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**AUSTRIA**



Norbert Darabos was born on 31 May 1964 and lives in Kroatisch-Minihof/Province of Burgenland. After attending Elementary School in Burgenland he completed an Upper Secondary School in Vienna, followed by studies of History and Political Science at the University of Vienna, from where he graduated with a Master of Arts degree in 1988.

Darabos started his political career as a Municipal Adviser in Nikitsch/Burgenland. In 1998 he took office as Executive Secretary of the Social Democratic Party (SPÖ) in Burgenland. Since 2003 Norbert Darabos has been Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party of Austria and as of 2004 he has been Member of the Austrian Parliament.

Norbert Darabos is married and father of two children.

**Educational and Professional Background**

1970-1974: Elementary School "Marianum"

1974-1982: Upper Secondary School in Vienna

1982-1988: Studies of History and Political Science at the University of Vienna; Graduation in 1988

1987: Alternative Service

1988-1991: Chief Executive of the Dr.-Karl-Renner-Institute, Burgenland

1991-1998: Press Speaker for the Governor of the Province of Burgenland Karl Stix

1998-2003: Executive Secretary of the SPÖ Burgenland

as of 2003: Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party of Austria

**Political Functions**

1999-2004: Member of the Diet of Burgenland

1987-2003: Member of the Municipal Council of Nikitsch/Burgenland

as of 1998: Member of the Executive Board of the SPÖ Burgenland

as of 2000: Member of the Executive Board of the Social Democratic Party of Austria

2000-2003: President of the SPÖ Club of the Diet of Burgenland

as of 1999: Deputy District Chair of the SPÖ, Oberpullendorf/Burgenland

as of 1987: Municipal Chair of the SPÖ, Kroatisch Minihof/Burgenland

as of 16-06-2004: Member of the Austrian Parliament (SPÖ)

as of 11-01-2007: Minister of Defence

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## BELGIUM



Born in Antwerp on December 6th, 1961

### Marital status

Married to Anne Donckers

2 children: Eline and Yves

### Education

Master of Business Economics, Antwerp University, graduated magna cum laude in 1984

### Employment history

Economical Advisor Research Department Vlaams Economisch Verbond (1985-1989)

Chief Executive Officer Dynamic (Seghers Group) and Member of the Board of Directors Seghers Engineering (1989-1992)

Administrator-general Sociaal Economische Raad van Vlaanderen (SERV) (1992-1997)

Chief Executive Officer Vlaams Economisch Verbond (1997-2000)

Managing Director Voka (Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry) (2000-2009)

Flemish Minister for Finance, Budget, Work, Town and Country Planning and Sports (2009-)

### Political history

Flemish Minister for Finance, Budget, Work, Town and Country Planning and Sports (2009-)

### Interests

Trainer, coach and player in the football team Amber

Member of the party executive committee and the party council of N-VA

Reading, film, travelling and hiking

## André ANTOINE

Deputy Premier, Minister of the budget, of finance, employment, training, and port, Head of airport policy of the French Community  
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## BELGIUM



André Antoine was born on 3 February 1960 at Louvain. He has been a member of the CDH (Centre Démocrate Humaniste - Humanist Democratic Centre) since 1980 (at the time, the CDH was called the Christian Social Party).

### Family and Academic Background

André Antoine was born into a farming family.

In 1983, he was awarded a degree in law by the UCL (Université Catholique de Louvain – Catholic University of Louvain). In addition, he was awarded a Certificate in European Studies.

### Political Career

André Antoine began his working life in 1980.

He straightaway joined the party and became a Councillor to the Presidency. In 1985, he entered the Belgian parliament following the national elections of that year. He was re-elected in 1987, and would become chairman of his party's group within the Council of the French Community of Belgium. He held office during the 47th legislative session of the Chamber of Representatives of Belgium.

In 1988, he became a Commune Councillor at Ramillies, and would remain in office until 1992.

In 1991, Michel Lebrun, Minister of Education, appointed André Antoine to be his Head of Cabinet. In that same year, André Antoine would become Councillor for the Province of Brabant, a post that he would hold until 1994.

At the 1995 elections, he was elected a Member of the Walloon Parliament, and took over the chairmanship of his party's group within the Parliament of the French Community of Belgium.

He was re-elected a Member of the Walloon Parliament in 1999, and became group chairman in the Walloon Parliament.

In 1994, he was elected Commune Councillor for his commune of Perwez, of which he would become the Burgomaster in 2001 and 2004.

In 2003, Joëlle Milquet appointed him to the Deputy Chairmanship of the party.

In 2004, he became his party's leader within the Walloon government. He began his ministerial tenure as Deputy Premier and Minister for Housing, Transport, and Territorial Development.

In 2009, he became Deputy Premier, Minister of the Budget, of Finance, Employment, Training, and Sport, as well as Head of Airport Policy, within the governments of Wallonia and of the French Community.

## Isabelle WEYKMANS

German-speaking community  
Minister for youth, culture, the  
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## BELGIUM



After obtaining a secondary-teaching diploma, Isabelle Weykmans decided to study political science. Apart from a leaning towards journalism, she did not have any real career plan at the time, and had never considered politics with a capital 'P'. It was after joining the JFF – the young liberals' section of the PFF, or freedom and progress party – that she developed a taste for grass-roots political activity. In the JFF, there was discussion of politics, not only in Belgium's German-speaking community, but also in Belgium as a whole and elsewhere in the world.

In 2002, Ms Weykmans graduated from ULB in Brussels, and decided to do a master's in international relations and European studies at IEHEI in Nice and Berlin.

Upon completion of her studies, she began her career in the Senate, as advisor to Senator Berni Collas. Working alongside the senator, she learnt that politics is, first and foremost, about listening to people's needs, making them known and, where possible, initiating concrete actions and measures to address them.

Isabelle Weykmans stood in third place on the PFF European ticket in the election of 13 June 2004. The election outcome left the PFF in a strong position as it entered discussions with a view to the formation of a coalition for a majority in the German-speaking Community. The PFF got two ministerial posts, at least one of which had to be allocated to a woman.

Isabelle Weykmans returned to her hometown of Eupen and became the first female minister in the government of the German-speaking Community, and Belgium's youngest minister.

Her ministerial brief covers culture, media, heritage, youth, sport and adult training.

### Education

1997-2000 : "Kandidaats" (pre-doctoral) examination in economics, majoring in political science  
2000- 2002 : Political science degree from ULB  
2000-2003 : Master's in international relations and European studies at IEHEI in Nice and Berlin

### Career

2003-2004 : Assistant to senator Berni Collas  
2004 : Minister of culture & the media, monuments & sites and youth & sport

### Political Activities and mandates

2000-2003 : Member of JFF (young reformers' federation)  
2003 : Vice-President of JFF

## Svilen NEYKOV

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## BULGARIA



Born on 14 December 1964.

### Education:

Secondary: Georgi Benkovski Sports School, Varna  
Higher: Georgi Dimitrov Institute of Physical Education; majors: rowing coach and school physical education

### Professional experience:

1991: instructor in the fundamentals of coaching at Vassil Levski National Sports Academy  
1999: senior assistant  
2001: thesis "Optimum stress during special coaching sessions for experienced rowers in the racing period".  
Co-author of textbooks "Theory and methods of coaching" for the 9th and 10th grade at comprehensive secondary schools" and "Fundamentals of coaching".  
National rowing team member (9 years).  
World student champion at the 1989 Universiade in Duisburg, Germany.  
Bulgaria's champion in multiple scull events.  
Balkan champion in 1987.  
1995 --: senior coach of the Bulgarian national rowing team. 15 medals from world championships and Olympic Games as a coach. Roumiana Neykova's personal coach with contribution to her Beijing 2008 Olympic title, silver medal of the Sydney 2000 Olympics and bronze medal of the 2004 Athens Olympics.

Bulgaria's Coach of the Year (2008).

