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|  | Judith Petts |
| | Member |
| | Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution (RCEP) |
| <p>Professor Judith Petts was Head of the School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham from 2001-2007. She is also Director of the Centre for Environmental Research and Training, and holds the Chair of Environmental Risk Management. Prior to joining Birmingham (1999) she was Director of the Centre for Hazard and Risk Management, Loughborough University. Judith Petts is currently a Member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and a Member of EPSRC's Societal Issues Panel. She is also a member of the RAE2008 Sub-Panel Geography and Environmental Studies.</p> | |


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|  | Kimmo Tiilikainen |
| | Chair |
| | Finnish Council for Natural Resources (FCNR) |
| <p>Kimmo Tiilikainen holds a Master of Science (Agriculture and Forestry). He is member of the Centre Party (CV) in Finland, for which he is Member of Parliament since 2003. During a short period he was Minister of the Environment from 28 September 2007 to April 2008. He is also council member of numerous associations, such as the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (since 2001), and WWF, Heritage Forest Committee (since 1997). Since 2003 Mr. Tiilikainen has been chair of the Finnish Council for Natural Resources (FCNR).</p> | |




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|  | Christian Hey |
| | Secretary General |
| | German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) |
| <p>Christian Hey studied Public Administration and holds a PhD in Political Sciences. He is the Secretary General of the German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) since 2001. He was also Steering Committee Member of the network of European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) from 2001 to 2009. Within the network he chairs the Energy Working Group (since 2006). Previously he was Project Coordinator in the Institute for Regional Studies in Europe (EURES) in Freiburg (1989-1997); from 1997 to 2001 dr. Hey worked as EU Policy Director at the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), Brussels.</p> | |


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|  | Jan De Smedt |
| | Executive Director |
| | Belgian Council for Sustainable Development (FRDO-CFDD) |
| <p>After his studies at the Catholic University of Leuven (sociology, philosophy) and at the Institute for Developing Countries, Jan De Smedt began a well filled career especially focused on development cooperation. He worked for the Belgian Radio and Television (BRT, 1976-1978) and for several development NGOs as campaigner or executive secretary (1972-76, 1978-1998). In 1998, he took the lead of the Federal Council for Sustainable Development (FRDO-CFDD) as executive-director, the function he is still fulfilling today. More specifically about his sustainable development activities, Jan De Smedt was member of the National Council for Environment, Climate and Development which prepared the participation of the Belgian civil society to the Rio Summit (1991-92), of the National Council for Sustainable Development (1993-1997) and of its successor the Federal Council for Sustainable Development (1997-1998). He has participated at several UN conferences about sustainable development as representative of the civil society within the Belgian official delegation (Rio Summit in 1992, Johannesburg Summit in 2002 and CSD). He is member of the Steering Committee of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) and co-chair of the Networks Working Group Sustainable Development. He has also written several articles and made several presentations about the institutional aspects of sustainable development.</p> | |




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|  | Chris Vanden Bilcke |
| | Directorate General for Multilateral and Thematic Affairs |
| | Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| <p>Chris Vanden Bilcke studied law in the University of Ghent (1973-1978). In the first years of his career, he specialised in environmental law in Belgium and has several publications on his CV. From 1982 he started in the Belgian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in the desk for Multilateral Environment Dossiers. He also worked for 6 years in the cabinet of the Belgian Minister for Environment at federal level, as well as 6 years in the Belgian Mission to the EU. Since 1997 he is head of unit for Sustainable Development and Environment in the Ministry Foreign Affairs. He has participated inter alia, in all EU Environment Councils between 1982 and 1997, in numerous UN negotiation processes including Rio (1992) and Johannesburg (2002), and in all yearly sessions of the Commission for Sustainable Development of the UN between 1997 and 2009.</p> | |


