeStart Campaign, and is a Steering Committee Member of the Women in Social Finance network in the UK.

Mr Adna Shatiremie Hj A Abd RAHMAN
Head, Entrepreneurship Village (Community & Higher Education)
Senior Consultant / Lecturer, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Mr RAHMAN joined the university in 2001, and has been teaching students and incubates in the areas of Entrepreneurship, New Venture Creation, Incubation programs, Marketing, Retail Management, Business Ethics and CSR, and Islamic Banking & Finance. Prior to joining the university, Mr RAHMAN was involved in business set-ups in and out of Brunei through consultancy work and collaborations. Currently, Adna is involved in numerous launching of businesses and start-ups under the incubation program of the UBD School of Business and Economics (UBDSBE) as well as in providing consultancy services to companies outside the university.

At the moment, Adna and his entrepreneurial team are tasked with developing and running the Entrepreneurship Village, an initiative under the Ministry of Education which is spearheaded by the University (UBD) to enhance the scalability of reaching out to primarily students under the Ministry of Education, apart from other local institutions in creating an effective and aligned mindsets of the younger generations towards entrepreneurship.

Mr Rainer SCHLITT
Head of Editorial and Publications Division
Communication Department
European Investment Bank

Mr Rainer SCHLITT leads the Editorial and Publications Division in the EIB’s Communication Department. Prior to that he was Head of the Bank’s Press Office Division for 6 years. Before joining the EIB, he held several posts in the German banking, the international financial services and communication sectors.
Mr Kazuo TSUKUDA
Senior Executive Adviser
Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.

Mr Kazuo TSUKUDA is Senior Executive Advisor of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd (since April 2013) and a Member of the Board of the Mitsubishi Corporation (since June 2008). Mr Kazuo TSUKUDA joined Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. in April 1968. He was appointed as Director in 1999, as Managing Director in 2002, as President in 2003 until assuming the position of Chairman in 2008.

Mr Kazuo TSUKUDA graduated from the University of Tokyo with an advanced degree in marine mechanical engineering in 1968.

Mr Kristian UPPENBERG
Senior Sector Economist
Innovation & Competitiveness Department, Projects Directorate
European Investment Bank (EIB)

Kristian Uppenberg has been with the EIB since 1998. Since 2011 he serves as a senior sector economist in the Innovation & Competitiveness department of the Projects Directorate, with the primary responsibility of appraising industry R&D and innovation projects, as well as conducting related economic and sector analysis.

Ms Peter VESTERBACKA
Mighty Eagle
Rovio Entertainment Ltd.

Mr Peter VESTERBACKA is the Mighty Eagle, Special Projects and the grandest brand ambassador of Rovio Entertainment, the creator of the wildly successful Angry Birds franchise and over 50 other games. Prior to Rovio, Mr VESTERBACKA worked for HP in several communications-industry related roles. While at HP, he founded the HP Mobile E-Services Bazaar, a global innovation and corporate partnership program that Booz Allen Hamilton declared an industry benchmark.

Mr VESTERBACKA is also Co-founder and the original initiator of MobileMonday as well as the founder of Some Bazaar, a new approach to building and growing new businesses.

In 2011, Time Magazine recognized him as one of the most influential people in the World in their TIME 100 Listing.
Mr Patrick WALSH has been Director of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Regions Financing Department in the EIB since 2009, and from January 2015 he is Director of the “Global Partners” Department, which comprises in addition the Asia and Latin America regions. Mr WALSH joined the EIB in 1983 in the Monitoring Department of the Directorate for Operations outside the Community. From 1986 to 1992, he worked as a Loan Officer for the former Federal Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia and Turkey, plus Cyprus and Malta, before moving to EIB Lending Operations in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Territories. He became Head of the Mashreq Division in 1995, then Head of the Western Balkans and Turkey Division, helping to launch the new “FEMIP” facility for the Euro-Mediterranean region in 2002-2003. In 2004, he was appointed Associate Director, and was Alternate Director for the EIB on the Board of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) during 2004/05. In 2005, he became Head of the “JASPERS” (Joint Assistance to Support Projects in European Regions) technical assistance for project preparation facility. Prior to joining the EIB, Mr Walsh worked for the Irish Development Bank (ICC), the Investment Bank of Ireland and the Irish Civil Service in various ministries. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and an Associate of the Irish Institute of Bankers.


