

Speakers



Professor Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow is President of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (CRASP) and has been Rector of the University of Warsaw (UW) since 2005. Before her appointment as the Rector she was Vice-Rector for Finance and Personnel and Dean of the Faculty of Physics.

Professor Chałasińska-Macukow earned her Ph.D. in Physics (optics) at the Faculty of Physics in 1979 and a habilitation in the same field in 1988. She was made professor in Physics at the UW in 1997 and a full professor in 2002.

She is a board member of International Society for Optical Engineering, a member of Institute of Physics (UK) and a member of Optical Society of America. She was Vice President of the International Commission for Optics (1993-1999), chair of ICO Prize Committee (1996-1999) and Vice President of Polish Physical Society (2001 – 2005). She was also a member of Board of Directors (1992-1996) and a member of Advisory Committee (1992-2003) in European Optical Society.



Christine Chapman has been a member of the Committee of the Regions since 2007 and serves on the Commission for Economic and Social Policy. In this time, Christine has been rapporteur on two opinions on the future of the Lisbon Strategy post-2010 and on the European Platform against poverty and social exclusion. Christine is also one of the political coordinators of the Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform along with President Nichi Vendola.

Christine was first elected as Assembly Member for the Cynon Valley in 1999. Her previous roles have included chairing the Objective One Programme Monitoring Committee, Deputy Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, and Finance, Local Government and Public Services, and Chair of the Petitions Committee. Christine is Chair of the Assembly's Women and Democracy Group.

Christine holds a BA (Hons) in History and Classical Studies from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and an MScEcon and MPhil from Cardiff University. She also holds a Diploma in Careers Guidance from South Bank Polytechnic. Christine's professional career has been in the field of education. She has worked for the Careers Service and for two Education Business Partnerships, and has worked as both a youth worker and a secondary school teacher.



Dr. Dimitri Corpakis currently holds the position of the Head of Unit on the Regional Dimension of Innovation (RTD-C5) (Directorate for Research and Innovation; at the European Commission's Directorate General for Research and Innovation). The Unit manages the 2 FP7 regional actions on *Regions of Knowledge* and *(Unlocking) Research Potential*. It maintains close links with Cohesion policy and is fully involved in the deployment of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3).

From March 2006 to the end of December 2010, Dimitri served as the Head of the Coordination and Horizontal Aspects Unit of the Directorate for Science, Economy and Society of the Directorate General for Research, managing 2 Programmes of the 7th Community RTD Framework Programme (Research on Socio-economic sciences and Humanities and Science in Society). Prior to that, he held for several

years the position of the Head of Sector for regional aspects of research policy, at the same DG, dealing mainly with the links between the Framework Programme for R&D and the Structural Funds. Dimitri is an engineer and a planner by training, having to date more than 30 years experience in European affairs.



Jacki Davis is a leading commentator and analyst on European Union affairs. She is an experienced journalist, speaker and moderator of high-level events both in Brussels and in EU national capitals, the editor of many publications, a regular broadcaster on television and radio news programmes, and a Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre think tank. Jacki has been based in Brussels for 19 years, and was previously Communications Director of the European Policy Centre; editor-in-chief of E!Sharp, a magazine on the EU launched in 2001; and launch editor of European Voice, a Brussels-based weekly newspaper on EU affairs owned by The Economist Group, from 1995-2000.



Professor Manfred Horvat is active as independent expert for European and international research and technology policies and programmes and works as senior advisor of European S&T affairs of governments, the European Commission and international associations. Since more than 20 years, he acts as chair, rapporteur and member of numerous EU and other expert groups for monitoring, evaluation and impact assessment of programmes and instruments for European and international S&T cooperation. Since 1981, Professor Horvat coordinates the Conference of Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology (CRP).

Professor Horvat was director for European and International Programmes in Austria from 1993 till 2006 with the responsibility for the implementation of the Framework

Programme in Austria. Appointed by the European Commission, he was chairman and member of EU programme evaluation, monitoring and impact assessment panels and also for the evaluation of different instruments for European RTD cooperation (COST, ERA-NETs, Networks of Excellence). Recently he was rapporteur of the Expert Group on Synergies between the Framework Programme, the CIP and the Cohesion Policy Funds.

Professor Horvat received his engineering degree from Vienna University of Technology in 1961. He holds honorary professorships at Vienna University of Technology and Tomsk Polytechnic University, Russia, and has been awarded a doctorate honoris causa by Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania.



Professor Danuta Hübner, Poland's first-ever European Commissioner, is one of her country's foremost economists and policymakers and has played a key role in the enlargement of the EU. Since July 2009 Ms. Hübner is a Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Regional Development as well as a member of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis and the Delegation for Relations with the United States. In addition she is a substitute member of the Parliament's Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, the Special Committee on the Policy Challenges and Budgetary Resources for a Sustainable European Union after 2013 and the Delegation for Relations with Switzerland, Iceland and Norway and to the European Economic Area.

In 2004 Professor Hübner was entrusted as Commissioner with the regional policy portfolio. Earlier, during the past decade, her roles in Poland's Government have included Minister for European Affairs, Head of Office of the Committee for European

Integration and Secretary of State for Poland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade and Minister Head of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland. In 2000-2001 Professor Hübner was Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Executive Secretary at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva.

