

## **Profile of the Speakers**

### **COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EU:**

- **Koen Lenaerts**

Born 1954; lic. iuris, Ph.D. in Law (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven); Master of Laws, Master in Public Administration (Harvard University); Lecturer (1979-83), subsequently Professor of European Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (since 1983); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (1984-85); Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (1984-89); member of the Brussels Bar (1986-89); Visiting Professor at the Harvard Law School (1989); Judge at the Court of First Instance of the European Communities from 25 September 1989 to 6 October 2003; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2003; Vice-President of the Court of Justice from 9 October 2012 to 7 October 2015; President of the Court of Justice of the European Union since 8 October 2015.

- **Antonio Tizzano**

Born 1940; Professor of European Union Law at La Sapienza University, Rome; Professor at the Istituto Universitario Orientale, Naples (1969-79), Federico II University, Naples (1979-92), the University of Catania (1969-77) and the University of Mogadishu (1967-72); member of the Bar at the Italian Court of Cassation; Legal Adviser to the Permanent Representation of the Italian Republic to the European Communities (1984-92); member of the Italian delegation at the negotiations for the accession of the Kingdom of Spain and the Portuguese Republic to the European Communities, for the Single European Act and for the Treaty on European Union; author of numerous publications, including commentaries on the European Treaties and collections of European Union legal texts; Founder and Director since 1996 of the journal *Il Diritto dell'Unione Europea*; member of the managing or editorial board of a number of legal journals; rapporteur at numerous international congresses; conferences and courses at various international institutions, including The Hague Academy of International Law (1987); member of the independent group of experts appointed to examine the finances of the Commission of the European Communities (1999); Advocate General at the Court of Justice from 7 October 2000 to 3 May 2006; Judge at the Court of Justice since 4 May 2006; Vice-President of the Court of Justice since 8 October 2015.

- **Thomas von Danwitz**

Born 1962; studied at Bonn, Geneva and Paris; State examination in law (1986 and 1992); Doctor of Laws (University of Bonn, 1988); International diploma in public administration (École nationale d'administration, 1990); teaching authorisation (University of Bonn, 1996); Professor of German public law and European law (1996-2003), Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Ruhr University, Bochum (2000-01); Professor of German public law and European law (University of Cologne, 2003-06); Director of the Institute of Public Law and Administrative Science (2006); Visiting professor at the Fletcher School of Law and

Diplomacy (2000), François Rabelais University, Tours (2001-06), and the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne (2005-06); Doctor *honoris causa* of François Rabelais University, Tours (2010); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2006.

- **Alexander Arabadjiev**

Born 1949; legal studies (St Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia); Judge at the District Court, Blagoevgrad (1975-83); Judge at the Regional Court, Blagoevgrad (1983-86); Judge at the Supreme Court (1986-91); Judge at the Constitutional Court (1991-2000); member of the European Commission of Human Rights (1997-99); member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe (2002-03); member of the National Assembly (2001-06); Observer at the European Parliament; Judge at the Court of Justice since 12 January 2007.

- **François Biltgen**

Born 1958; master's degree in law (1981) and diploma of advanced studies (DEA) in Community law at the University of Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Paris II (1982); graduated from the Institut d'études politiques, Paris (1982); lawyer at the Luxembourg bar (1987-99); Deputy in the Chamber of Deputies (1994-99); Municipal Councillor of the town of Esch-sur-Alzette (1987-99); Deputy Mayor of Esch-sur-Alzette (1997-99); Alternate Member of the Luxembourg delegation to the Committee of the Regions of the European Union (1994-99); Minister for Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Relations with Parliament, Minister with responsibility for Communications (1999-2004); Minister for Labour and Employment, Minister for Religious Affairs, Minister for Culture, Higher Education and Research (2004-09); Minister for Justice, Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform, Minister for Higher Education and Research, Minister for Communications and the Media, Minister for Religious Affairs (2009-13); Joint President of the Ministerial Conference of the Bologna Process in 2005 and 2009; Joint President of the Ministerial Conference of the European Space Agency (2012-13); Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2013.

- **Maria Berger**

Born 1956; studied law and economics (1975-79), Doctor of Law; Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer at the Institute of Public Law and Political Sciences of the University of Innsbruck (1979-84); Administrator at the Federal Ministry of Science and Research, ultimately Deputy Head of Unit (1984-88); official responsible for questions relating to the European Union at the Federal Chancellery (1988-89); Head of the European Integration Section of the Federal Chancellery (preparation for the Republic of Austria's accession to the European Union) (1989-92); Director at the EFTA Surveillance Authority, in Geneva and Brussels (1993-94); Vice-President of Danube University, Krems (1995-96); member of the European Parliament (November 1996 to January 2007 and December 2008 to July 2009) and member of the Committee on Legal Affairs; substitute member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe (February 2002 to July 2003); Councillor of the Municipality of Perg (September 1997 to September 2009); Federal Minister for Justice (January 2007 to December 2008); publications on various topics of European law; Honorary Professor of European law at the

University of Vienna; Visiting Professor at the University of Saarbrücken; Honorary Senator of the University of Innsbruck; Judge at the Court of Justice since 7 October 2009.

- **Mariyana Kancheva**

Born 1958; degree in law at the University of Sofia; post-master's degree in European law at the Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels; specialisation in economic law and intellectual property law; Trainee judge at the Regional Court, Sofia (1985-86); Legal adviser (1986-88); Lawyer at the Sofia bar (1988-92); Director-General of the Services Office for the Diplomatic Corps at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1992-94); pursuit of the profession of lawyer in Sofia (1994-2011) and Brussels (2007-11); Arbitrator in Sofia for the resolution of commercial disputes; participation in the drafting of various legislative texts as legal adviser to the Bulgarian parliament; Judge at the General Court since 19 September 2011.