Decorated with Stara Planina Order, first class, for outstanding contribution to physical education and sports in the Republic of Bulgaria.

27 July 2009 ...: Minister of Physical Education and Sports.

**Languages:** English, German, Russian

Wife: Roumiana Neykova. Two sons.

**Prof D.Sc. Lazar KAMENOV**

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**BULGARIA****Bulgarian vice-minister of physical education and sport**

Born: october 15, 1948  
Sofia, Bulgaria

**Education**

1997: doctor of science  
Diploma: Georges Dimitrov superior institute of sports.

**Professional experience**

2003 – 2008: adjoint rector of education  
Vassil Levski national sports academy

2000: chair, department of nautical sports  
1990-1992: head coach, swimming  
1987-1990: chief, laboratory of applied experimentation in swimming  
1981: assistant, department of nautical sports  
1980: head coach, modern pentathlon  
1975-1980: teacher/coach, modern pentathlon, csu "olympic hopes"

**Scientific interests**

Swimming training and techniques  
Publications  
Techniques of sports swimming.  
Unified program of the modern pentathlon.

**Languages**

English, Greek, Russian

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**BULGARIA****Bulgarian Vice-Minister of Sport**

Born: February 8, 1962  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
Married, two sons

**Education**

Diploma: SSU Tchavdar (Sofia)  
Magistrate Diploma: VIF Georges Dimitrov

**Sports Results**

1979 – 1994: Player, Bulgarian National Men's Basketball Team  
1980 – 1989: Nominated elite player of the Bulgarian National Men's Basketball Team  
1984: Balkan Champions  
1983-1990: Triple champion of the CSK School  
Player with Akademik, Sofia; Kompakt, Dimitrovgrad (winner of Bulgarian Cup)  
Fikossota, Shumen; and Omonia, Cyprus

**Coaching Experience**

1998 – 2001: Assistant Coach of the Bulgarian National Men's Basketball Team  
1990s: Cyprus, Fikossota, Shumen, and BUBA-basketball, Sofia.

**Appointments**

2002 – present: Official of the Bulgarian Basketball Federation

**Languages**

Russian, English, Greek

## Andreas DEMETRIOU

Minister of education and culture

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## CYPRUS



Andreas Demetriou was born in Strongylo, Famagusta in 1950. He is married to Julia Tsakalea and he has two sons, Pantelis and Demetris.

### Studies

1975: BA in psychology and education, Aristotle university of Thessaloniki, Greece.

1978: Graduate studies in psychology, university of New South Wales, Australia.

1983: PhD in psychology, Aristotle university of Thessaloniki, Greece.

### Academic History

1975-1996: Member of the academic staff of the department of psychology of the Aristotle university of Thessaloniki — full professor of developmental psychology from 1992-1996.

1996-present: Professor of psychology, university of Cyprus.

He taught as Visiting fellow or professor at several universities, including the universities of Porto (Portugal), Lublijana and Maribor (Slovenia), Fribourg (Switzerland), and the university of Melbourne (Australia), and lectured as invited lecturer for technical seminars on cognitive development at more than 50 universities all over the world, including the universities of Stanford, Harvard, Yale, McGill, Toronto, Munich, Leiden, Gothenburg, Würzburg, Edinburgh, Leuven, etc.

He is a member of many learned societies, including the European association for research on learning and instruction, the international society for the study of behavioural development, the society for research in child development, and the American psychological society.

He served as editor or board member of many journals, including the *Advances in Learning and Instruction*, *Learning and Instruction: the journal of the European association for research on learning and instruction*, *developmental science*, *psychology: the journal of the Hellenic psychological society*.

### Administrative Service

1992-1996: Chairman of the department of psychology, Aristotle university of Thessaloniki, Greece.

1996-1998: Chairman of the department of education, university of Cyprus.

1999-2003: Vice-rector and acting rector of the university of Cyprus.

2004-2006: Dean of the school of humanities and social sciences, university of Cyprus.

2004-2008: President of the interim governing board of the technological university of Cyprus.

2007-2008: President of the conference of rectors of the universities of Cyprus. .../...

### Publications

He has published more than 150 books and articles in technical journals presenting his work on cognitive development. This work advances a new comprehensive theory of cognitive development. These publications include the following :

(1) *The Architecture and Dynamics of Developing Mind* (1993, with A. Efklides and M. Platsidoua) and (2) *The Development of Mental Processing* (2002, with C. Christou, G. Spanoudis, and M. Platsidou) in the series *Monographs of the Society for Researching Child Development*, (3) *Life-span Developmental Psychology* (1998, Wiley, with W. Doise, and C.F.M.van Lieashout), (4) *Unity and Modularity in the Mind and the Self* (2001, Routledge, with S. Kazis) and (5) *Cognitive Developmental Change* (2004, Cambridge University Press, with A. Raftopoulos). The journals *New Ideas in Psychology* (1998), *Developmental Review* (1999) et *Developmental Science* (1999) devoted special issues in the discussion of his theory of cognitive development.

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**CZECH REPUBLIC****Work Experience:**

since 2010: Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Parliament and Minister of Education, Youth and Sports

2009 – 2010: Counseling psychology and diagnostics

since 2006: Deputy at the City Council of Prague 1

2003 – 2009: Personal director and board member (in the field of HR)

1997 – 2003: Psychologist, Center of Education Care of Prague 11

1997 – 2003: Psychologist, Crisis Center, Prague

1994 – 1997: Head of Experts and Psychologist, Praha – Pankrác Prison

**Education:**

1989 – 1994: Masaryk University, Brno (M.A. in Psychology)

1996 – 2002: Certificate in Logotherapy and Existential Analysis, Brno

1998 – 2006: Other certifications

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**DENMARK**

Born August 27<sup>th</sup> 1942 in Frederiksberg, son of former minister Poul Møller and journalist Lis Møller.

**Parliamentary Career**

Minister for Ecclesiastical Affairs from March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011

Minister for Culture from February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Minister for Foreign Affairs from November 27<sup>th</sup> 2001 – February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

Minister for the Environment, December 18<sup>th</sup> 1990 – January 25<sup>th</sup> 1993.

Member of the Folketing for the Conservative Party Copenhagen greater constituency, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2007, in Western Copenhagen constituency, May 10<sup>th</sup> 1988 – November 13<sup>th</sup> 2007, in Copenhagen County constituency, January 10<sup>th</sup> 1984 – May 10<sup>th</sup> 1988. The Conservative Party's in Frederiksberg Slot nomination district from 1987, and in Gentofte nomination district, 1983-1987. Chairman of the Conservative Party, 1997-1998. Political spokesman, 1997-1998.

**Education and Profession**

Dr.Phil. 1973. Graduate research fellowship, 1971-1973. Research fellow, the University of Copenhagen (KU), 1968-1971. MA, KU, 1967. Matriculated in modern languages from Frederiksberg Upper Secondary School, 1961. The Danish Broadcasting Corporation, editor at the cultural and social affairs department, 1973-1974, 1976-1979. Programme controller, 1979-1984. Associate professor at the Sorbonne, Paris, 1974-1976. Employed by the newspapers 'Berlingske Aftenavis' and 'Berlingske Tidende', 1969-1972. Literary editor with the newspaper 'B.T.', 1967-1969.

**Affiliations**

National chairman of the Popular Educational Association (FOF), 1983-1989. Chairman of the Conservative Club from 1995. Vice chairman of the Radio Council, 1985-1986, chairman, 1986-1987. Member of the Council of Europe, 1987-1990, 1994-1996, and 1998-2001.