Dr. Alwin WONG is a key driver overseeing university-wide knowledge transfer initiatives, addressing needs and interest in commercialization and entrepreneurship. His team’s recent efforts are associated with the nurturing of innovative and entrepreneurial culture through a collection of start-up seed funding schemes consisted of the Micro Fund, China Entrepreneurship Fund, Tech Incubation Fund (TIF) and Tech Launchpad Fund (TLF) for both students and recent graduates. He also leads an executive training operation to offer related professional services through management consultancy, customized executive and entrepreneurship development programs. Concurrently appointed as the General Manager of PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd., Dr WONG has been looking after various knowledge transfer practices such as consultancy and licensing for the entire University since 1997.

Mr Patrick WALSH
Director
African, Caribbean and Pacific Regions Financing Department
Global Partners Department, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Dr Rien WAGENVOORT
Senior Economist
European Investment Bank (EIB)

Dr. Alwin WONG
Director, Institute for Entrepreneurship
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

He also serves as Secretary-General of the International Strategic Technology Alliance (ISTA; www.ista-net.net), comprised of 27 top science and technology universities in China, UK and the USA. With regards to public services, Dr WONG serves as an advisor to the Hong Kong Cyberport Entrepreneurship Centre; Incubation Admission Panel of the Hong Kong Design Centre; and Special Committee Member of the Guangzhou Association of Science & Technology.
Mr William BENN

Executive Committee Member 2015-2016
European Students Union (ESU)

William BENN is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Students Union (ESU) for the 2015-2016 period, after having served 1 year as ESU’s Membership Coordinator during the previous mandate. This year, he will focus on public responsibility, especially dealing with matters of employability, financing of higher education, and student governance. Additionally, he will be tasked with the establishment of ESU’s new Trainers Pool, aimed to provide close support to student representatives throughout Europe. Former Chairperson of the Aquitaine Union of Students in France, and elected to the Administration Council of the Bordeaux Montaigne University, he holds 2 bachelor degrees in International Commerce and History, and will soon take on a Master’s in Conflict Resolution in Paris.

Prof Denise FLETCHER

Entrepreneurship and Innovation
University of Luxembourg

Denise Fletcher is Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Luxembourg where she is Academic Director of the Management Group and study director for the Masters in Entrepreneurship and Innovation program. Prior to this she held a Senior Lecturer role at the University of Sheffield, UK becoming a Reader in Entrepreneurship and Family Business in 2011. Utilising theories from relational sociology, Denise’s academic work centres on explaining how time, context, action and interaction cohere in the production of entrepreneurial forms of work in owner-managed, spousal, sibling, team-based or family enterprises. She has published widely in the small business and entrepreneurship journals and is also involved in running a small business with her partner.

Dr Mickaël GÉRAUDEL

Associate Professor of Strategy
University of Luxembourg

Dr Mickaël GÉRAUDEL is Associate Professor of Strategy at the University of Luxembourg. His research focuses on social capital of entrepreneurs, gender issues, and competition strategies.
Ms Katherine HERMANS

Director
Global Changemakers

After receiving her MA, Ms HERMANS started out as a journalist working in the Netherlands, Japan and the USA writing about social and environmental issues. She soon turned her focus from just writing about problems to work on finding solutions. She went on to run projects, ranging from an educative theatre performance on refugees to a youth centre in Bethlehem. Since 2008 she has been working for Global Changemakers, a worldwide network of young activists. Global Changemakers encourages youth to come up with solutions and consequently supports them to make their projects and initiatives become reality. Ms HERMANS is currently writing her dissertation on youth-led development at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

Mr Niklas JUNGENGÅRD

CEO
Sqore

Mr Niklas JUNGENGÅRD is Founder and CEO of Sqore, a recruitment platform that offers skill-based competitions to connect opportunity seekers with employers and universities all over the world. In 4 years’ time, he grew Sqore to 40 employees, and built a global network of 400,000 members from 190 countries and more than 2000 partner universities worldwide. Sqore recently attracted $3.5 million USD in venture capital and aims to provide equal access to opportunities to young talented people worldwide, through organizing massive, online, skills based competitions. Mr JUNGENGÅRD is a vivid speaker who open-heartedly shares his story of his struggles building a born global start-up and developing a profitable organization from scratch. He has a background working in recruitment with Universum Group.

