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United Kingdom  
Liberal Democrat Party  
Born on 28 June 1954, Hitchin

BA (Hons.) History, London University (1975). MA (Local Government), Kent University (1976).  
Admitted as solicitor (1984). Solicitor in private practice (1984-1999).  
Deputy Leader, East Riding of Yorkshire Unitary Council (1995-1999).  
Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). First Vice-Chairwoman, Delegation for relations with  
Switzerland, Iceland and Norway (1999-2004); ELDR coordinator on the Committee on Legal Affairs  
and the Internal Market (1999-2004); leader of the Liberal Democrat delegation (2000-2004);  
ALDE/ADLE coordinator on the Committee on Legal Affairs (since 2004).  
President of the Institute of Translation and Interpreting (2001- ).

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Sweden

Arbetarepartiet- Socialdemokraterna

Born on 15 January 1952, Arvidsjaur

Degree in social studies (1974). School welfare officer (1974-1979). Social welfare secretary (1979-1983). Family law secretary (1983-1994). Chief education officer (1994-1998). Assistant project leader (1998-1999). Social welfare secretary (1983-1994), chief education officer (1994-1998), assistant project leader (1998-1999). Family law secretary (1983-1994). Chief Education Officer (1994-1998). Assistant project leader (1998-1999).

Member of Norrbotten county council (since 1998). Chairwoman of the Norrbotten county education board (1987-1992), Member of the Swedish Parliament (1985-1994); second Vice-Chairwoman of the Social Democratic group in the Swedish Parliament (1991-1994).

Government-appointed leader of the inquiry into the establishment of a Children's Rights Ombudsman (1991); Chairwoman of the State Committee on Child Abuse (since 1999).

Member of the Council, Technical University of Luleå (1988-1997). Chairman of Filmpool Nord (since 1992), Vice-Chairman of the board of the Swedish Film Institute (1995-1999).

Member of the European Parliament since 1999.

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Denmark

JuniBevægelsen - Mod Unionen

Born on 27 March 1948, Åbenrå

Advanced school-leaving certificate (1966). Studied political science (1966-1974). Editor (1974-1979). Co-founder of the People's Movement against the EC (1972). Co-founder of Denmark 92 (1991). Co-founder (1992) and spokesperson (since 1992) of the June Movement.

Member of the European Parliament (since 1979). Chairman of the Delegation for relations with Iceland (1992-1994). Co-Chairman (1994-1997) and Chairman (1997-1999) of the EDN Group. Chairman of the Group for a Europe of Democracies and Diversities (1999-2004). Chairman of the Independence/Democracy Group.

Co-founder of the Intergroup SOS Democracy. Co-founder of the Intergroup Eurosun. Co-founder of TEAM (1992). Co-founder of Friends of Clean Accounts, The Referendum Group (2004)

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Hungary

Fidesz-Magyar Polgári Szövetség

Born on 15 September 1941, Budapest

Budapest University of Technology and Economics, engineer's certificate (1964); town planning  
engineer's certificate (1980). Project engineer (1965-1990). Research fellow: Hamburg (1972-1973),  
Helsinki, Otaniemi (1987). Principal Private Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Communications and  
Water Management (1991).

Titular Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Affairs (1992-1994).

High Commissioner for the Hungarian Expo; Chairman, Council for the Hungarian Expo (1992-1994).  
Ambassador (2000-2003).

Councillor, Budapest City Council; leader, MDF party group on the Council (1990-1992).

Chairman, Urban Development Committee, Budapest City Council (1990-1992).

Member of the Hungarian Parliament (1994-1998).

Vice-Chairman, Hungarian Society of Engineers (1990-1991).