**Publication and Awards :** Author of such works as «Malte-Brun's Literary Criticism and its place in the Transformation Process between Classicism and Romanticism in French Literary History, 1800-1826», 1973, "Erotismen" (Erotism), 1973, »København-Paris t/r« (Copenhagen-Paris, Return), 1973, « On the Trail of the Vanished Person », 1976, "Life in the Cuckoo's Nest", 1978, "From Time to Time", 1979, "Faith, Hope and Fellowship", 1980, "At the Heart of the Mess", 1981, "Orwell's Hope and Fear", 1983, "Night without Dawn", 1985, "Voices from the East", 1987, "The Story of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania", 1990, "Course towards Catastrophes?", 1993, "Environmental Problems", 1995, "The Natural Order", 1996, "Traces", 1997, "Power and Powerlessness", 1999, "Munk", 2001, and "More Munk", 2003. Has received a number of Danish and foreign awards, medals and decorations, including the 1st class Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana, Georg Brandes Award, the Rosenkjær Award, the Raoul Wallenberg Medal, and the Robert Schuman Medal. Commander of the Order of Dannebrog, 1st class, F.A.L.3. ('des Arts et des Lettres', Knight), Grosskreuz des Verdienstordens der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Bénin, Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Lion, the Nersomaat Medal of Merit in gold, the Order of Stara Planina, First Class, and Grand Cross in the Order of the Polar Star. Grand Cross of the Order of the Southern Cross (Brazil) and the Lithuanian Grand Cross of the Order for Merits.

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Minister of Culture Rein Lang has worked in the government since February 2005, first as Minister of Foreign Affairs and then for several years as Minister of Justice.

From 2003 to 2005 Rein Lang held the position of Vice President of the Riigikogu, and before this he was Assistant Mayor of Tallinn in charge of culture and education. Earlier he was active in the media, where he ran the TRIO LSL Radio Group, and in the cultural sphere, in which he organised the 'Bridges of Song' international music festival.

Rein Lang is a lawyer by education: he graduated cum laude from the Faculty of Law of Tartu State University in 1980.

He is interested in history, theatre, film and music.

Rein Lang has a partner and he has one daughter.

**Date and place of birth:** 4 July 1957, Tartu

**Education**

1975–1980 Tartu State University, Faculty of Law (cum laude)

1975 Tallinn Secondary School no. 7

**Career**

April 2011–present: Minister of Culture

April 2005–April 2011: Minister of Justice

February–April 2005: Minister of Foreign Affairs

2003–2005: Member of the 10th Riigikogu, Vice-President

2001–2003: Tallinn City Government, Assistant Mayor

1997–2001: AS TRIO LSL, Chairman of the Supervisory Board

1991–1997: AS TRIO LSL, Chairman of the Management Board

1990–1991: AS Laulusillad, Chairman of the Management Board

1989–1990: 'Muusik' Club, Deputy Director

1986–1989: Tallinn City Hall, Deputy Director

**Foreign languages:** English, Finnish & Russian

**Party membership:** Estonian Reform Party

**Date and place of birth**

13 December 1976 Helsinki

**Place of residence**

Helsinki

Minister of Culture and Sport and gender equality affairs at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 22 June 2011 to present.

Party Leader, studies in social sciences, Member of Parliament  
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## David DOUILLET

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## FRANCE



David Douillet was born on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1969 in Rouen (Seine-Maritime)

### Career

- Member of the society's analysis council from 2004 to 2009
- UNESCO's Goodwill Ambassador since 2001
- Canal+ Director for sports purchase in 2004
- "Reservoir Sport " Deputy-director in 2002
- TV Co-presenter of the "*David contre Goliath*" show on France 2 in 2002
- Member of the French Judo Federation steering committee since 2005
- Former coach of the (judo) heavyweights
- Former Direction attaché of Credit Lyonnais

### Ministerial responsibilities

- Sports Minister since September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Secretary of State to the State Minister, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, in charge of the French from overseas from June to September 2011

### Elective responsibilities

- Deputy in the Yvelines from 2009 to 2011
- Regional councillor of Ile de France since 2010

### Political responsibilities

- UMP National Secretary for sport's life from 2009 to 2011
- UMP National Secretary for Youth talent since 2011

### Others responsibilities

Chairman of the French National Olympic and Sports Committee high level athletes commission

### Education

Educated at the CSB Neufchâtel-en-Bray from 11 years old, David Douillet enters the "Sport-Studies section" of the "Lycée Ile de France", in Rennes. The native from Rouen joins INSEP in 1986, at only 17 years old. In the French sports flagship facility he builds his, sports and academic, dual training, preparing besides his successes on tatamis, his (BTS) Post-secondary Technical Certificate in commercial activity.

### Sports career

Judo : 2 gold medals at the (1996) Atlanta and (2000) Sydney Olympic games, bronze medallist at the Olympic games of Barcelona (1992), 3 world champion titles, 2 world team champion titles, 3 titles as Champion of France.

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**GERMANY**



Born 10 March 1957 in Naila, Bavaria; Lutheran; married, three children.

1973: Joined the Junge Union youth organization of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU)

1978 – 1979: School-leaving certificate (Abitur); compulsory military service

1979 – 1983: Studied law in Munich and Augsburg

1984: First state examination in law

1983 – 1986: Studied economics in Augsburg

1986: Intermediate examination (Vordiplom) in economics

1986: Second state examination in law

1986 – 1988: Studied economics at the University of Hagen (distance-teaching university)

1988: Received Dr. jur. (L.L.D.)

1988 – 1990: Federal Ministry of Economics (DG Industry)

1990 – 1991: Seconded to the German Embassy (economic section) in Washington D.C.

1991 – 1993: Legislative assistant to the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag; desk officer for the Working Group on Economics, Transport and Agriculture of the CSU parliamentarians in the German Bundestag

1993 – 1998: Private secretary to the chair of the CSU parliamentarians in the German Bundestag, Michael Glos

Since 1998: Member of the German Bundestag

2002 – 2005: Deputy chair, Bundestag Committee of Inquiry into Party Donations

2005: Deputy chair, Bundestag Committee of Inquiry into Party Donations

2005 – 2009: Deputy chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag responsible for transport, building, urban development, tourism and local politics

Member, German Commission on Federal Reform II

Board member, SME Circle in the German Bundestag of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag

2009 - March 2011: Chairman of the group of CSU parliamentarians in the German Bundestag

Since 3 March 2011: Federal Minister of the Interior

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## GREECE



In 2009 Pavlos Yeroulanos became a Member of Parliament with the ruling Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) and joined the Cabinet of the PM George Papandreou as the Minister of Culture and Tourism of Greece. His portfolio also includes Sports and Public Television.

Pavlos Yeroulanos was born in Athens, Greece in 1966. He graduated from Williams College with highest honors a degree in history in 1988. From 1989 to 1992 he served in the Greek Airforce and worked as Financial Director for Photoelection Corporation, a subsidiary of Thermo Electron Corporation. In 1994 he received a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Master's in Business Administration from the Sloan School of Management at MIT and graduated both schools in 1994.

From 1994 to 1998 he served as Chief Financial Officer of KEFALONIA Fisheries and oversaw the restructuring of the company. From 1999 through 2004 Pavlos Yeroulanos served, successively, as Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Secretary General for Greeks Abroad.

From 2004 to 2006 he was a consultant for Egon Zehnder International. From 2006 to 2009 he was appointed Director of the Political Bureau of the President of PASOK and after that he became Secretary for Communications of the party acting as campaign manager for the European election campaign and the National election campaign in 2009.

He speaks English fluently and some French. He is married to Lara Barazi-Yeroulanou with whom he has two daughters, Tatiana and Alexandra.

**Region and political party:** Dodecanese Prefecture, PASOK

**Date and place of birth:** May 4, 1953, New York, USA

**Profession:** Attorney At Law

### Parliament activities

#### 2009 – 2010:

Vice President of the "Siemens Case" Committee

President of Standing Committee on Education Affairs

Member of Standing Committee on Defense and Foreign Affairs

Member of Sub-Committee of Sports

Member of Sub-Committee of Armament Programmes Control

#### 2007:

Member of Standing Committee on Public Administration, Order and Justice

Member of Standing Committee on Production and Trade of the Greek Parliament

### Political – Social Activities

**2008 -2009:** Secretary of the Tourism Sector of PASOK

#### 2007

Member of the Greek Parliament

Member of the National Council of PASOK

#### 2001

Member of the Central Committee of PASOK

**2000-2001:** Secretary General of Public Administration at the Ministry of Interior Affairs

#### 1985-2000

Member of the International Relations Committee of PASOK

Member of the Immigration Committee of PASOK

**Languages:** Greek (native speaker), English (excellent)

**Miklós RÉTHELYI**

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**HUNGARY**

Miklós Réthelyi was born in Zalaegerszeg on 8 June 1939.