He holds a Master’s degree in Finance and Business Administration from the Stockholm School of Economics.

Mr Youri SKASKEVITCH

Statistical Cooperation with Africa, Asia and Latin America
Eurostat

Mr Youri SKASKEVITCH works with the Eurostat statistical cooperation unit covering Africa, Asia, Latin America as well as Eastern Partnership countries. Before joining the European Commission in 2014, he spent 14 years working in the area of European and international law, public relations and advocacy. Mr SKASKEVITCH has been involved in a wide range of projects ranging from business intelligence, telecommunications and international trade to consumer health, foreign direct investment and environment resource management. He is fluent in several European languages.
**WORKSHOP FACILITATORS**

**Dr Ceri THOMPSON**

Head of Section
Cooperation with Africa, Asia and Latin America
Eurostat

Dr Ceri THOMPSON leads the team within Eurostat engaged in statistical cooperation with Africa, Asia and Latin America. She has a first degree in Mathematics, and spent the first few years of her career working in a research environment carrying out data analysis and data collection on epidemiological research projects in the UK and Brazil. Prior to joining the European Commission, she worked for UK DFID as a health and human development specialist and for KPMG advising governments on health systems reform. She joined the European Commission in 2002 and worked first on public health policy, before moving to Eurostat in 2010.

**Ms Kira VAN DEN ENDE**

Co-Founder
Antheros

Ms Kira VAN DEN ENDE is a Communication Designer and gets her thrills from turning complicated information and ideas into graspable graphics, texts and experiences. For the last years, she has focused her work on the topic of failure and success, holding the belief that dealing with failure, admitting defeat and being comfortable with the thought that one might all be wrong about everything is an important part of everyone’s learning journey. To that end, Ms VAN DEN ENDE is one of the organisers of “F**** up Nights Brussels”, a monthly event organised as part of the global movement “F**** up Nights” born in Mexico in 2012 where people are invited to share publicly business failure stories. Ms VAN DEN ENDE joins the ASEF Young Leaders Summit 2015 as a workshop leader to share the tips and tricks on how to say the words “Yes, I f*d up”.

**Ms Liva VIKMANE**

Executive Committee Member 2015-2016
European Student Union

Ms Liva VIKMANE is member of the Executive Committee 2015/2016 of the European Student Union (ESU). Her work in ESU focuses on the social dimension and public responsibility in the context of the Bologna Process, student support services and commodification of Higher Education. Ms VIKMANE has been active in the student movement for 4 years, previously holding the position as International Affairs Officer at the Student Union of Latvia (LSA) and as Vice-chair on International Students’ Integration at the Student Council of Riga Stradinš University. She also has been a student representative in the national Bologna Process structures in Latvia. Ms VIKMANE studies International Relations.
Mr Nicolas VALAIZE is the Manager in charge of nyuko funding. He supports nyoko’s members to get private and public funding which allows them to focus on their business only. Following 3 years at a big four in venture capital & private equity services, Mr VALAIZE spent the last couple of years at Luxinnovation, the National Agency for Innovation and Research. From there he supported many companies and entrepreneurs to get public funding, in addition to his active role in the start-up support team. Last but not least, Mr VALAIZE is a business angel himself and invested in 5 start-ups in the past 12 months.
Ambassador Zhang Yan is the 6th Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF). His latest deputation before joining ASEF was as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China to the Republic of India (2007 - October 2012).

He is a veteran diplomat, with experience spanning over 30 years, serving in many countries including Liberia, Switzerland, the United States, Singapore, Austria and India. He has closely worked with the United Nations dealing with the Security Council, as well as Disarmament and Arms Control.


Ms Leonie Nagarajan has been heading the Education Department of the Asia-Europe Foundation since February 2014. Together with her inspiring team members, she develops and drives ASEF’s education project portfolio with a focus on student mobility, youth employment, university-business partnerships, and lifelong-learning. Prior to this, she advised and supported as Chief of Staff 3 ASEF Executive Directors from France and China in the planning and implementation of the Foundation’s long-range strategy, programmes and operations (from 2008 to 2015).