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|  | José Lima Santos |
| | Council Member |
| | Portuguese Environment and Sustainable Development Council (CNADS) |
| <p>José Lima Santos has a degree in Agronomy by the Technical University of Lisbon in 1987; PhD by the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1997; habilitation degree by the Technical University of Lisbon in 2008. He is currently professor at the Institute of Agronomy, Technical University of Lisbon, and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the same Institute. His main research and teaching areas are Environmental Economics, the Economic Valuation of the Environment, Cost-Benefit Analysis of Public Policy, Policy Analysis, and Agri-environment Policy design and evaluation. José Lima Santos worked as an expert for the OECD in different tasks, such as the Economic Valuation of Biodiversity (1998/9) and the Multifunctionality of Agriculture (Washington workshop, 2000). Between 2000 and 2003 he was Director General of the Agri-Food Planning and Policy Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, in charge of policy design and evaluation, as well as European and external affairs. During this period he acted as a coordinator of the policy negotiations of the 2003 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform. José Lima Santos is a member of the National Environment and Sustainable Development Council (CNADS), since 2006, and also member of the Consultative Committee of the Gulbenkian Environmental Programme since 2007.</p> | |




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|  | Karl Falkenberg |
| | Director-General |
| | European Commission - Directorate General Environment |
| <p>Karl Falkenberg is a trained economist and journalist. He has a long experience as a negotiator in the European Commission. He started his career in the Commission as textiles negotiator, has dealt with international fisheries issues and since 1985 with the GATT. In 1990, he served as foreign policy advisor to EU President Jacques Delors, with particular focus on the German unification process. He was involved in the Uruguay Round negotiations and has been negotiating the telecommunications and financial services agreements in WTO. From 1997 to December 2000 he was in charge of the coordination of all WTO issues. In 2001 he was appointed Director in charge of sectoral trade policies and bilateral trade relations with North America, Japan, the Mediterranean area and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and in 2002 Director for Free trade agreements, Agricultural trade questions, ACP. From 2005 to 2008 he coordinated all bilateral trade policies as Deputy Director General. In January 2009, he took up the position of Director General of the Environment, covering the EU's environmental policy in both its domestic and international dimensions.</p> | |


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|  | Lea Vatanen |
| | Policy Coordinator Strategic Objective Solidarity |
| | European Commission – Secretariat General |
| <p>Ms Lea Vatanen has a Master's degree in political sciences. Since joining the European Commission in 1995, she has worked in the Secretariat-General (a department under the direct responsibility of the Commission's President). In 2009 she joined the policy coordination directorate and prepared the second Commission implementation report on the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (COM(2009) 400). This was a collective exercise involving several Commission departments and Eurostat.</p> | |




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|  | Henk Westhoek |
| | Programme Manager Agriculture |
| | Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL) |
| <p>Henk Westhoek has a MSc in Soil Science and Plant nutrition from Wageningen University. He is since 2001 the programme manager for Agriculture and Food of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL). Before joining PBL he worked for 10 years for the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture on issues related to livestock and the environment. He has also worked in Indonesia and Rwanda. He has been involved in numerous national and international assessments and scenario-studies. He was Lead Author in the International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD), initiated by FAO and the World Bank. He was co-author of the study Scenar 2020 and of Cross-roads of Life on Earth: Exploring means to meet the 2010 Biodiversity Target. Henk Westhoek was also the project-leader on the PBL-side of EUruralis project for four years. Presently, he is now guiding a large PBL project on the environmental effects of livestock production and is co-chair of the TFRN Expert Panel on Nitrogen and Food.</p> | |


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|  | Andrea Kohl |
| | Programme Director |
| | WWF European Policy Office |
| <p>Andrea Kohl holds a Ph. D. in Soils Sciences and a Diploma of Agronomy. She joined WWF in September 2001. At WWF EPO she was appointed Programme Director and in this function she is charged with driving the strategic and structural orientation of the programmatic activities and policies, as well as internal coordination and organisational development of the department. Before joining the EPO in July 2006 she was an employee at WWF Germany. As director of conservation and member of the management team she was responsible for the development and implementation of the national and international programmes as well as the management of teams in the various divisions of WWF Germany. Prior to WWF, Andrea was head of a regional office of an internationally operating consulting company in the field of conservation, environment and rural development. Her personal focus included facilitation, conflict resolution and project management.</p> | |