He obtained his degree in Medicine from the Medical University of Pécs in 1963. In 1972 he became a general practitioner and professor at the Semmelweis Medical University's Institute of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology. In 1972 he obtained a candidate's degree in Biology (on the subject of the neural structure of spinal cord). He became a doctor of Medical Science in 1982.

From 1963 to 1986 at Budapest, and later Semmelweis Medical University he successively became a research student, assistant, senior lecturer and associate professor. Between 1986 and 1994 he was professor and deputy director of Anatomy Department II at Semmelweis Medical University. From 1990 to 1991 he was head of the Education Department at the Ministry of Welfare. For four years from 1991 he was Rector of Semmelweis Medical University; between 1995 and 2000 he was acting director of Semmelweis Medical University's Healthcare Management Training Centre. From 1998 for one year he was head of the Department for Scientific Affairs at the Ministry of Education. From 1994 to 2004 he was director of Semmelweis Medical University's Institute of Anatomy, Histology and Embryology. From 2002 to 2010 he was head of the Doctoral School of Neurosciences at Semmelweis University. He became a professor emeritus in 2010.

His honours include: the Award for Outstanding Work (from the Minister for Education and Health) in 1979 and 1989; the Medal for Outstanding Work (from SOTE) in 1982 and on two subsequent occasions; the Academy Award (from MTA, The Hungarian Academy of Sciences) in 1991; *Doctor Honoris Causa*, (from Kingston University, Great Britain) in 1993; Defence of the Nation Medal (First Class) in 1995 ; Middle Cross of the Hungarian Republic in 1996; Széchenyi Professorial Fellowship, 1998-2001; Albert Szent-Györgyi Award, 2004.

He is married, and has three children.

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**HUNGARY**

**Date and place of birth:** 1974, Szeged, Hungary

**Marital status:** married

University degrees & qualifications:

1998: University of Physical Education, Budapest: Degree of swimming coach

2004: Arizona State University: degree of sociology

2006: Budapest Corvinus University: degree of sociology-economy

**Occupation**

2007-2009: Director of Sportmax sport center

**Sport functions**

2005-2009: member of FINA Athletes' Commission

2005 – member of Hungarian Olympic Committee

2008 – member of the Board of the Hungarian Swimming Federation

**Sport performance**

Barcelona 1992: bronze medal (200 Meter Individual Medley)

Atlanta 1996: gold medal – (200 Meter Individual Medley)

**Language skills:** strong English, intermediate Italian

## Mary HANAFIN

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Born in Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Mary is a daughter of Des Hanafin (Senator, 1969- 1993, 1997-2002) and a sister of John Hanafin (Senator, 2002 – present)



## IRELAND



### Education

Presentation Convent, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

St Patrick's College, Maynooth (BA, HdipED).

DIT (Diploma in Legal Studies).

### Occupation

Full-time Public Representative. Government Minister. Previously a secondary school teacher of Irish and History at Dominican College, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

Mary Hanafin is a Fianna Fáil TD for Dún Laoghaire.

She was first elected to Dáil Éireann in the 1997 General Election and headed the poll in the 2002 and 2007 elections.

In January 2000, Mary was promoted to Minister of State at the Departments of Health and Children, Justice, Equality and Law Reform, and Education and Science, with special responsibility for Children.

As Minister for Children, she developed the first National Children's Strategy which was established to progress implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Ireland. She established the Office of Ombudsman for Children and set up Dáil na nOg for younger people.

On June 6, 2002, Mary was appointed Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach (with responsibility for the Information Society) and as Minister of State at the Department of Defence.

On September 29, 2004, Mary was appointed Minister for Education and Science. As Minister for Education and Science she reformed the system of teacher allocations for children with special educational needs. Also, she developed DEIS, a co-ordinated system of supports for pupils in primary and post primary schools who are socially and economically disadvantaged. During her term as Minister she reformed the entry system for those who wish to study medicine.

On June 14th, 2007, Mary was re-appointed Minister for Education and Science.

In May 2008, An Taoiseach Brian Cowen T.D, appointed her Minister for Social and Family Affairs.

As Minister for Social & Family Affairs – Minister Hanafin was responsible for overseeing the largest spending Government Department in the country, which accounts for one third of all current Government expenditure.

In March 2010, Mary Hanafin was appointed Minister for Tourism, Culture and Sport. These three distinct yet inter-related sectors account for the largest indigenous industry in the county supporting over 300,000 jobs, with an estimated value to the economy of over €19 billion annually when indirect effects of culture and creative sectors are taken into account.

## Rocco CRIMI

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## ITALY



Born in Galati Mamertino (ME) on 3 August 1959. He is married, has three children and lives in Rome.

Crimi graduated *cum laude* from the università degli studi in Catania with a degree in Pharmacy and continued his specialty studies in pharmacology at the università di Pavia's school of medicine and surgery.

### Scientific and teaching activity

- Lecturer at the sports medicine school at the università degli studi in Messina
- Pharmacological consultant for the AS Roma football club
- Lecturer in nutritional biochemistry at ISEF Statale Roma (now IUSM)
- Pharmacological consultant at the CONI-FMSI sports medicine institute in Rome

Founder of Laboratori farmaceutici Krymi S.p.A., of which he was Chairman until 2004.  
Pharmacy owner.

### Party leadership and political activity

Member of Forza Italia since 1994, Forza Italia provincial coordinator for Messina from 1995 to 1996.  
National district department head from 1997 to 2001. Member of the presidency committee and the president's council starting in March 1998.  
National membership department head from October 2001 to December 2002.  
Special commissioner for national administration from April 2002 to March 2008.  
Legal representative for the people of freedom party starting in February 2008.

### Institutional leadership and parliamentary activity

In the 12<sup>th</sup> legislature, member of the 12<sup>th</sup> social affairs commission.  
In the 13<sup>th</sup> legislature, part of the 10<sup>th</sup> commission on business, trade, and tourism and the 6<sup>th</sup> finance commission.  
In the 14<sup>th</sup> legislature, once again member of the 12<sup>th</sup> social affairs commission and joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> commission on foreign and European affairs.  
In the 15<sup>th</sup> legislature, member of the 12<sup>th</sup> permanent commission – social affairs.  
In the 16<sup>th</sup> legislature, part of the 10<sup>th</sup> commission on business.  
In the 13-14 April 2008 election, is elected to the chamber as candidate for 'people of freedom' from the Lazio 2 16<sup>th</sup> district  
Starting in May 2008, is undersecretary to the Italian president of the council of ministers, in charge of sport

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## LATVIA



**Date of birth:** May 18, 1969

**Family status:** married, two children

### Education

1987 – 1992: University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, higher education in jurisprudence, lawyer

1976 – 1987: Henri Barbusse Riga 11<sup>th</sup> Secondary school

### Additional education

1994: Internship at the law offices of the Republic of France in the field of international commerce law and insurance law

State School of Public Administration, course "Strategic Management"

### Work experience

Since November 3, 2010: Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia

December 2007 – November 2010: Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science

July 2006 – December 2007: Advisor to the Minister of Education and Science

December 2002 – December 2007: Advisor to the Minister of Welfare

2004 – 2007: State Agency "State Social Insurance Agency", Member of the Advisory Board

Since 1997: sworn advocate, Law Office "Broks un Partneri", activities suspended since January 2008

1992 – 1994: Riga City Law Office No.3, advocate

### Professional experience

Management of state administration processes, participation in elaboration of policy planning documents and drafting of legal acts for the Cabinet of Ministers

Organisation of supervision process of state administered institutions

Representation of the Ministry of Education and Science in the Parliament – in plenary sessions and meetings of the Parliament's commissions regarding the education, science, state language, sport and youth policy issues

Participation in the elaboration process of the state budget and negotiations related to budgetary issues, int.al. – in the Parliament

Legal assistance to natural persons and legal entities (int.al. in courts) in administrative cases, civil cases, criminal cases and insolvency cases

### Language proficiency

Latvian: native

French: good

Russian: fluent

### Interests:

Literature

History

Hunting

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**Date and place of birth:** 23 October 1957, Palanga, family of teachers.