Great Silver Medal with Ribbon for Services to the Republic of Austria



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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

Delegation for relations with Canada, Substitute

Lithuania

Darbo partija

Born on 8 December 1970, Kaunas

Degree in medicine, Kaunas Medical University (1989-1995); general practical medical training, Kaunas Medical University (1995-1996); specialisation in paediatrics, Kaunas Medical University (1996-1998); doctoral studies, Public Health Faculty, Kaunas Medical University (1998-2002); studies, Nordic School of Public Health, Göteborg, master's degree in public health (2000-2002). Coordinator, Kaunas District, World Bank health project in Lithuania, Kaunas Regional Development Agency (2001-2004). Lecturer in prophylactic medicine, Kaunas Medical University (2002-2004). Projects coordinator, Kaunas Medical University clinics (2003-2004).

Member of the executive, Labour Party (since 2004). Executive secretary, Health Committee, Labour Party (since 2003).

Editor, Pharmacon periodical for pharmacists (1997-2002).



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Temporary committee on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013, Member

Delegation to the EU-Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

Germany

Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands

Born on 10 October 1942, Gotha

Qualified farmer (1967). Agricultural engineer (1973). Dr. agr. (1988). Worked in the agricultural sector (until 1979). Management consultant (until 1990).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1994). Member of the EPP Group Bureau (1994-1999 and from 2004). Coordinator in the Committee on Agriculture (since 1996).



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Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

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Prawo i Sprawiedliwość

Born on 16 November 1947, Zduńska Wola

Masters in Engineering Warsaw University of Technology (1972); graduate of the Dept. of Pedagogy, Warsaw University of Technology (1972); Doctor of Engineering, Rzeszów University of Technology (1980).

Design specialist at WSK PZL - Rzeszów (1972-1973). Lecturer at the Rzeszów University of Technology (1973-1982).

Member of the independent self-governing trade union NSZZ Solidarność (since 1980). Member of Solidarity Election Action - Social Movement (RS AWS) (1998-2003). Councillor (1990-1998); Mayor of Rzeszów (1991-1999).

Senator of the Republic of Poland, Chairman of the Committee for Territorial Autonomy and State Administration, member of the Committee on National Economy (1997-2001), Vice-Chairman Committee for Territorial Autonomy and State Administration, member of the Committee on Environmental Protection (2001-2004).

Delegate to the Local Chamber of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (1994-1998). Member of the Association of Polish Engineers and Mechanical Technicians.

Member of the National League, Catholic Action, Polish Community.

Bronze Cross of Merit

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Hungary

Magyar Szocialista Párt

Born on 22 May 1954, Budapest

Foreign Trade College (1976). Eötvös Loránd University (1988); doctorate (1994); candidate's degree (1994); university teacher (since 1994).

Researcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (1987-1990); Editor in chief, 'Esély' periodical (1989-

2003); Director, Esély Family Assistance Centre (1990-1994); Head, Social Policy Department, Kossuth Lajos University (1991-1996); Visiting teacher at Swedish, Czech, German, Belgian, American, Danish and Italian universities (1992-2001); Director-general, Ministry of Employment (2002-2003).

Has published 15 books, mainly about social policy and equal opportunities.

Minister (2003-2004).



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Commission de l'emploi et des affaires sociales, Membre  
Commission des libertés civiles, de la justice et des affaires intérieures, Membre suppléant  
Délégation pour les relations avec la Suisse, l'Islande et la Norvège et à la commission parlementaire  
mixte de l'Espace économique européen (EEE), Membre  
Délégation aux commissions de coopération parlementaire UE-Arménie, UE-Azerbaïdjan et UE-  
Géorgie, Membre suppléant

Irlande

Sinn Féin

Née le 1 mai 1969, Dublin

Bachelor of Arts (Mod.), Trinity College (Dublin) (1992). Master of Arts, université de Limerick (1993).  
Chercheuse à l'Institut des Affaires européennes (Dublin) (1994-1995). Dublin City University (1995-  
1998). Consultante au Irish Productivity Centre (1998-2000). Formatrice, Education and Training  
Services Trust, Unité de formation de l'Irish Congress of Trade Unions (2000-2002). Coordinateur pour  
la stratégie politique du Sinn Féin (2002-2004).