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|  | Günther Bachmann |
| | Secretary General |
| | German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) |
| <p>Günther Bachmann heads the executive office of the German Council for Sustainable Development. He has been involved in international sustainability issues for many years. Mr. Bachmann chaired a working group for Sustainable Development in the European Environmental and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils network (EEAC). He was a director and professor with Germany's Federal Environmental Agency. He received academic training at Berlin Technical University, a fellowship with the German Marshall Fund; postdoctoral studies and an expertise assignment by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit enabled him to do environmental and sustainability related research around the world. He has published books, reports and articles many of which cover the field of soil and water protection. Others deal with broader issues such as sustainable development governance, communicating sustainability and sustainable development in the EU. Günther is a member of several environment related organizations, among those: Friends of the Earth, the German Soil Science Association and the Scientific Association for Ecology.</p> | |

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|  | Inge Paulini |
| | Secretary-General |
| | German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) |
| <p>Dr. Paulini holds a Diploma in Nutrition at the University of Bonn, after which she received the degree of Master of Science in Nutrition, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, Washington State University (WSU). At the University of Hannover she obtained a doctorate in biology. Since 2009 dr. Paulini is the Secretary-General of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU). From 1993 to 2008 dr. Paulini worked in the Umweltbundesamt (Federal Environment Agency, Berlin, Germany), heading various sections and departments (Environmental impacts of detergents; Risk management for chemicals; General affairs, environmental strategies, research planning).</p> | |





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|  | Gorm Dige |
| | Project Manager Territorial environment, policy & economic analysis |
| | European Environment Agency (EEA) |
| <p>Gorm Dige holds a MSc. Economics. He works for the EEA since 2001. Before, he was project analyst for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangkok (1995-1997) and New York 1997-2000. He became also head of unit of the Danish Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (2000) and figured as consultant for Kvistgaard Consult (2000-2001). He recently published EEA technical reports: 'Land in Europe: prices, taxes and use patterns' (2010), 'The territorial dimension of environmental sustainability' (2010) and 'Territorial cohesion – analysis of environmental aspect of the EU Cohesion Policy in selected countries' (2009).</p> | |

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|  | Filiep Loosveldt |
| | Chair |
| | Strategic Advisory Council on Spatial Planning in Flanders (SARO) |
| <p>Filiep Loosveldt is the manager of the PANAREA Ltd. His main activity is consulting in the field of territorial planning, housing, the environment and related subsectors for the purpose of various public and private bodies. His professional carrier goes back to a (post-)university grade. In 1994 he finished a master in law and followed as a subsequent course on socio-economic law. In 1998-1998 he achieved a post-academic course at the University of Leuven on territorial planning legislation, territorial planning and town planning. In 1995 he assisted Professor Bocken – expert in environmental legislation attached to the University of Ghent. From 1996 to 1999 he was associated to the Department “Administrative & Environmental Law” of the Law Firm De Bandt, Van Hecke & Lagae te Brussel (currently Linklaters & Alliance). He daily worked on legal problems related to territorial planning and environment and advised in policy preparation and policy formation with a constitutional tax law implication. He also was in charge of the legal follow-up of specific real estate projects and litigation before first instance courts, Cassation, Council of State and Court of Arbitration. By decree of 22 July 2005 Filiep Loosveldt as of 9 August 2005 was appointed Chairman of the Flemish Commission for Territorial Planning (Vlacoro). By decree of the Flemish Government of 21 December 2007 Filiep Loosveldt was appointed as Chairman of the Flemish Strategic Advice Council for Territorial Planning and Immovable Heritage (SARO). In 2009 he</p> | |



was appointed by the Flemish Minister competent for Spatial Planning as a member of the jury for strategic spatial planning projects in the Flemish Region. He has been re-appointed in 2010.

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|  | Frank van Holst |
| | Network manager |
| | Farland |
| <p>Frank van Holst holds a M.A. Social geography (Dutch university of Utrecht) and works for the Dutch Office for Rural Areas (DLG) as a senior advisor for international cooperation. His main activities and responsibilities are identifying, managing and implementing various international projects on rural land development. Previous to this job he was project manager of Dutch land development projects at the same office. He is also active within the Farland Network. He is co-author of the publications: 'Farland, Near Future' (Farland network, EU Interreg IIIC 2007) and 'Opportunities to mainstream land consolidation in rural development of the European Union' (FAO, 2007).</p> | |