### Education

1975 - Graduated from the Palanga Secondary School (currently, Palanga Old Gymnasium).

1975–1980 – Graduated from the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics at the Vilnius University and obtained a degree in mathematics.

### Professional career

1980 – 1989 - Employed as the programmer at the Palanga branch of Kaunas Institute of Cardiology. During his employment, graduated the studies in mathematic cybernetics in the Institute of Mathematic Cybernetics.

1989 – Launched his private business, was also employed at the Palanga Communications Unit and Municipality.

1997–2000 – Director of JSC “Klaipėdos vertybiniai popieriai”, established by himself.

1995–2000 – Member of the Palanga City Municipality Board.

13 April 2000 – 2 November 2000 - Elected the Mayor of Palanga City.

2000–2008 – Member of the Seimas, elected in the Pajūris electoral district No. 22.

**Political activity:** Since 1994 – Member of the Lithuanian Liberal Union, since 2003 – member of Liberal and Central Union. Interested in the financial issues and capital market in Lithuania.

**Hobbies:** Music, sports.

**Foreign languages:** English, Russian, Polish.

**Family status:** In 2004 became a widower. In 2006 married for a second time. Wife – Vilija Venckutė-Palaitienė. Three children: daughter Barbora is a specialist in public relations, son Povilas is studying japonology, son Antanas is a student of gymnasium.

### Supervised services

Law Department

Personnel Department

Inspector General's Division

Internal Audit Division

Public Relations Division

Special attache for regional development and law enforcement



## LITHUANIA



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## LITHUANIA



Born on 4 of August 1958 in Kaunas, in the family of an engineer and a teacher.

In 1976, graduated from Kaunas S. Nėris Secondary School.

In the same year, entered the Faculty of Mechanics of Kaunas Polytechnic Institute (presently – Kaunas Technology University) from which graduated in 1982, with the qualification of the engineer of precision engineering.

### Activity:

1982–1984 Technologist of Automated Lines in Kaunas Electromechanics Plant Elektra.

1984–1988 Aspirant in the Theory of Machine Mechanisms in Kaunas Polytechnic Institute.

1984–1990 Scientific Research Centre Vibrotechnika of Kaunas Polytechnic Institute: scientific associate, inventor, co-author of 11 inventions three of which were granted a golden medal in the international fair EXPO'85 and patented in the USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France and Japan.

1988 Member to the Initiative Group of the Sąjūdis Reform Movement's Kaunas Chapter.

1990–1991 Member to the Kaunas Municipal Council, Presidium Secretary.

1991–1995 Deputy Chairman of the Kaunas Municipal Council.

1995–1997 Chairman of the City Development Committee of the Kaunas City Council, Board Member.

1993 Internship in the USA, 1994 – the Netherlands, 1997 – the USA, in the field of the democratic government. Honorary Citizen of Cedar Falls City (USA).

1994–1996 Member to the legislative drafting groups formed by the Government. Took part in drafting laws on municipal authority, local taxes, establishing administrative divisions of the Lithuanian territory and their boundaries, transfer of the property of the state to the municipalities, etc.

1994–1997 Leader of the Lithuanian delegation in the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, member to standing organisational committee and working groups.

1997–2000 Deputy Director of Urmas AB.

2000–2004 Member of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania.

From 26 October 2000 to 12 July 2001 – Chairman of the Seimas State Government and Municipal Committee, 2001-2004 Vice-Chairman of this Committee.

2000–2004 Member to the Seimas Committee of the European Affairs and the Joint Committee of the European Parliament and the Seimas. Took part in the preparatory accession process until Lithuania's becoming the EU Member State.

From 2004 – May 2010 – Managing Secretary of the Liberal and Centre Union Political Party.

Since 18 May 2010 – Director General of the Department of Physical Education and Sports under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

**Languages:** English – good, Russian – good, Polish – satisfactorily.

**Marital status:** Married, wife Jolanta and sons Kasparas and Adomas.

**Romain SCHNEIDER**

Minister for agriculture, viticulture, and rural development

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Romain Schneider was born on 15 April 1962 at Wiltz.

On 23 July 2009, Romain Schneider became a member of the government. Within the Juncker-Asselborn II Government, he holds the positions of Minister of Agriculture, Viticulture, and Rural Development, Minister of Sport, and Minister Delegate for the Solidarity Economy.

Romain Schneider was elected to the Chamber of Deputies for the first time in 2004, and again in 2009.

Romain Schneider first became a Commune Councillor then Burgomaster for his native commune of Wiltz.

A member of the Luxembourg Socialist Workers' Party (LSAP) since 1981, Romain Schneider holds the post of general secretary of the party and treasurer of the socialist political group, amongst other positions of responsibility.

## Dolores CRISTINA

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## MALTA



Dolores Cristina was appointed minister for education and culture on the 12th March 2008, following her election from the 9th and 10th districts. Her wide portfolio, in addition to education and culture, includes public broadcasting services, libraries, museums and national archives, arts, youth and sport.

Her previous ministerial appointment during the 10th legislature was as minister for the family and social solidarity (from March 2004 to March 2008), with a portfolio covering social security and social services, pensions, housing, equal opportunities, children, family, voluntary organisations, and welfare of irregular immigrants. From April 2003 to March 2004, she was appointed parliamentary secretary within the then ministry of social policy, focusing on housing and gender equality.

In April 1998, Mrs Cristina was elected mayor of Swieqi, a post of short duration as she was subsequently elected to parliament in the September general elections of that same year, in a casual election on the 10th district.

During the 9th Legislature (1998 – 2003), Mrs Cristina chaired the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives and was also a member of the joint parliamentary committee. From February 2002 to April 2003, she was alternate member at the convention on the future of Europe.

Mrs Cristina also held a number of political posts within the nationalist party. Between 1997 and 1998, she was president of the Women's Movement (MNP) and between 1998 and 2000 she was president of the administrative council.

Mrs Cristina has, over the years, been very active in the voluntary sector. Posts she held include that of president of the National Council of Women (1991-1995).

She has also held posts within the public sector and between 1992 and 1995 she was a board member of the public broadcasting services. From 1992 to 1994, she was a member on the commission for the international year of the family.

Mrs Cristina was also a member of the commission for the administration of justice (1996–1998); member of the commission on public financing of political parties (1996–1998); council member of the university of Malta (1994– 996); a member of the Inter-agency forum on violence against women (1993–1994).

Mrs Cristina graduated Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the Royal university of Malta in 1971. She has held teaching posts in history and English at secondary and post-secondary levels.

Dolores Cristina, the daughter of Michael Zammit and Antonia nee' Gauci, was born in Senglea on 10th January 1949. She is married to Victor and they have four children, Liliana, Marilena, Alessandro and Anthony.

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## MALTA



Born on September 13th 1969, to Charles Puli - civil servant, and Rose nee Cardona. Married to Mary Anne nee Agius, a teacher by profession (one son, Gabriel).