Ms Nagarajan previously worked in Public Affairs and the media, including the Haus der Kulturen der Welt in Berlin, the Berliner Zeitung, Pretoria News and the Icelandic national broadcaster Ríkisútvarpið (RÚV). Having studied in Reykjavik, Iceland and Berlin, Germany, she received her Master’s degree in Communication Sciences with minors in cultural and political sciences from the Free University and Humboldt University of Berlin.

Ms Leonie Nagarajan
Director, Education Department

Ms Nathalie Sajda
Project Executive, Education Department

Ms Nathalie Sajda, a Swedish national, joined ASEF’s Education Department in June 2014 to coordinate the ASEF Young Leaders Programme with its various projects, including the ASEF University (ASEFAU), Model ASEM or the ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS).

Prior to joining ASEF, she worked in the field of social enterprises and social entrepreneurship in Asia and Europe, including intercultural programmes for young social entrepreneurs to marketing of educational tools for impaired children. She also worked for a technology social enterprise in Thailand, where her role as international project manager included the development of gamification, hack-a-thon’s and marketing on issues related to flood preparedness, innovative public health and big data.

Ms Sajda obtained her first Bachelor’s degree at Sodertorn University in International Development and Co-operation, followed by a second Bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Stockholm University. She received a full scholarship to pursue her Master’s degree in New Politics and Future Governance at Kyung Hee University in South Korea, where her dissertation investigated social accountability and social impact assessments among Thai social enterprises.
Ms Maneeha CHOWDHURY
Project Officer, Education Department

Ms Maneeha CHOWDHURY, a Bangladeshi national, first joined ASEF in the Executive Office in 2013 and then in the Education Department in 2014 as Project Officer following the completion of her Bachelor’s degree in Economics from Singapore Management University.

Ms CHOWDHURY works on projects in the field of non-formal education, such as the ASEF University and the Model Asia-Europe Meeting (Model ASEM). Prior to joining ASEF, Ms CHOWDHURY interned at various organisations in Asia such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Bangkok; Grameen Bank, Dhaka; and AXA University Asia Pacific Campus, Singapore. She was also exposed to various SMEs in Europe while she was on exchange at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland in 2012. Furthermore, she volunteered in several NGOs in both Bangladesh and Singapore, and hopes to continue helping the community through youth empowerment and human rights projects.

Mr Hugo WOESTMANN
Deputy Director General
Head of Governing Bodies Directorate

Agro-Economist (Bonn University) and Economist (College of Europe Bruges) by training, Mr Woestmann, after several years of professional experience in Management Consulting and industry, was recruited by the Bank in 1981. He started his career as junior and then senior O&M officer in the Organisation and Methods Division where he was in charge of resource planning, the development of job evaluation and of work methods and procedures.

In 1986 he was appointed Head of the Budget Division and developed the medium term planning and budgeting and assisted the EBRD in setting up their administrative and budget systems. He was subsequently nominated in 1995 as Head of the Secretariat and Protocol Division in charge of support for the Bank’s Governing Bodies: Management Committee, Board of Directors, Audit Committee and Board of Governors, Linguistic Services and the Bank’s internal and external Protocol and Events commitments.

He was appointed Deputy Director General in January 2014.

Mr Dieter K. BACHLMAIR
Head
Division of Protocol, Visits & Events

Mr Dieter K. BACHLMAIR has joined the European Investment Bank Group in 2007 as Head of Unit for Protocol, leaving behind 15 years of successful career in international hotel management. Since 2015, he has been serving as Head of Division of Protocol, Visits & Events.

His main responsibilities are corporate and diplomatic protocol, official visits, meeting and dining room management, event marketing and event management in and outside Luxembourg as well as visitor groups.
Ms Szilvia Traut-Szlavik has joined the European Investment Bank in 2011 as Protocol and Event Management Assistant after finishing her university education in Hungary and France in International Studies.

She is providing assistance in organizing internal as well as external events in the EIB premises, in Luxembourg and abroad.