Membre du Sinn Féin Árd Chomhairle (comité exécutif national) (depuis 2001).



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Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, Member

Committee on Legal Affairs, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area  
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Greece

Nea Dimokratia

Born on 29 July 1952, Chios

Graduate in Greek and French literature (Athens 1974). Graduate in Byzantine and modern Greek literature (Athens 1976). DEA (Paris I Sorbonne, 1977). Doctorate in History (Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne 1982), Diploma in History and Byzantine Culture (Bari, 1982). Specialist in Education and Vocational Guidance (Lyons II, 1983). Lexicographic research (Bonn, 1996-1997). Assistant French teacher (1975). Language teacher in lower and upper secondary schools in Greece (1980-1984) and Germany (1984-1990). Educational and vocational guidance counsellor Germany (1990-1996). Deputy educational coordinator for Western Europe (Greece) (1993-1994). Teacher of modern Greek language and literature and Byzantine literature at the University of Bonn. Involved in compilation of Byzantine-Greek dictionary (1996-2003).

Member of Stuttgart (1984-1990) and Bonn (1990-2004) New Democracy Movement.

Representative of the Greek Confederation of Large Families in COFACE (1998-2004).

Awarded Silver Cross of the Legion of Honour by the President of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr R. Herzog (1994).



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Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

Delegation for relations with Canada, Substitute

Germany

Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands

Born on 21 February 1953, Frankfurt/Main

First state law examination (1977). Second state law examination (1979). Lawyer

Employed in the chancellery of the Governing Mayor of Berlin.

Member of the European Parliament (since 1989). PSE spokeswoman on the environment, health policy and consumer protection (1989-2004). Chair, BSE Committee of Inquiry (1997).



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Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand, Substitute

Austria

Österreichische Volkspartei - Liste Ursula Stenzel

Born on 6 May 1953, Wels

Studied farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic (1967-1972). Studied economics in Linz (1972-1978). Doctorate, Linz University Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy (1978-1984).

Managing director of a company.

Member, Upper Austria Regional Assembly (1991-1996). Chairman, EU Integration Committee.

Member, Austrian Parliament (1996).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1996). EPP small businesses spokesman at the WTO. EPP spokesman for industry, research, energy and telecommunications policy.

Vice-Chairman, Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway (2002-2004) the Arctic Council and EFTA.

President, SME Circle (1999-2000). Co-President (2000-2001) and President (2001-2003), Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Union. President, SME Global (since 2003). Board member, Upper Austria Business Promotion Institute (1991-1996). Vice-President, Upper Austria Chamber of Commerce (1996-2000). President of EUCUSA (2000-2002). Industry Vice-Chairman, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (2000-2005).



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Delegation to the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

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Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Substitute

Germany

Freie Demokratische Partei - Die Liberalen

Born on 14 June 1954, Assen

1975-1976 military service in the Netherlands. 1977-1979 worked in the Netherlands Defence Ministry.

1979-2004 Netherlands Defence Ministry official, Seedorf Barracks, Germany.

Joined the FDP in 1996; since 1998 Elbe-Weser FDP District Vice-Chairman; since 2001 member,

Federal Committee on International Policy; since 2002 member, Lower Saxony FDP Regional

Executive; since 2003 member, ELDR Council.

Member, NABU Deutschland e.V. (nature conservancy).



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Czech Republic

Občanská demokratická strana

Born on 6 October 1946, Prostějov

Doctor of Natural Sciences (Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University, Bratislava, 1973); holder of the postgraduate qualification 'Candidate of Sciences' (Faculty of Pharmacy, Comenius University, Bratislava, 1979); Senior lecturer (Faculty of Medicine, Palacký University, Olomouc, 1990). Research fellow (1972-1982). Specialised assistant professor (1982-1990); Senior lecturer (since 1990). Head of the Pharmacological Institute (since 1999).

Vice-Chairwoman of the Prostějov area local association of ODS (Civic Democratic Party) (1998-2000).