Holder of a bachelors degree in sociology and communications from the university of Malta.  
Holder of a masters degree in political sociology from the university of Malta  
Member, Malta institute of management.  
Member, chartered institute of public relations (UK)  
Member, European sociological association

1994- 2003 : councillor, Gormi local council

1996 : contested general elections

1997-to date : member of the nationalist party's general council

1997-to date : member of the nationalist party's executive committee

1997-2003 : member of the nationalist party's administrative council

1997-2003 : president of the nationalist party's college of councillors

1998-2001 : mayor, Gormi local council

1998 : contested general elections

2003 : contested general elections and elected member of parliament

2003-2008 : member standing committees on foreign & European affairs

2003-2008 : head of delegation to COSAC, EU's committee for national parliaments

2004-2008 : chairman, standing committee on social affairs

2005-2008 : member, national council for children

2005-2008 : member, board of trustees of the Richmond foundation, Malta

2008 : contested general elections. elected to parliament for the second time

2008-to date : parliamentary secretary for youth & sport

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## NETHERLANDS



**Full name:** Edith Ingeborg Schippers  
**Place and date of birth:** Utrecht, 25 August 1964  
**Place of residence:** Baarn  
**Civil status:** married, one daughter

### Education

1985: Secondary school, Coevorden  
1985-1991: Political science, Faculty of Social Sciences, Leiden University  
1990: Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for Political Studies, New Delhi  
1992-1993: post-higher professional education, Eastern European studies (consultancy)

### Career

In 1993 Edith Schippers worked as personal assistant to Dick Dees, a member of the House of Representatives for the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD). From 1994 to 1997 she was a policy officer for the VVD parliamentary party in the field of health, welfare and sport.

Ms Schippers joined the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers VNO-NCW in 1997, where she worked as secretary for health and the labour market until 2001 and secretary for spatial planning until 2003.

On 3 June 2003, Edith Schippers became a member of the House of Representatives for the VVD. She was the party's spokesperson on health and development cooperation. From March 2006 she was also deputy leader of the parliamentary party. From June 2009 to September 2010 she was a member of the parliamentary committee investigating the financial system.

On 14 October 2010 Ms Schippers was appointed Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport in the Rutte-Verhagen government.

### Party political positions and outside activities

Edith Schippers was co-founder and board member of the Benedictus de Spinoza Foundation (1996-1998), secretary of the VVD's health committee (1998-2000) and member of the VVD executive board (2000-2002).

In 2002 she was a member of the VVD's 'respect' committee (on standards and values). She also co-authored the VVD's policy document proposing improvements to the Dutch healthcare system (2008).

## Marlies VELDHUIJZEN VAN ZANTEN-HYLLNER

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## NETHERLANDS



**Full name:** Marie Louise Lydia Elisabeth Veldhuijzen van Zanten-Hyllner  
**Place and date of birth:** Göteborg (Sweden), 29 September 1953  
**Place of residence:** Heemstede  
**Civil status:** married with two children

### Education

1972: Secondary school, The Hague  
1973 - 1981: Medicine, University of Amsterdam  
1978: training as nursing home physician (Centre for Community Medicine, Utrecht)

### Career

Marlies Veldhuijzen van Zanten worked from 1981 as a nursing home physician at two nursing homes in the Zaanstreek area. From 1987 to 1993 she was nursing home physician and head of the medical service at Zorgbalans (an organisation providing home care) in Haarlem.

From 1993 to 2005 she was lecturer and programme developer for the course leading to qualification as a nursing home physician at the VU University Medical Centre (VUMC). From 1993 to 2003 she also worked as project leader and nursing home physician at the Fontis nursing home in Amsterdam, where she was responsible for developing outpatient care services.

In 2003 she set up her own consultancy (MVVZ Coaching) offering advice, coaching and management support in the care sector.

In 2005, Ms Veldhuijzen van Zanten became head of the treatment and counselling service at the SHDH healthcare institution and Amstelring, an organisation which provides medical and care services for the elderly at different locations in the Haarlemmermeer area. On 1 June 2009 she became the geriatric specialist at Amstelring.

On 14 October 2010 Marlies Veldhuijzen van Zanten was appointed State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sport in the Rutte-Verhagen government.

### Other activities

From 1984 to 1989 Ms Veldhuijzen van Zanten was chair of the Association of Nursing Home Physicians (NVVA).

She has also held a number of posts in the field of geriatric medicine, including that of member of the board of the Psychogeriatric Association. From 2005 onwards she was a member of the Royal Dutch Medical Association's Board for General and Nursing Home Practice. Since 2008 she has been a member of the board of the KHMW, the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities.

Since 1995, Marlies Veldhuijzen van Zanten has held a post at Soroptimist International, a worldwide organisation for women in management and the professions, working to achieve the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.

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**POLAND**



On 14 October 2009, Adam Giersz, the former Secretary of State in the Ministry of Sport and Tourism, became the Minister of Sport and Tourism.

Adam Giersz was born on 15 September 1947 in Elbląg. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics of Production at the University of Gdańsk; he also holds a doctorate in economic science. In the years 1971-1988, Adam Giersz worked as an academic at the University of Gdańsk. In 1984, he graduated from extramural studies for coaches at the Academy of Physical Education and Sport in Gdańsk. Giersz was active in the field of sport as an athlete, coach, and a sports activist.

In the years 1984-1993, Adam Giersz was the coach of the Polish national team in table tennis with Andrzej Grubba and Leszek Kucharski being the core players. In 1985, the men's national team won the bronze medal during the World Team Championships in Gothenburg.

In 1993, Giersz was awarded the Excellent Coach title - the highest award of the International Table Tennis Federation. He was the coach of the European team during matches with the Asian team three times. In the years 1994-2001, he was the President of the Polish Table Tennis Federation, and in the years 1998-2000 - a member of the Management of the European Table Tennis Union.

At the beginning of 1990s, Adam Giersz was an activist of the Liberal Democratic Congress. He ran in the 1993 parliamentary elections as the party's representative.

In November 2001, Giersz was appointed President of the Office of Physical Culture and Sport (UKFiS) and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of National Education and Sport. After the Office of Physical Culture and Sport was liquidated, he held the office of President of the Polish Sports Confederation. He was dismissed from the post of Deputy Minister of Education and Sport in December 2004. Adam Giersz became Deputy President of the Polish Olympic Committee in February 2005.

Adam Giersz held the position of Head of the Political Cabinet in the Ministry of Sport and Tourism from 21 March 2008 until 27 November 2008. Between 28 November 2008 and 14 October 2009, he was the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Sport and Tourism.

On 14 October 2009, Adam Giersz became the Minister of Sport and Tourism.

He was awarded the Silver Cross of Merit and the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta.

Ryszard Stachurski was born on 7 December, 1950 in Gdynia. He graduated from the University of Gdansk, Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Polish Studies. Later he completed postgraduate studies in law and administration at the University of Warsaw, Faculty of Law and Administration, as well as postgraduate management studies at the Melchior Wankowicz College of Journalism in Warsaw.

He was active in local governments, serving as the Secretary of Krokowa Municipality in the years 1990-2001 and later as the councillor in the Puck Poviát [county].

Since March 2008, he has held the position of the Head of Cetniewo Central Sports Centre for Olympic Preparations in Władysławowo. For 32 years he has lived in Goszczyno, a village in the Pomorskie Voivodship.

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## PORTUGAL



Alexandre Mestre graduated in law from the University of Lisbon and holds Post-graduation Studies degrees: by University of Paris I, Pantheon Sorbonne, 1999 on EU's Economic and Legal Studies; by University of Lisbon, 2004 on Legistics Studies: by Loughborough University / International Olympic Academy, 2005 on Olympic Studies.

In 2007 he was awarded Masters Degree in European Studies, specializing in Legal Affairs by Catholic University of Lisbon. He is also undergoing his PhD programme in "EU Sports law "at Edge Hill University in the United Kingdom.

After graduation, he became Researcher at the College of Europe, Bruges (1999-2000). In 2000 did his intern at the Legal Service office of the European Commission. During 2000-2001 was appointed Assistant Researcher in the Faculty of Law at New University of Lisbon.

Since 2001 to 2002 he worked as a lawyer at Farmers' Confederation of Portugal and in private practice from 2005 to 2011.