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|  | Shirley Rodrigues |
| | Director of Policy & Research |
| | UK Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) |
| <p>Shirley Rodrigues holds a BA in French Studies from the London School of Economics and obtained a Masters degree in Business Administration from Westminster University. Ms. Rodrigues has been Director of Policy and Research at the Sustainable Development Commission since 2009. She leads a team providing policy advice and research on economic, social and environmental issues to the UK Government and Devolved Administrations of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. Previously she worked at the Greater London Authority for two London Mayors, Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson, as Head of Environment and Executive Director of Policy & Partnerships. Key achievements include the development of landmark environment strategies on climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste, water and air quality; implementation of the C40, an international city network to share best practice on tackling climate change; and advising on the design and delivery of a number of environmental programmes including the London Olympics, Congestion Charge and Low Emission Zone.</p> | |



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| Xavier Cazorla Clariso |
| External affairs adviser and co-ordinator |
| Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS) |

Xavier Cazorla-Clariso obtained his MSc degree in Environmental Sciences at Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and coursed studies on the PhD of Excellence in Analysis and Governance of Sustainable Development per la Università Ca Foscari (Venice, Italy). Since 2006 he is the external affairs adviser and co-ordinator or the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, attached to the Vice-presidential Department of the Catalan Government. His work has been oriented to a broad perspective of sustainability matters, with focus on Ecosystems assessment and management, Integrated Environmental Assessment and Water Management. He has also broad experience in the Mesoamerican region, mainly in Mexico, where participated in several projects (e.g. Mesoamerican Network of Biotic Resources) for the Mexican government (Foreign Affairs Ministry), to define local and regional strategies for sustainable development (also as advisor for mesoamerican region in World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, 2002, and 3rd World Water Forum in Japan, 2003). His former research where conducted into issues of integrated water resources management and the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive in the Mediterranean region. (HarmoniCOP - EU FP5 project on Public Participation and Social Learning in river basin management; Water Agenda -LIFE project on the implementation of integrated water resources management policy in Greece).



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| Pernilla Knutsson |
| Former dicrector |
| Swedish Delegation for Sustainable Cities/ The Swedish Environmental Advisory Council (MVB) |

Pernilla Knutsson is director of the Swedish committee 'The Planning and Building Act - Getting it Right', nationwide training and information on the new planning and building act. Until this summer she was director of the secretariat of The Swedish Delegation for Sustainable Cities/ The Swedish



Environmental Advisory Council. Ms Knutsson was also head of the secretariat for the former Swedish Climate Council and the former Scientific Council on Climate Issues (2007-2008) and worked for many years at The Ministry of the Environment with different issues, for instance environmental goals and sustainable development.



David Baldock

Executive Director

Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)

Dr. David Baldock's background is in philosophy and economics. He joined the Institute in the mid 1980s to establish a programme of work on agricultural and rural environmental issues. He became Deputy Director in 1992 and Director in 1998. Being an authority on European agricultural policy and the environment, David's specialist areas include the implementation of environmental legislation and EU strategy with regard to environmental integration. He has an active interest in sustainable development and the external dimension of European policy. Current external commitments include membership of the Commission's high-level group on the competitiveness of the car industry in Europe.




Martin Scheele


Head of Unit Environment, GMO and Genetic Resources

European Commission – Directorate General Agriculture


Martin Scheele studied Agricultural Sciences at the University of Göttingen. In 1990, he received a PhD in the field of Agricultural Economics. He spent a year at the University of Wisconsin in Madison and he finalised his Habilitation in 1993 at the Department for Agricultural Sciences of the University of Göttingen with a specialisation in Environmental Economics. Martin Scheele works since 1993 for the European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development. Having started in the field of Rural Development, he changed in 1996 into the unit responsible for 'Economic Analysis and Policy Conception'. From October 2003, he led the unit responsible for 'Policy Evaluation and Studies'. Since January 2008, he is head of the unit dealing with 'Environment, GMO, and Genetic Resources'.