- **Rofes i Pujol**

Born in 1956; study of law (law degree, University of Barcelona, 1981); specialisation in international trade (Mexico, 1983); study of European integration (Barcelona Chamber of Commerce, 1985) and of Community law (School of Public Administration, Catalonia, 1986); official of the Government of Catalonia (member of the Legal Service of the Ministry of Industry and Energy, April 1984 to August 1986); member of the Barcelona Bar (1985-87); Administrator, then Principal Administrator, in the Research and Documentation Division of the Court of Justice of the European Communities (1986-94); Legal Secretary at the Court of Justice (Chamber of Advocate General Ruiz-Jarabo Colomer, January 1995 to April 2004; Chamber of Judge Lõhmus, May 2004 to August 2009); Lecturer on Community Cases, Faculty of Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona (1993-2000); numerous publications and courses on European social law; member of the Board of Appeal of the Community Plant Variety Office (2006-09); Judge at the Civil Service Tribunal since 7 October 2009.

### **EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS:**

- **Henri Grethen**

Born in 1950. He held various positions at the Luxembourg 'Trade federation' ('Confédération du commerce Luxembourgeois') from 1976 to 1989. In 1981 he was appointed Secretary-General of the federation. Secretary-General of the Democratic Party between 1981- 1990, and 1994-2004.

Member of Parliament ('Chambre des Députés') since 1984, with the exception of the period 1999 to 2004. Member of the Finance and Budget Committee ('Commission des Finances et du Budget') 1990-1999. He then was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Budgetary Control ('Commission du Contrôle de l'exécution budgétaire') and Vice President of the 'Chambre des Députés' (1998-1999, and 2006-2007).

As a Member of Parliament, he was responsible for drafting the law setting up and regulating the 'Cour des comptes' ('loi du 8 juin 1999 portant organisation de la Cour des

comptes') and its current revision ('proposition de loi 5667 du 9 janvier 2007'), and subsequently presented the proposals at the 'Chambre des Députés' as Rapporteur. As a consequence of this law, an independent Court of Auditors has been set up in Luxembourg to examine the legality and regularity of the revenues and expenses of the state and the sound financial management of public funds.

From 1999 to 2004 he was Minister of Economy ('Ministre de l'Economie') and Minister of Transport ('Ministre des Transports'). Furthermore, for a short period he served as Minister for the Public Service ('Ministre de la Fonction Publique') in 2004.

He became a Member of the European Court of Auditors in 1 January 2008. From 1 January 2008 to 1 June 2010 he was appointed to Audit Group II "Structural Policies, Transport, Research and Energy" and as a member of the Administrative Committee.

Since 1 June 2010, following the reorganization of the Court, Mr GRETHEN is a member of Chamber II "Structural Policies, Transport and Energy" and an alternate member of the Administrative Committee.

In October 2013, Henri Grethen was elected as the Dean of Chamber II and hence a member of the Administrative Committee.

- **Iliana Ivanova**

Born in 1975. Study international economic relations (University of Economics, Varna) and a MBA in global management (Thunderbird University, Arizona, USA)

International financial institutions coordinator for the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food (1999 – 2002); Business development expert, Total Systems Acquiring Solutions (2004); Investment analyst for Beal Bank, Dallas, USA (2005); Financial controller for Ericsson USA, Dallas, USA (2006)

Senior financial analyst for Clayton Commercial Group, Dallas, USA (2006); Senior financial analyst for Bank of America, Dallas, USA (2005 – 2006); Member of Sofia City Council, representing GERB (2007 – 2009); Member of the European Parliament (2009 – 2012); Vice-Chair of the Budgetary Control Committee and Rapporteur; Vice-Chair of the EU-China Delegation; Member of the Committee of Internal Market and consumer protection.

- **Lazaros S. Lazarou**

Born in 1958. Study Economics (Hull University, UK); Master's degree in Public Administration (Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University); Professional Accountant with Audit Firms in the United Kingdom and Cyprus (1982-1989); Inland Revenue Department of the Republic of Cyprus (1989-1999); Accountant General of the Republic of Cyprus (2000-2010); Since 2010 Member of the European Court of Auditors.

## **CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES OF LUXEMBOURG**

- **Mars Di Bartolomeo**

Born in 1952; From 1972 to 1984, Mars Di Bartolomeo is a journalist and deputy editor at Tageblatt; In 1984, Mars Di Bartolomeo was appointed parliamentary secretary to the LSAP.

In 1987, he was elected to the municipal council of Dudelange. After the local elections of October 1993, he became mayor of the town of Dudelange, until 2004. From 1989 to 2004, Mars Di Bartolomeo is a member of the Chamber of Deputies; From 2000-2008, he served as chairman of the South constituency of the LSAP and first president of Pro-Sud (Regional Union of Municipalities for the Promotion and Development of the Southern region) from 2000 to 2004.

From 1999 to 2009, Mars Di Bartolomeo was President of the Center of Documentation for Human Migrations.

- **Marc Angel**

Born in 1963; Master in Philosophy (University of Vienna); Teacher, Lycée technique Hôtelier Alexis Heck; Translator; President of the Socialist Group of the Municipal Council; City councilor, City of Luxembourg since 01/01/1993; MP since 03/08/2004; President of the Commission of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Cooperation and Immigration; Vice-President of the Socialist political group.

- **Claude Frieseisen**

Secretary General of the Chamber of Deputies since 08/10/2002; Secretary-General of the Office since 08/10/2002; Secretary-General of the Conference of Presidents since 08/10/2002; Chief of Staff of the President of the Chamber of Deputies.

- **Norbert Hauptert**

Born in 1940; Member of the European People's Party. Assembly member (2000-2014); President of the Association of Former Members of the Chamber of Deputies.