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Edward Bowles



Mr Bowles is the Regional Head of Corporate and Public Affairs, Europe at Standard Chartered Bank, where he has held a number of roles since 2007. He is also a member of a number of European financial services' industry association committees, covering international regulatory issues and trade negotiations. Prior to this, he was a UK civil servant at the Ministry of Justice, where he served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary and to two Ministers, and as Head of Human Rights Policy. He also spent eight years in the UK Crown Prosecution Service as a barrister, and was a member of the General Council of the Bar for seven years.

His academic background is in law and business administration.

Jos Dings



Jos Dings is Director of T&E, the European Federation for Transport and Environment. Established in 1990, T&E represents around 45 organisations across Europe, mostly environmental groups and campaigners working for sustainable transport policies at national, regional and local level. Transport policy should minimise harmful impacts on the environment and health, maximise efficiency of resources, including energy and land, and guarantee safety and sufficient access for all. T&E's work is focused on the areas where European and global policies have the potential to achieve the greatest environmental benefits. These include transport pricing so that polluters, not society, pay for pollution, setting standards for the cleanest possible cars, vans, lorries, ships, planes, and fuels, and greening EU investment in transport.

Before joining T&E in 2004, Jos worked at CE Delft, an environmental consultancy, where he headed the transport division. Jos graduated in Mechanical Engineering at the Delft University of Technology.

Ulrich Eckelmann



Mr Eckelmann is the General Secretary of the industriALL European Trade Union. With more than twenty years of his career spent in the metal industry, he has wide-ranging experience of industrial and labour policies. Prior to this, he spent more than a decade as a public servant working on economic statistics for the Federal Statistical Office in Germany.

His academic background is in economics and management.

Benedicte Federspiel



Ms Federspiel has spent more than forty years working on consumer affairs, both in Denmark, Europe and internationally. After having been the Executive Director of the Danish Consumer Council for many years, during which she also held important positions internationally, she now mainly concentrates on legal matters, ministerial committees, standardisation and Nordic, European and international consumer policy work in the Consumer Council.

Benedicte Federspiel is Danish member of the Social and Economic Committee of the EU and holds a number of important positions in the European and international consumer political scene, among them member of the European Consumer Consultative Group of the European Commission (ECCG) and member of the European Board of the TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD).

Benedicte Federspiel was for a long time President - and is now Treasurer – of ANEC, the European organisation for Consumer Representation in Standardisation and Certification.

Her academic background is in law.

Roxane Feller



Ms Feller is Director for Economic affairs at FoodDrinkEurope since 2009. Her previous experience includes 14 years at Copa-Cogeca in charge of food safety policy and 3 years at CEFS, the European sugar industry federation CEFS. Prior to this, she worked as a lawyer in Switzerland and Germany.

Her academic background is in European law.

Monique Goyens



Ms Goyens is currently Director General of the BEUC, the European Consumers' Organisation. She is also co-chair of the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue, a network of EU and US consumer organisations. Her previous experience includes ten years managing the Commission Universitaire pour le Développement, an organisation building links between Belgian francophone universities and their counterparts in the developing world.

Her academic background is in law.

Ivan Hodac



Mr Hodac is former Secretary General of ACEA, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association. In total he has almost thirty years' experience of senior representation and policy analysis for business associations and multinational companies in a variety of industries in Europe. He previously undertook similar roles for the European office of Time Warner and for the International Federation of Margarine Associations.

His academic background, including as an assistant at the College of Europe, ranges from mechanical engineering to European economic studies.

Tom Jenkins



Mr Jenkins is the Senior Advisor to the General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation. He is currently co-chair of the Civil Society Forum set up under the EU-Korea FTA, and chair of its Domestic Advisory Group. His experience in the trade union field began in 1973 when he joined the Trades Union Congress in the UK.

His roles have included a secondment to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the presidency of the European Economic and Social Committee.

Pascal Kerneis



Mr Kerneis is the Managing Director of the European Services Forum. He has held a number of advisory roles in EU trade policy, including on the Civil Society Forum of the EU-Korea FTA and in DG Trade's Contact Group. His previous experience includes nearly ten years working on international affairs for the European Banking Federation, and as a legal expert for the European Commission. His academic background is in European law.

Monika Kosinska



Ms Kosinska has been the Secretary General of the European Public Health Alliance since 2008. She has previously worked for the London-based Alliance for Health and the Future, and in European advocacy roles for North West NHS and the UK Department of Health. Her academic background is in European studies and international peace and security.

During Ms Kosinska's maternity leave she will be replaced by Ms Susanne Løgstrup, Director of the European Heart Network.

Pekka Pesonen



Mr Pesonen is Secretary-General of COPA-COGECA, an agricultural lobby representing 70 national farm organisations in Europe. He previously worked for the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as state secretary. In addition, he has wide professional experience in the Finnish food industry and in working with the EU.

Mr Pesonen's academic background is in agricultural economics.

Pieter de Pous



Mr de Pous is Policy Director for the European Environmental Bureau, where he has worked since 2005 covering areas including biodiversity and agriculture. Previously he worked for the WWF International Accession Initiative in Vienna as a consultant.

His academic background is in forest and nature management, including wildlife conservation, and international administration.

Reinhard Quick



Mr Quick is the director of the European office of VCI, the German chemical industries association, and chairman of Businesseurope's working group on Free Trade Agreements and the World Trade Organisation. He has worked in these areas since 1984, when he first joined VCI as a Trade Policy Advisor in Frankfurt. In 2006 he was appointed honorary professor for international economic law at the University of Saarland in Saarbrücken where he teaches a course on trade and environment.

His academic background is in law.

Luisa Santos



Ms Santos is the Director for International Relations at Businesseurope. Her principal experience is in the textiles sector, having acted first as the chief representative for the Portuguese textile industry in Brussels, and later as Trade and Industry Manager for Euratex, the European Apparel and Textile Confederation. She was also the manager responsible for international partnerships – including a joint venture in India – for a leading Portuguese textiles company.

Her academic background is in law and management.