Member of the Prostějov area local association of ODS (since 2000).



**Mr Alyn SMITH**

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Temporary committee on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

United Kingdom

Scottish National Party

Born on 15 September 1973, Glasgow

LLB (Hons.), Leeds University and Heidelberg University (1994). MA (Advanced European Studies)

College of Europe (1995). Diploma in Legal Practice, Nottingham Law School (1996).

Qualified solicitor, Clifford Chance, London (1999).

Anderson Strathern Solicitors Edinburgh 2000-2002.

Scottish Parliament Advisor to Richard Lochhead MSP, Shadow Scottish Fisheries Minister 2002-2003.

Scottish Parliament, Scottish National Party Group Justice Business and Europe Advisor 2003-2004.





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Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

United Kingdom

Labour Party

Born on 30 July 1973, Bellshill

MA (Hons.) Geography and International Relations, St Andrews University (1996); M.Litt.

(International Security Studies), St Andrews University (1998). Political researcher to Anne Begg MP (1997-1999).

In the Labour Party: Youth representative on the Scottish Executive Committee (1993-1995); Youth representative on the National Executive Committee (1995-1997); Parliamentary Candidate, Angus Constituency (1997), MEP representative on the Scottish Executive Committee (2000-2001, 2003-2005). Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). In the European Parliamentary Labour Party: health spokesperson (1999-2004); fisheries spokesperson (since 1999); regional development spokesperson (since 2004); Deputy Leader European Parliamentary Labour Party (since 2004). President of the Public Health Intergroup (2000-2002). Chair of the Multiple Sclerosis Interest Group (2002- ), Founding member of the Campaign for Parliamentary Reform (CPR) (since 1999).

Editor of the Parliament Magazine (since 2002). Member of AMICUS, the Co-op Party and the Fabian Society



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Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member

Belgium

Vlaams Belang

Born on 30 May 1959, Brugge

Degree in literature and philosophy - communication sciences (1981).

General Chairman, Vlaams Blok (since 1996).

Member of the Bruges City Council (group chairman) (1994-1996 and since 2000).

Member of the European Parliament (1994-2003).

Group leader in the Senate (2003-2004).

Deputy Secretary-General, Technical Group of the European Right (1989-1994).



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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Substitute

Delegation for relations with the United States, Member

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Italy

La Margherita

Born on 27 May 1952, Salerno

Graduate in law (1978). Director of the provincial tourism authority of Salerno (1973-1995).

Member of the 'Margherita' party executive.

Member of Salerno Municipal Council (1985-1993); Chairman of Salerno Provincial Council (1995-2004); member of the Bureau of the UPI - Union of the Provincial Councils of Italy (1995-1999). Former regional Vice-Chairman of the AICCRE. Chairman of the Federal Council of the League of Local Authorities (2001-2004).

Member of the Committee of the Regions of the European Union (2002-2004).

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company managing the European Employment Pact for Agro Nocerino-Sarnese (until 2001); responsible for the contract for the Salerno 'Crater'; former member of the CNEL consultative committee for the Mezzogiorno (Coordinator). General Secretary (1983-1988), adviser to the Chairman (1988-2001) and Chairman (since 2002) of the European University Centre for the Cultural Heritage of Ravello. Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Consortium PRUSST 'Ospitalità da favola' and the Atheneum Consortium (Training in film, television and multi-media work). Commander of the Order of St Gregory the Great; Knight of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St George.



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Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen, Member

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Italy

Alleanza nazionale

Born on 1 February 1965, Roma

Graduate in political science (1993).

Secretary-General of the Youth Front (1993-1996). President of Youth Action (1996-1997). Director of the AN Young Entrepreneurs Office since 1985. Responsible for Community policies for the Rome section of AN since 1998.

Director of the environmental association 'Fare Verde' (1985-1992). Founder of the international voluntary work organisation 'Movimento Comunità'.

Member of the European Parliament (since 1994).