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|  | Karin Robinet |
| | Chair of the Interest Group on Sustainable Land use and Agriculture |
| | Network of the Heads of European Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA) |
| <p>Karin Robinet holds a degree as Socio-Economist and works since 1986 in the field of environmental economics and policy. In 2001 she joined the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) in Germany. Since September 2007 she is the chair of the Interest Group on Sustainable Land use and Agriculture, which was set up within the Network of the Heads of European Nature Conservation Agencies (ENCA) – www.encanet.eu. The Interest Group acts as a platform to exchange information and draw common conclusions for the best use of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) to safeguard the benefits of sustainable land management for a reversal of biodiversity decline in Europe.</p> | |


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|  | Huib Silvis |
| | Council Member |
| | Dutch Council for the Environment and Infrastructure (RLI) |
| <p>Dr. Huib Silvis is head of the Natural Resources Division of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute LEI, part of Wageningen UR (University and Research Centre). From 2004-2010 he served as a member of the Dutch Council for the Rural Area (RLG). From 2006 until 2009 he chaired the EEAC Working Group Agriculture, which organized the seminar 'Land Use in an Era of Global Change', in Brussels in June, 2009. Together with Arie Oskam and Gerrit Meester he edited 'EU Policy for Agriculture, Food and Rural Areas' (Wageningen Academic Publishers, 2010).</p> | |



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|  | Tomasz Winnicki |
| | Chair |
| | State Environmental Council of Poland (PROS) |
| <p>Tomasz Winnicki, Ph.D., D.Sc., is emeritus Professor of Wroclaw University of Technology, where he obtained his Doctorate in Chemistry. Being chair of the State Environmental Council of Poland, prof. Winnicki is also vice-rector at Karkonosze College, professor at the State Higher Professional School of Kalisz (PWSZ) and part-time professor of Wroclaw University of Economics, Jelenia Gora. He became Doctor Honoris Causa at the University of Technology of Czestochowa in 2007. Prof. Winnicki holds a membership in various scientific associations as the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, the Academy of Engineering Sciences of Ukraine, the Rectors' Conference of State Higher Professional Schools in Poland (honorary chair) and the Scientific Council of the Academic Coordination Centre of Euroregion Neisse.</p> | |

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|  | Marco Fritz |
| | Policy Officer Biodiversity |
| | European Commission – Directorate General Environment |
| <p>Marco Fritz is bio-geographer and working in the European Commission since 4 years. He is currently policy officer within DG Environment's biodiversity unit, and responsible there for shaping the upcoming strategy on Green Infrastructure. He is also working on the knowledge base data on land use changes, for elaborating policy recommendations on how to secure the sustainable land use within future European policy from the biodiversity and ecosystem point of view. Before, he was working on Natura 2000, land cover surveys, habitat mapping and the assessment of nature restoration projects. He was lecturer at the universities of Saarbruecken, Luxembourg and Leuven. Of German origin, he came to Belgium ten years ago, for a short traineeship - and decided to stay.</p> | |



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|  | Jean Peyrony |
| | Policy Analyst Urban development, Territorial cohesion |
| | European Commission – Directorate General Region |
| <p>Jean Peyrony is working at the European Commission in the Unit 'Urban development, Territorial cohesion' of the DG Region. Before, he worked for MOT, a non-profit organization helping local authorities to develop cross border cooperation projects. At DATAR (French national agency for spatial planning and regional development) he was in charge of territorial cohesion and territorial cooperation (ESPON, North West Europe and Alpine Space Interreg programmes), and of policy design of the EU cohesion policy. Employed by the regional agency for spatial planning in Paris region, he functioned as head of the Observation Unit and took part in the writing of the regional plan. He also worked in public/private partnerships for urban development in Paris agglomeration and in La Reunion island (French outermost region), where he was project manager.</p> | |

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|  | Bas Pedrolì |
| | Secretary General |
| | Landscape Europe |
| <p>Dr. G.B.M. Pedrolì is a senior landscape researcher with an academic background at the University of Amsterdam in physical geography and landscape ecology. He specialised in landscape studies both in consulting assignments and contract research. He is engaged enthusiastically in the future of Europe's living landscapes, developing methodology for landscape and nature conservation planning from a sustainable development perspective, and developing methodology to integrate natural sciences, complex land use requirements and landscape perception and appreciation in the management. He has a keen interest in involving civil society in the process of decision support for these purposes. Bas Pedrolì coordinates several EU projects related to landscape and is active in various scientific networks (Uniscape, Landscape Europe, Civilscape, Petrarca). Since 1997 he is employed by Alterra Wageningen UR (Landscape Centre) in The Netherlands, since 2008 additionally as an associate professor at Wageningen University (Soil Geography and Landscape Group). His most</p> | |



recent publications related to the conference topic are: 'Europe's living landscapes. Essays exploring our identity in the countryside' (2007) and 'Values of rural landscapes in Europe. Inspiration or by-product' (2007).