She studied at the Warsaw School of Economics where she obtained an MSc (1971) and a PhD (1974). In 1992 she was conferred with the scientific title of Professor of Economics by the President of the Republic of Poland. She has been awarded with five doctorates honoris causa by European universities.



Professor Marcin Palys studied chemistry at the University of Warsaw. After receiving master's degree, he followed PhD studies and received his doctorate from the University of Twente (Netherlands) in 1992. In 1994 he was appointed Adjunct at the Faculty of Chemistry, University of Warsaw where he taught inorganic and physical chemistry.

From 2005 to 2008 professor Palys served as Vice-Dean for Financial Affairs at the Faculty of Chemistry. In 2008 he was appointed Vice-Rector of the University of Warsaw for Development and Financial Policy. He is responsible for the University budget and implementation of critical structural and financial reforms aimed to transform the university into modern higher education institution.



Dr. Peter Riedler is Vice-Rector Rector for Finances, Resources and Location Development of the University of Graz and lecturer at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria.

His previous roles have included the position as Director of Public Affairs, AVL List in Graz (2007-2011), Economic Advisor of the Chancellor of Austria, Wolfgang Schüssel (2002-2007) and Economic Advisor of the Regional Minister for Economic Affairs in the Government of Styria (1997-2002). Between 1995 and 1997 he has been working as an assistant to Austrian members of the European Parliament, Brussels.

Dr. Peter Riedler studied at the University of Wales, College of Cardiff (European Law) and at the Bologna Center of the Johns Hopkins University. He later followed PhD studies at the University of Graz (Dr. in Law).



Dr. Wolfgang Streitenberger is Adviser to the Director General, DG Regional Policy, in the European Commission. Previous activities in the European Commission have included the Adviser to the Director General and to a Research Directorate in DG Information Society as well as Adviser to DG Press and Communication. From 1996 to 2001 he was the Head of European Commission Representation to Austria.

Wolfgang Streitenberger studied Political Science, Economic History and Economics at University of Vienna and Sorbonne, Paris. He later followed PhD studies in Political Science and post-graduate studies at College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium. He has been working as a Lecturer at numerous universities in Brussels, Vienna, Riga, Tartu, Frankfurt/Oder and Bucharest. He is author/editor of several regular and one-off publications, e.g. "The birth of Europe", "Europe-City St. Pölten", "Austria's future is Europe". Between 1996 and 2001 he has worked as Editor of the monthly journal "EU-DIREKT" and of the quarterly journal "DIE UNION".



Klaus Uckel is Director at the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and head of division EU Research Policy; European Research Area (ERA).

He was a fully qualified lawyer and Attorney for Labour and Social Law in 1990. During 1993-2002 he occupied various positions as Desk Officer at different directorate-generals at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research namely: European and International Cooperation, Central Services (he drafted the Federal Rules for Research Funding, specifically for the innovation and IP issues which are in force since 1998), European and International Cooperation. In 2002 he became head of division at the directorate-general for Higher Education and Lifelong Learning. From October 2005 until June 2010 he was head of division EU-Research Policy; EUREKA as Director at the

director-general for European and International Cooperation as well in charge for the preparation and implementation of the German EU-Presidency on Research in the first half of 2007. From May 2009 until June 2011 he chaired the ERAC, former CREST working group on Knowledge Transfer.



Professor Georg Winckler studied economics at Princeton University and at the University of Vienna, PhD 1968.

Since 1978 he has been Professor of Economics and from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2011 Rector of the University of Vienna. He was President of the Austrian Rectors' Conference and Vice President and President of the EUA.

Since April 2008 he has been a member of ERAB and, since February 2009, Member of the PEOPLE Advisory Group, European Commission, Brussels



Matthias Winker completed his studies in Air Traffic Engineering at the Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) in 1998, where he afterwards worked as a lecturer for various study courses in technical areas at master level (e.g. aircraft engines).

Since 2002 he has developed his career more and more towards administrative and management themes and became an expert in EU-research promotion and strategic research management. In 2003, he was appointed as head of the Research Association for Middle and Eastern European Countries at TUD, which was merged with the European Project Center (EPC) in 2005. Since 2005 Matthias Winker is the Director of the EPC, which is today one of the largest project management offices dealing with EU-funding in Germany. So far more than 600 international projects with a grant volume of more than 200 million Euro were developed and consulted.

Since 2008, Matthias Winker is also working as a leader of task forces developing and guiding the process of implementing full costing at TUD. These task forces focus

on FC model development, time allocation and the treatment of third party funds. Within that position he has functioned as an advisor to the management board of TUD.



Professor Margret Wintermantel studied psychology and media studies at the University of Mainz. After gaining her doctorate in 1972 and research periods at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and at the University of California in Berkeley, she was research assistant and lecturer at the Institute of Psychology at the University of Heidelberg.

She held several DFG research grants, and in 1986 she gained her habilitation degree in psychology. In 1992 she was appointed university professor for social psychology at Saarland University, where she served as Vice-President for Study and Teaching from 1994 to 1997. In 2000 she was elected University President and in 2004

confirmed in this office for another term of six years. From 2001 to 2006 she served as Vice-President of the German Rectors' Conference. In 2006 she was elected President of the German Rectors' Conference. In June 2011 she was elected President (designate) of the German Academic Exchange Service. Furthermore, she is member of the Board of the European University Association (EUA) since March 2009. She is also member of the Austrian Science Council and of the Council of the United Nations' University.