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Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, Member

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Italy

Democratici di Sinistra

Born on 12 July 1944, Sanremo (IM)

Doctorate in Economy and Commerce (1969). University professor of economic institutions at the Polytechnic of Turin - Faculty of Engineering (since 1973).

Member of the provincial, regional and national party executives of the Democratici di Sinistra (since 1989).

Chairman of Turin Provincial Council (1995-2004); Member of Regional Council (1985-1995) and Member of Regional Executive with responsibility for regional planning in Piedmont (1994-1995).

Member of the Committee of the Regions and its Bureau (1998-2004); Italian Vice-Chairman of AICCRE (since 2002).

Chairman of the World Federation of United Cities (2000-2004); Founding Chairman of the Organisation 'Cités et Gouvernements locaux Unis' (since 2004).

Grand Officer of the Republic.



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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Substitute  
Delegation for relations with the countries of the Andean Community, Member  
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute  
Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, Member  
Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Substitute

Lithuania

Darbo partija

Born on 16 May 1953, Vilnius

Studied economics at the University of Vilnius (1972-1978); PhD in economics at Moscow Central Economics and Mathematics Institute (1981-1986). EU Transform Programme, European integration lecturer's diploma (1998-1999). Chief researcher, Economics Institute, Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (1977-1980, 1987-1997). Project leader, Consulta Enterprise Restructuring Agency (1995-1998).

Lecturer in European economic integration, University of Vilnius (2001-2004).

Member of the executive, Labour Party (2004).

Adviser to the Budget and Finance Committee, administration of the Lithuanian Parliament (2004).

Expert/section head, European Affairs Committee, Economic Integration Department, Lithuanian Government (1998-2003).



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Temporary committee on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013, Member

Delegation for relations with Canada, Member

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Spain

Partido Socialista Obrero Español

Born on 27 July 1945, Hannover (Alemania)

Graduate in humanities of the University of Uppsala (Sweden) (1971). Language teacher (Hamburg, 1973); Deputy Chair, Erlangen-Nürnberg University (1974-1978); Language teacher at the Usandizaga Institute and the German School (San Sebastian, 1978-1987). Chair of the Board of the German School in San Sebastian (1995).

Member of the Executive Committee of the Basque Socialist Party (1999).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1987). Socialist coordinator on the Committee on Culture and Education (1989-1994); Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Budgets (1994-1999).

Awarded the 'Mujer Progresista' prize in 1995. Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit of the Republic of Austria.



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Socialist Group in the European Parliament, Member  
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Committee on Budgetary Control, Substitute  
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Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, Member  
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Hungary  
Magyar Szocialista Párt  
Born on 5 May 1961, Budapest

University of Horticulture, food conservation engineer, translator of Russian (1985). Eötvös Loránd University, Portuguese Department (1992). Hungarian Academy of Sciences - research fellow (1985-1989). University of Horticulture, professor's assistant (1989-1994). Unilever Hungary (1994-1997). ICI Hungary (1997-2004). Manager, Central and Eastern European Region, National Starch Chemical. Member, MSZP party (since 1989). Member, Fejér Regional Executive (since 2002). Council of Europe (1999).





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Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats, Member  
European Parliament, Member

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Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Mercosur, Member

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area  
(EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Slovakia

Kresťanskodemokratické hnutie

Born on 24 February 1959, Vranov nad Topľou

Košice Technical University, Faculty of Electrical Engineering (1978-1993). Management Consulting  
Institute (Bratislava) (1991). Institute of Management for Business (Bratislava) (1993). Durham  
University Business School (1994). Georgetown University (Washington, USA) (1998). Centre for  
International Studies (Israel) (2000). Marketing professional (1990-1992). Head of a business advisory  
centre (1992-1993). Manager of a regional advisory and information centre (1993-2004).