Professor Franck LEPREVOST is the Vice-President of the University of Luxembourg in charge of international relations and special projects (2005-2010), and of international relations and organization (since December 2010). Since January 2010, he is a member of the Scientific Board of the Fonds National de la Recherche. Prior to this, he was Professor at the University of Grenoble (France 2000-2003) and researcher at the CNRS Paris (1993-2000). He received his PhD and Habilitation in Mathematics in Paris in 1992 and 1997. He was guest at the Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik (Bonn) and at the Technische Universität Berlin, and a research fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

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ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

Together with about 750 partner organisations ASEF has run more than 700 projects, mainly conferences, seminars and workshops. Over 20,000 Asians and Europeans have actively participated in its activities and it has reached much wider audiences through its networks, web-portals, publications, exhibitions and lectures.

www.asef.org

The European Union is a unique economic and political partnership between 27 European countries. In 1957, the signature of the Treaties of Rome marked the will of the six founding countries to create a common economic space. Since then, first the Community and then the European Union has continued to enlarge and welcome new countries as members. The Union has developed into a huge single market with the euro as its common currency.

What began as a purely economic union has evolved into an organisation spanning all areas, from development aid to environmental policy. Thanks to the abolition of border controls between EU countries, it is now possible for people to travel freely within most of the EU. It has also become much easier to live and work in another EU country.

The five main institutions of the European Union are the European Parliament, the Council of Ministers, the European Commission, the Court of Justice and the Court of Auditors. The European Union is a major player in international cooperation and development aid. It is also the world’s largest humanitarian aid donor. The primary aim of the EU’s own development policy, agreed in November 2000, is the eradication of poverty.

http://europa.eu/

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is the European Union’s (EU) bank and is the only bank owned by and representing the interests of the European Union Member States. EIB works closely with other EU institutions to implement EU policy.

As the largest multilateral borrower and lender by volume, EIB provides finance and expertise for sound and sustainable investment projects which contribute to furthering EU policy objectives. More than 90% of EIB activity is focused on Europe but it also supports the EU’s external and development policies.

Around 2000 staff build on more than 50 years’ experience and expertise in project financing. Headquartered in Luxembourg, EIB has a network of local and regional offices in Europe and beyond. The EIB Group consists of the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund, – the specialist arm providing SME risk finance. The EIB is the majority EIF shareholder with the remaining equity held by the European Union (represented by the European Commission) and other European private and public bodies.

http://www.eib.org/
The University of Luxembourg is a multilingual European research university. It is a modern institution with a personal atmosphere, close to European institutions, innovative companies and the financial place. It was founded in 2003 as the first and only public university of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg.

With nearly 6,300 students and about 1500 employees from all over the globe, the University offers a unique mix of international excellence and national relevance, delivering knowledge for society and businesses.

The mandatory semester abroad for Bachelor’s students reflects the importance attached to mobility. Exchange agreements and research cooperations exist with 78 universities around the world. Our priorities for research are computational sciences, systems biomedicine, law and European law, finance and educational sciences. The research teams and about 570 PhD students work in three faculties and two interdisciplinary centres.

http://wwwen.uni.lu/

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For us, steel is the fabric of life, as it is at the heart of the modern world from railways to cars and washing machines. We are actively researching and producing steel-based technologies and solutions that make many of the products and components people use in their everyday lives more energy efficient. We are one of the world’s five largest producers of iron ore and metallurgical coal and our mining business is an essential part of our growth strategy. With a geographically diversified portfolio of iron ore and coal assets, we are strategically positioned to serve our network of steel plants and the external global market. While our steel operations are important customers, our supply to the external market is increasing as we grow.

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http://corporate.arcelormittal.com/

The Institute for Societal Leadership (ISL) was established by the Singapore Management University to be a thought leader in the understanding of Societal Leadership, a convening platform for societal leaders, and a content developer and capacity builder for Societal Leadership in Asia. The Institute aims to build a stronger Asia through a better understanding of its society, its challenges and the current and future solutions. Its mission is to serve humanity and better society.

http://www.smu.edu.sg/
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www.mhi-global.com

Established in 1949, the All-China Youth Federation (ACYF) is a federative body of Chinese youth organizations and excellent youth nationwide. Through its 52 member organizations and over 77,000 individual members at all levels, the ACYF reaches over 300 million young people across China.

www.acyf.org.cn

The Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship (SSES) is a collaboration between Stockholm’s top five schools. It is established to provide the member schools’ students with education, training and inspiration in applied entrepreneurship.

www.sses.se

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www.zju.edu.cn/english