He was Professor at several institutions of Higher Education and the scope of his teaching has always been focused on EU law and Sports law: Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon (1998-1999); School of Education Almeida Garrett (2002); University of Évora and Extremadura (2007); Lusófona University (2008-2011); University Autónoma of Lisbon (2009 -2011).

From 2002 to 2005 worked as Legal and International Relations Advisor for the Secretary of State for Youth and Sports and the Secretary of State for Sport and Rehabilitation. Also he was member of the Office who prepared the Independent European Sports Review (2006).

He is author of several books, such as "Sport and Law: Black on White" (2010), "The Law of the Olympic Games" (2009), "Law and Olympic Games" (2008), "Sport in the European Constitution: the end of Hamlet's Dilemma" ( 2004) and "Sport and the European Union: a conflicting partnership?" (2002), as well several articles published in scientific magazines and newspapers.

Alexandre Miguel Mestre was member of the group for the Constitution of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, under the framework of Olympic Committee of Portugal (2007-2011) and also served as a member of Olympic Academy of Portugal board of directors (2002-2011). In addition, he also served as Vice-President for Southern Europe at the International Sports Law Association (2004-2008).

In 2010, he was considered by the International Business Sport Magazine as one of the 20 most influential lawyers in the world for Sports Law sector.

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## ROMANIA



### Current position

- Minister of Education, Research, Sports and Youth of Romania
- Marie Curie Excellence Team Leader at the Technische Universität München, Germany
- Principal/investigator, IGSSE
- Vice-President, Romanian Presidential Commission for Policies in Education and Research

### Education and training

- 1995-1999: Ph.-D candidate, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg. Thesis Title: "Multiple-Subroutine Self-Assembly: a Concept for the Generation of Discrete, Nanoscale Architectures". Supervisor: Prof J.-M. Lehn, Nobel Prize Winner 1987 Jury: Prof. A. von Zelewsky (Fribourg), Prof J.-M. Lehn (Strasbourg), Prof. J. Siegel (San-Diego), Prof. M. W. Hosseini (Strasbourg). Honors : Très honorable avec félicitations écrites du jury (Highest Rank).
- 1994-1995: Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg: Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA) in Organic and Supramolecular Chemistry. Supervisor: Prof. J.-M. Lehn. Rank: First. Research subject: Supramolecular Catalysis and Dynamic Combinatorial Libraries.
- 1991-1994: European Higher Institute of Chemistry (EHICS), Strasbourg, France. Degree : Engineer in Chemistry, main subject : Organic Chemistry.
- 1989-1991: Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles, Lycée Kleber, Strasbourg.
- 1989 Baccalauréat C, Mention Assez-Bien, Lycée International des Pontonniers, Strasbourg.

### Post graduate positions

- 2008-2009: Elected Member from Romania of the European Parliament (EPP-ED, Committee for Culture and Media)
  - 10/2002-03/2006: Researcher at Research Center for Cell Engineering, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Amagasaki, Japan
  - 08/1999-10/2002: Research Associate at the Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, USA
  - 1998-1999: ATER, Collège de France
  - 10/11/994-08/11/998: Doctoral Researcher, Université Louis Pasteur, Strasbourg, France.
  - 07/1994-10/1/1994: Research Internship with Merck&Co, Rahway, New Jersey, USA
- ACADEMIC  
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### Honors and grants

- Romanian Chemistry Olympiads: Several! National distinctions.
- International Chemistry Olympiads: Selected in the Romanian team, 1988.
- French Chemistry Olympiads: Second Prize, 1989.
- MRE Fellowship: awarded to the first 3 candidates classified after the DEA examinations for any one Faculty.
- Teaching Assistantship, Strasbourg: awarded to the best suited candidate among those that have obtained the MRE fellowship.
- Marie Curie Excellence Grant, 200S (aprox. 2 million Euros).
- Human Frontier Science Program incoming grant (for Dr. C. Pop, Burnham Institute, USA).
- Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant 2006 (80 000 Euros).

### Teaching experience

- Implementation of organic chemistry laboratory courses for 20d and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students at the Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg (1995-1997)
- General Chemistry: Introductory Lectures to 1<sup>st</sup> and 20d year students, Université Louis Pasteur Strasbourg (1996-1998)
- General Chemistry: Seminars for 1st and 20d year students, Université Louis Pasteur Strasbourg (1996-1999)
- Oral Examinations : Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Ecoles, Lycée Kleber, Strasbourg (1994-1999)
- Annual Series of Lectures: The Chemical Thinking in the Post-Genomic Era: Concepts, Techniques and Perspectives. Master Level Courses at the University of Bucharest (2003-2005)
- Outstanding Achievements in Total Synthesis and Medicinal Chemistry: Master Level Courses at the University of Bucharest, 2005
- FEBS summer course 2005: Protein and DNA Microarrays: a theoretical and practical Guide

### Foreign languages

- Trilingual in English, French and Romanian. Knowledge of German and Japanese.

### Various

- 2005-2006: Director's Board of Ad Astra (top Romanian ONG on science policy, [www.ad-astra.ro](http://www.ad-astra.ro)).
- Founder and President (1994-1998) of the Romanian Students Association in Strasbourg.
- Member in the leading team of the Association France-Japon de la Région du Kansai ([www.afjkansai.org](http://www.afjkansai.org)).
- Passionate Chess Player.
- Regional-League Soccer player.

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## SLOVENIA



**Date of birth:** 31. 5. 1971

**Marital status:** married

**Residence:** Bratislava

Ing. Eugen Jurzyca graduated from his university studies in 1981 at the University of Economics in Bratislava, later studied at the Open University in Bratislava (1991-1992) and spent six months of professional experience at Georgetown University, USA (1993). In addition, he has participated in several courses and workshops organized within the framework of international institutions, such as the World Bank or OECD.

In the past, he worked at the Centre for Economic Development, the Antimonopoly Office of the SR, was a member of the Board of the National Bank of Slovakia (December 2000 - December 2001), a member of the Board of the Open Society Foundation, and a consultant for the OECD and the World Bank. He has been an adviser to President Rudolf Schuster and several ministers.

He worked at the Institute for Economic and Social Reforms (INEKO). In 2005, he was awarded by the Slovak President Ivan Gašparovič with the Order of Ľudovít Štúr - 2nd Class, which is a state decoration. He was nominated to office as the Minister of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR by the party SDKÚ-DS.

Igor Lukšič was born on 3 December 1961 in Novo mesto.

He holds a PhD in political sciences and is a professor of political science at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana. He graduated in 1986 and became a Teaching Assistant at the Faculty and later Assistant Professor.

He was elected a Professor in 2003. He was the Chair of the Department of Political Science (1997-1999 and from 2007), Vice Dean (1999-2001) and Dean (2001-2003) of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Between 1995 and 2008 he was Editor-in-Chief of the magazine Teorija in praksa. His research areas include political culture, the history of political ideas and political systems, and analysis of policies.

He has written five books and published several articles in Slovene, German, English, Czech and Croatian. He has lectured at several international universities, including the Michigan State University at Kalamazoo, the University of California in Davis and the University of Genova.

He has been the President of the Union of Slovenia Sports Societies at the University of Ljubljana. Since 2005 he has been Vice-President of the Social Democrats.

In September 2008 he was elected to the National Assembly and on 21 November 2008 he was elected the Minister of Education and Sport

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**SPAIN****Education:**

Bachelor of Science in Sport and Physical Activity with a specialisation in Administration from the INEF in Barcelona

Masters in Public Administration (ESADE/Universidad Pompeu Fabra/Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona)

**Career Path:**

Employee of the Council of Barcelona

1999 / 2005 Director of Sport of the City of Barcelona

2005/2007 Director-manager of the Institute of Sports of Barcelona of the Council of Barcelona, the institute coordinates and administers all of the sports facilities and events held in the City of Barcelona including large national and international sporting events.