Member of the Council for Socioeconomic Development (1998-2002). Member of the Financial  
Committee of the town of Prešov (1998-2002). Member of the Business Committee of the town of  
Prešov (since 2002). Member of the Financial Committee of Prešov Autonomous Region (since 2001).  
Member of the board of directors of the European Association of Regional Development Agencies  
(EURADA) (since 2003).

Member of the Microfinance Centre for Central and Eastern Europe (Warsaw) (since 1997).

President of the Association of Microfinance Institutions of Slovakia (1999-2001). Vice-President of the  
Association of Christian Entrepreneurs and Managers of Slovakia (since 2002).

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Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Member

Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Substitute

Temporary committee on policy challenges and budgetary means of the enlarged Union 2007-2013, Substitute

Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, Member

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

**United Kingdom**

Conservative and Unionist Party

Born on 29 April 1945, Newcastle upon Tyne

Education: Newcastle Royal Grammar School (1953-1962); College of Law, Guildford (1964-1969).

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature (1973). Principal, Timothy J.R. Kirkhope Solicitors (1973-1977). Partner, Wilkinson Maughan (now Eversheds) Solicitors (1977-1987), Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Principal, Timothy J.R. Kirkhope Solicitors, Dorking (since 1997). Principal, 'The Timothy Kirkhope Consultancy' (since 1997).

Chairman, Conservative Friends of Israel (Europe) (since 1999).

Councillor, Northumberland County Council (1982-1986). MP for Leeds North-East (1987-1997).

Government Whip and Lord Commissioner to the Treasury (1990-1995). Vice-Chamberlain to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II (1995). Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office (immigration, licensing and gambling, international police cooperation) (1995-1997).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). Vice-Chairman, Delegation to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee (1999-2004).

Director, Bournemouth and West Hampshire Water Company PLC. Member of the Institute of Directors.



**Herr Wolf KLINZ**

Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Member  
European Parliament, Member  
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Member  
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Substitute  
Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee, Member  
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute  
Delegation for relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council, Substitute

**Germany**

Freie Demokratische Partei - Die Liberalen

Born on 13 September 1941, Wien

Graduated (1963) and doctorate (1965), International Trade Institute, Vienna after studies in Paris, Vienna, Madrid and Berlin. MBA at INSEAD, Fontainebleau (1966). Assistant and District Sales Manager in the motor vehicle industry (UK, D, USA) (1966-1970). Project leader and partner, McKinsey & Company, Inc. (UK, D, F) (1970-1981). Managing Director, VEGLA Vereinigte Glaswerke GmbH (D) (1981-1984). Board member, Landis & Gyr AG (CH) (1984-1990). Chairman of Treuhandanstalt (Berlin) (1990-1994). Chairman of plant construction, automation and survey companies (Frankfurt/Main) (1994-2003).

President, Chamber of Trade and Industry, Frankfurt/Main and spokesman for the Hesse CTI (2001-2004). Chairman, Conference of German Chambers of Trade and Industry (Berlin) (2001-2004). Vice-President of Eurochambres (Brussels) (2003-2004).

Membership of various boards (since 1982). Currently on supervisory board of Zumtobel AG (Dornbirn/Austria), AVECO AG (Frankfurt/Main), and Board of Governors of the Hochschule für Musik und darstellende Kunst (Frankfurt/Main).

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Medal, Frankfurt/Main University.



**Mr Neil PARISH**

Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats, Member  
European Parliament, Member  
Conference of Delegation Chairmen, Member  
Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, Member  
Committee on Fisheries, Member  
Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand, Chairman  
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area  
(EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute  
Delegation for relations with the Gulf States, including Yemen, Substitute

United Kingdom

Conservative and Unionist Party

Born on 26 May 1956, Bridgwater

Farmer.

Bridgwater constituency: Deputy Chairman (1995-1997); Chairman (1997-1999).

Councillor, Sedgemoor District Council (1983-1995); Deputy Leader of the Council (1989-1995).

Councillor, Somerset County Council (1989-1993).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1999).