Tim O'Riordan

European Advisor

UK Sustainable Development Commission (SDC)

Prof. O'Riordan holds an MA in Geography from the University of Edinburgh, an MS in Water Resources Engineering from Cornell University, and a PhD in Geography from the University of Cambridge. He is also Emeritus Professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia. Professor O'Riordan is European Advisor to the UK Sustainable Development Commission and a member of Sustainability East, the East of England Sustainable Development Round Table. His research deals with the themes associated with better governance for sustainability. He is also active in the evolution of sustainability science partnerships. He has edited a number of key books on the institutional aspects of global environmental change, policy and practice, led two international research projects on the transition to sustainability in the European Union (1995-2002) and edited two editions of the text book, Environmental Science for Environmental Management.



Noel Casserly


Director

COMHAR


Noel Casserly is a graduate of the Dublin Institute of Technology (Environmental Economics and Spatial Planning) and Trinity College Dublin (BSc Surveying). At the moment he is Director of Comhar Sustainable Development Council, Ireland's national consultation forum on sustainable development. He previously worked in the environment and spatial planning units in the Irish Department of the Environment and has been part of the Irish delegation to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development since 2004. Noel currently chairs the EEAC's Biodiversity Working Group.




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|  | Willy De Backer |
| | Head of the Greening Europe Forum |
| | Friends of Europe |
| <p>Before he worked as an independent journalist and consultant specialised in global energy, environment and sustainability policies. Willy De Backer was chief editor and co-founder of EU online policy portal EurActiv.com from 1999 until end of May 2007. He is a frequent speaker and professional moderator for conferences on EU policies (especially energy, environment, climate change, sustainable development, transport and CSR), on internet media and citizens' journalism. Before getting into journalism and becoming an internet entrepreneur, Willy De Backer worked for nearly ten years as MEP assistant and later staff member of the Green group in the European Parliament. From 1984 until 1989, he was one of the secretary-generals of the Federation of European Green Parties. From 1 January 2008 until end of 2009, he was part-time European director of the US-based Global Footprint Network (GFN), the research NGO which developed the ecological footprint metric.</p> | |

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|  | Pekka Pesonen |
| | Secretary General |
| | Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations (COPA) |
| <p>Pekka Pesonen holds a M.Sc. Agriculture (1991) at Helsinki University, faculty of agriculture and forestry, majoring in agricultural market economy, additional studies in agricultural policy and extension education. He got appointed Secretary-General of COPA in 2006. In 2005 he was State Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry in Finland. From 1997 to 2005 he acted as dairy and livestock advisor in Brussels en got employed by Finnish dairy, meat and egg co-operatives, Pellervo Federation of Finnish Co-operatives and Finnish farmers' unions MTK and SLC. Before (1991-1997) he worked by Valio Ltd, Finnish dairy company.</p> | |



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|  | Michelle Wyart-Rémy |
| | Secretary General |
| | International Minerals Association (IMA) |
| <p>Dr Michelle Wyart-Rémy holds a PhD in Sciences in Organic Physical Chemistry from the Free University of Brussels (1976). She has headed IMA-Europe as Director and Secretary General since its creation in 1994, while also continuing her responsibilities as EUROTALC Secretary General since 1979. Since 2007 she is the Secretary-General of the European Lime Association, EuLA. She acts as IMA representative and/or expert in several committees: European Network on Silica (NEPSI), REACH Directors Contact Group (DCG, European Commission), Standing Working Party of the Extractive Industry (SWPEI, European Commission DG Employment & Social Affairs), Raw Materials Supply Group (RMSG, European Commission DG Enterprise), Non-Energy Extractive Industry Panel (NEEIP), Business Europe Sustainable Consumption Product, Climate Change and Health & Safety Working Groups. Michelle is a Member of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), Mining section and of ACGIH, BOHS and Society of European Affairs Professionals.</p> | |