Director of the Strategic Plan for Sport in the City of Barcelona

2008 Manager of the Sector for Culture, Education, and wellbeing of the Council of Barcelona, which includes the areas of Culture, Education, Sport, Immigration, International Cooperation, Citizen Participation, Youth, and Women

Director General of Sport of the High Council for Sport (April 30th, 2008 to March 31, 2011).

**As Director General of Sport, Mr. Soler held the following positions:**

Member of the Spanish Olympic Committee.

President of the Sub-commission on Health and Doping.

Vice-president of the Youth Sport Foundation

Member of the Council of the Administration of the Hippodrome of Zarzuela

President of the Anti-violence commission

Vice-president of the General Sporting Mutual Benefit Society

President of the Spanish Committee of University Sport

Member of the Board of Directors of the High Council for Sport

Named Secretary of State-President of the High Council for Sport on April 1st, 2011.

**As Secretary of State for Sports, Mr. Soler holds the following positions:**

President of the Foundation for Youth Sport

Member of the Spanish Olympic Committee

**Other Points of Interest:**

Professor of Masters in Sports Administration at the Universidad Pompeu Fabra

Professor of Masters in International Sports Management of the Foundation Cruyff

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**SWEDEN**

**Areas of responsibility:** Culture, media, sport, faith communities, burials and cremations

**Biography:** Born on November 24<sup>th</sup> 1955 in Stockholm

**Education:** Political science and sociology at Stockholm university, university diploma from Stockholm School of Journalism in 1980.

**Positions held**

2006- Minister for culture

2002-2006: Member of the Riksdag (Swedish parliament)

1998-2002: Member of Stockholm city council

1993-1994: Consultant with Burson-Marsteller, Stockholm

1985-2002: Freelance work for the Federation of private enterprises, Bonnier Tidskrifter, SAF-tidningen

1980-1984: Journalist on SAF-tidningen (newspaper of the Swedish employers' confederation)

1975-1976: Organiser, Swedish Young Conservatives (MUF), Stockholm county

**Other assignments****Voluntary organisations**

2004-2006: Board Member, Stödföreningen Anorexi-Bulimi-Kontakt

2004-2006: Board Member, Alla Kvinnors Hus (All Women's House)

1994-2004: Chair, stiftelsen Fryshuset (Fryshuset Foundation)

**Board and committee appointments**

2004-2006: University college of film, radio, television and theatre, Swedish institute

2003-2006: Swedish broadcasting commission, Stiftelsen Nordiska museet (Sweden's national museum of cultural history)

2002-2006: Board Member, Maria Beroendecentrum AB (Maria Addiction Centre)

1997-2002: Board Member, Feelgood Svenska AB

**Publications**

2000: Frivillighetens kraft (Volunteer power)

1998: Priset på hederlighet får inte bli för högt (The price of honesty must not be too high) Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth et al.

1997: Svenska främlingar. Att älska Sverige med dess fel och brister. Om invandrare och deras möjligheter (Strangers to Sweden. Loving Sweden with all its faults and defects. About immigrants and their opportunities) Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth & Mauricio Rojas

1995: Skinnskallar. Rasister, nationalist eller hyggliga unga män? (Skinheads. Racists, nationalists or decent young men?)

1990: En låda berättar (Tales of a Box, a children's book) Lena Adelsohn Liljeroth & Ulf Adelsohn

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UNITED KINGDOM



Jeremy was born on 1 November 1966 and grew up in Surrey, where his parents still live. He went to Charterhouse school in Godalming, a town where two different generations of his family have lived for nearly 60 years.

After leaving school, Jeremy studied at Oxford University, where he graduated with a first class honours degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. He then went on to work for a management consultancy firm before going to Japan for two years where he taught English and learnt Japanese.

On his return to the UK, Jeremy set up his own educational publishing business, Hotcourses. The company, which employs over 200 people, has become the UK's largest publisher of guides and websites to help people find the right course or college (<http://www.hotcourses.com>). He also set up a charity to help AIDS orphans in Africa in which he continues to play an active role ([www.hotcoursesfoundation.org](http://www.hotcoursesfoundation.org)).

Jeremy was re-elected as Member of Parliament for South West Surrey in May 2010, increasing the Conservative majority from 5711 to 16,318. On first becoming an MP in 2005 he increased the Conservative majority from 861 to 5711. He is well-known locally for his supermarket surgeries and has campaigned actively on local issues including overdevelopment and local NHS services. He was closely involved in the successful fights to prevent the closure of the Royal Surrey and Milford Hospitals.

In December 2005 he was appointed Shadow Minister for Disabled People, where he successfully campaigned for the BBC to increase the amount of subtitling on its programmes. He also campaigned strongly for simplification of the benefits system for disabled people and individual social care budgets. In July 2007 he was appointed to the Shadow Cabinet as Shadow Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport where he has campaigned for more philanthropy for the arts, local TV, superfast broadband, a schools Olympics and a strengthened domestic tourism industry.

In May 2010 Jeremy was appointed Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport in the new Conservative - Liberal Democrat coalition.

Jeremy divides his time between Westminster and his constituency home in Farnham. He married his wife Lucia in July 2009 and they have one son

Mr Hunt was elected as MP for South West Surrey in May 2005. He was formerly Shadow Culture Secretary (2007-2010) and Shadow Minister for Disabled People (2005 - 2007). Before his election as an MP, Mr Hunt ran his own educational publishing business, Hotcourses.

He also set up a charity to help AIDS orphans in Africa in which he continues to play an active role.

Born on 1 November 1966, Mr Hunt was educated at Charterhouse school, Godalming and Oxford University. He lives in Farnham and London with his wife.

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Hugh Robertson was born in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital on the 9th October 1962 and brought up in Kent where his father was a headmaster. He was educated at The King's School Canterbury, The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Reading University where he gained a BSc (Honours) degree in Land Management specialising in property investment.

He won an army scholarship to university and was then an army officer from 1985 - 1995, serving in The Life Guards. He won the Armourers' & Brasiers' Prize for the top officer on the Royal Armoured Corps Young Officers' Course and commanded The Household Cavalry on the 1993 Queen's Birthday Parade and State Opening of Parliament. He was awarded The Sultan of Brunei's Personal Order of Merit for his work during the 1992 state visit. He saw active service in Northern Ireland commanding a platoon in Londonderry and Fermanagh, during the Gulf War as Adjutant of a main battle tank regiment, in Bosnia commanding the British Detachment in Sarajevo during the siege of the city and with the UN in Cyprus. He retired as a Major in 1995, following his selection for Staff College, in order to pursue a political career.

From 1995 until being elected to Parliament in June 2001, he worked in the investment management arm of Schroders latterly as Head of New Business Development for the Property division responsible for pension fund, local authority and charity investment in the UK property sector. He was also an Assistant Director of Schroder Investment Management.

He was selected as Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Faversham and Mid Kent in March 2000 and elected to Parliament in June 2001, with a majority of 4,183. He made his maiden speech about the preservation of Kent's countryside and the importance of fruit farming. He was the Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Fruit Group since his election in 2001-2010 and was the Chairman of the All Party United Nations Group from 2005-2008. He was appointed a Governor of the Westminster Foundation for democracy in 2005-2008.

He was promoted to the Conservative front bench in November 2002 as a Conservative Whip before becoming Shadow Sports Spokesman in September 2004 and then Shadow Minister for Sport in February 2005. He was re-elected to Parliament on 5th May 2005 with an increased majority of 8,720 and was one of the original Parliamentary supporters of David Cameron's leadership bid. Hugh was re-elected to Parliament again on 6th May 2010 with a majority of 17,088 and was appointed Minister for Sport and the Olympics for the new Coalition Government.

In May 2002 Hugh married Anna Copson and they have a son. Hugh is a playing member of the MCC and played both cricket and hockey for his university and Sandhurst and rugby for his regimental team. He supports Chelsea FC in his spare time. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and retraced the Silk Route in 1995.



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