**Herr Andreas SCHWAB**

Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats, Member  
European Parliament, Member  
Committee on Petitions, Member  
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Member  
Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Substitute  
Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area  
(EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute  
Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Member  
Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, Substitute

Germany

Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands

Born on 9 April 1973, Rottweil

Studied law at Freiburg/Breisgau and Paris I.E.P. (1993-1995). First state law examination (1999).

Master of Laws, University of Wales (2000); doctorate in law, Freiburg University (2002). Trainee lawyer, Rottweil Regional Court (2001-2003); second state law examination (2003). European Convention Section, Baden-Württemberg State Ministry (2002-2003). Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sport, Minister's Policy Officer (2003-2004). Lawyer (2004).

Local Chairman, Junge Union (1992-1994); member, District Executive, Junge Union (1994-1996); member, Baden-Württemberg Junge Union Regional Executive (1996-1998); Vice-Chairman, Südbaden Junge Union District Executive (1998-2003).

Member, Rottweil CDU Executive Committee (since 2001).

Member, Upper Rhine Region Young Christian Democrats (1999-2003).

Chairman, Franco-German Forum e.V., Freiburg (since 1997). Member, German-British Lawyers' Association e.V. (since 2000).

British Council Richard von Weizsäcker Scholarship (1999-2000).



**Hr. Jonas SJÖSTEDT**

Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left, Member  
European Parliament, Member

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Member

Committee on Budgetary Control, Substitute

Committee on International Trade, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area  
(EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Member

Sweden

Vänsterpartiet

Born on 25 December 1964, Göteborg

Upper secondary education. Metal worker at Volvo Trucks, Umeå.

Member of the European Parliament since 1995



**Mr Peter SKINNER**

Socialist Group in the European Parliament, Member

European Parliament, Member

Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Member

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Substitute

Delegation for relations with the United States, Member

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

United Kingdom

Labour Party

Born on 1 June 1959, Oxford

Honours degree in Economics and Politics. Postgraduate Diploma in Industrial Relations. Qualified Personnel Manager. Fellow of the University of Sunderland. Recruiter for Banking Union (1982-1985). Training Events Organiser (1987-1989). Lecturer in Business Studies and Economics and Professional Courses Manager (1988-1994).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1994).



**Herr Thomas ULMER**

Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats, Member

European Parliament, Member

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Member

Committee on Regional Development, Substitute

Delegation for relations with the Korean Peninsula, Member

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Substitute

Germany

Christlich Demokratische Union Deutschlands

Born on 27 July 1956, Karlsruhe

Studied medicine at Heidelberg, Mannheim and Freiburg (1976-1982); qualified as doctor (1985); doctorate (1982); general practitioner (1986); sports medicine (1987); occupational medicine (1987); radiological protection (1987); emergency medicine (1988). Clinical practice in Bretten, Mosbach and Hardheim (1987-1986). Own practice (since 1986).

Vice-Chairman, Neckar-Odenwald District CDU (since 1990). Member, Nordbaden CDU District Executive (since 1999). CDU Nordbaden health policy spokesman (since 2000).

Member, Mosbach town council and CDU Group Chairman (since 1984). Member, Neckar-Odenwald District Council (1984-1994 and since 1999).

Vice-Chairman, Mosbach Volksbank e.G. supervisory board (since 1998).





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Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Member

European Parliament, Member

Committee on Budgetary Control, Member

Committee on Petitions, Substitute

Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area (EEA) Joint Parliamentary Committee, Substitute

Netherlands

Europa Transparant

Born on 28 May 1957, Breda

Foundation course in mechanical engineering (Eindhoven Technical College, 1977). Diploma in bookkeeping (1980). Foundation course at the Netherlands Institute of Certified Public Accountants (1983).

Assistant accountant (1980-1985). Head of the planning department in a manufacturing company (1985-1986). University budget policy adviser (1986-1990). Financial management advisor to the police (2002-2003).

Military service (1979-1980).

Official, European Commission (1990-2002 and 2003-2004).