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|  | Trees Robijns |
| | EU Agriculture Policy Officer |
| | BirdLife International |
| <p>Trees Robijns holds a master in political sciences (Leuven, BE) and a M.A. in International relations at the Johns Hopkins University (Washington DC, USA) and (Bologna, IT). She represents BirdLife International on all matters related to EU Agriculture policy and other related policies linked to agriculture, biodiversity - including land use, bio-energy, climate adaptation and mitigation. Dealing closely with partners and their experts. She's also performing lobby work with all the EU institutions and coordinating the lobby campaign for BirdLife on EU agriculture and bio-energy policy. She functions also as Programme Assistant for the Economic Policy Programme of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Performing background research on agriculture, monitoring European</p> | |




agriculture policy landscape to identify new programming opportunities and grant proposal reading and writing. She's working closely with grantees; following up projects; providing administrative and logistical support. Trees won the Luc De Smet Leadership Prize in 2007.

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|  | Allan Buckwell |
| | Chairman of the policy group |
| | European Landowners Organisation (ELO) |
| <p>Allan Buckwell joined the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) in January 2000 as Policy Director. His role is to coordinate all aspects of land use policy and land use advice to members covering agriculture, forestry, environment and water, and other issues. He is also chairman of the policy group of the European Landowners Organisation, which brings together landowners from all the 27 EU member States. Before joining the CLA he held the position of Professor of Agricultural Economics at Wye College from 1984 to 1999. Prior to that he was lecturer in agricultural economics at Newcastle University, 1970-1984, with two spells in US Universities, Wisconsin & Cornell. Throughout his career, his main interest has been the nature and effects of the Common Agricultural Policy. He has advised the agricultural committees of both houses of the UK Parliament, and also the European Parliament. In 1995/6 he was seconded to the think tank within the Agricultural Directorate of the European Commission. From 1993-1996 he was President of the European Association of Agricultural Economists, and was President of the UK Agricultural Economics Society 2005/06. His role has been helping seek a more economically rational agricultural and rural policy for the benefit of citizens, food consumers and producers. He strongly supports the CLA policy that the Common Agriculture Policy must move towards a more integrated rural policy particularly emphasising agri-environment and rural development. The policy challenge is to devise better ways than in the past to deal with the trio of problems: market failures, missing markets, and market imperfections. More recently he has focussed a great deal of his work on how private sector land managers can be rewarded for delivering public environmental and cultural landscape services and dealing with environmental challenges such as climate change. He was awarded the RASE National Agricultural Award in 2008.</p> | |



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|  | Jan Verheeke |
| | Secretary |
| | Flemish Strategic Advisory Council for Environment and Nature (Minaraad) |
| <p>Jan Verheeke studied Master in Law and Bachelor in Philosophy, all at the University of Ghent. From 1989 until 1992, he was policy advisor at the nature protection NGO “Natuurreservaten vzw”. From 1992 until 2004 he managed the secretariat of the Flemish environmental advisory council, Minaraad – in that respect, he was involved in the EEAC-network from the very beginning. From 2004 until 2009 he was personal advisor of the Flemish Environment Minister, in which he managed all political questions relating to Flemish biodiversity, nature protection and forestry policies, as well as to European environmental policy. Since July 2009 until present, he manages again the secretariat of the Flemish environmental advisory council.</p> | |

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|  | Joke Schauvliege |
| | Flemish minister for the Environment, Nature and Culture |
| | Flemish Government |
| <p>Joke Schauvliege holds a Master’s Degree in Law, option ‘administrative and public law’ (University of Ghent - 1993) and a certificate of postgraduate cycle ‘environmental law and environmental sanitation law’ (University of Ghent - 1995). She is the current Flemish Minister for Environment, Nature and Culture since 13 July 2009. As Member of Flemish Parliament (2004-2009) she was the Vice-Chairwoman of the Christian Democratic political group (CD&V) in Flemish Parliament and figured as Member of the Committee for Environment and Nature, Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Policy and Town and Country Planning and Immovable Heritage. Joke Schauvliege got elected as Member of the Belgian House of Representatives for the period 1999-2003.</p> | |