



SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Minhea Ioan Motoc

A career diplomat, Ambassador Motoc served as Romanian Ambassador to the United Nations from 2003 to 2008, before being appointed to his current position as Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union.

He began his diplomatic career in 1991 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he held several posts, including Director of the European Union Department (1996), Deputy Director of the Human Rights Department (1994) and State Secretary for European Integration and Multilateral Affairs (2001).

He led the Romanian Delegation for Accession Talks to NATO and has been president of the Interdepartmental Commission for Romania's Accession to NATO since 2001.

He also served as president of the National Security Authority (2001 and 2002); National Coordinator of the South-East Europe Stability Pact (2001); and vice-chairman of the Executive Council of the Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2000).

Ambassador Motoc holds a J.D. from the University of Bucharest's School of Law and an L.L.M. in public international and comparative law from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Before his diplomatic career, he worked as a magistrate.

Günter Verheugen

Günter Verheugen has been Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry since November 2004. In September 1999, he was elected Member of the European Commission responsible for Enlargement.

Before he took up his first mandate in Brussels, he was elected Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office. He has behind him a long political career which took him from the position as a Member of the German Bundestag, to that of Spokesman of the SPD National Executive, Deputy Chairman of the SPD, and Chairman of the Socialist International Peace, Security and Disarmament Council.

Verheugen was educated in Cologne and Bonn where he studied history, sociology and politics.

Miroslav Ouzký

Miroslav Ouzký has been Chairman of the European Parliament Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety since January 2007. A Czech citizen and member of the Civic Democratic Party (ODS), Ouzký became an MEP in 2004 and was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament the same year.

Following his studies at the Faculty of General Medicine, Charles University, Medical Faculty, Prague and a post-graduate diploma in surgery in physiatry, Ouzký worked as a physician and head physician in the hospital of the city of Kadaň from 1983 and joined a private health service facility in 1994. He commenced his political career the same year as a member of the local council. He was member of the national parliament from 1998 to 2004, and member of the Council of Europe in the same period.

Grażyna Henclewska

Grażyna Henclewska has been Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Economy of Poland since July 10, 2008.

Grażyna Henclewska was born on 20 October 1958. She graduated from Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW) and completed postgraduate studies at the College of Management and Finance, Warsaw School of Economics.

She was professionally involved in public administration and economic analyses for the most of time. She is an appointed civil servant. In the years 1996 – 2000, she worked in the Department of Analyses and Publications of the Central Statistical Office. Since 2000 she has been working in the Department of Analyses and Forecasting of the Ministry of Economy. Initially, she held the position of Minister's Advisor acting as Department Deputy Director. She was in charge of the foreign trade analysis group and the public statistics group. From May 2003 until the end of 2005, she was responsible for cooperation with the international organisations: World Bank and OECD. Since 1 February 2006, she has held the position of the Department Director and carried out content-related supervision of economic reports, analyses and forecasts.

Ferdinand Nagy

Ferdinand Nagy has been Secretary General of the Ministry for SMEs, Trade, Tourism and Liberal Professions of Romania since 2007.

Formerly, he was Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Secretary General at the National Authority for Consumers Protection.

His academic career started with graduation from the National Architecture Institute “Ion Mincu” Bucharest in 1986, and was followed by post academic studies in international public management and public policy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (2002), and at Harvard Kennedy School (2008).

Vojtech Ferencz

Vojtech Ferencz is Director General of the Strategy section of the Ministry of Economy in Slovakia, responsible for issues related to foreign direct investments, enterprise and industry.

Ferencz joined the ministry in April 2007, having gained experience in the private sector as finance manager and director of the economic department of various machinery industry companies.

Ferencz graduated at the University of Economics Prague and Kosice in 1995.

Philippe Jean

Philippe Jean joined the European Commission in 1983. He has worked in a number of areas, such as trade negotiations, steel policy, functioning of the internal market. From 1999 to 2002, he was Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Enterprise, Mr E. Liikanen, where he was responsible for industrial files, including those relating to the automotive sector.

In January 2008, he took up his present position as Head of the Automotive Industry Unit of the Commission's Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General. He looks after aspects of automotive industry competitiveness and is responsible for the legislative framework for type-approval of vehicles.

He graduated in law and economics at the University of Paris and is an alumni from the “Institut d'Etudes Politiques” of Paris.

Aleš Kuták

Ales Kuták has been Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic since May 2007, dealing with air quality and climate change issues. From 2005 to 2007, he was transportation adviser in the same ministry.

From 1998 to 2004, he worked for the Centre for Transport and Energy in Prague, where he was in charge of the elaboration of analyses on the financing of the transport sector from public budgets and responsible for the completion of the transportation chapter of the World Resource Institute and Regional Environmental Centre's study on climate policies and measures. He was also coordinator of "Transportation for the 21st Century", a programme focusing on the promotion of sustainable mobility.

Ales Kuták graduated in Environmental Science at the Natural Science Faculty of Palacky's University, in Olomouc.

Kálmán Mészáros

Kálmán Mészáros has been Economics Counsellor at the Hungarian Embassy in Belgium since 2002.

Holding a degree in economy and law, Mészáros became doctor universitas (finance) in 1988 and published several books on securities law and the evolution of the Hungarian capital market. Mészáros has worked both in banking and as a diplomat in various positions and world regions, such as South Korea.

Dušan Bušen

Dušan Bušen has been Managing Director of the Business Association ACS, the Automotive Cluster of Slovenia, since 2003. Bušen has made his cluster a tool for promoting innovation and a means to achieve more innovative companies in Slovenia and in Europe, placing it on the map of the top suppliers in the European automotive industry.

Bušen is a member of the Europe Innova Automotive Panel of the European Commission's DG Industry and Enterprise. He is also the Chair for development group of vehicles, transport and logistics at Slovenian competitiveness council. Previously, he was with ISKRA Avtoelektrika for ten years (1993-2002), holding the position of R&D manager for the last three years of that period.

Bušen graduated from the Faculty for Electrical Engineering and Computer Science of the University Ljubljana. He has specialized in Automatics and Robotics.

Cristian Nevzoreanu

Cristian Nevzoreanu has been Public Affairs Director of Renault Technology Romania since March 2007.

Nevzoreanu joined the Renault team in 2000. Prior to holding his current position he worked on international projects, the most important of which included Dacia Logan Product Marketing and the Light Duty Truck 2.8 – 7.0 tons feasibility study with Nissan Diesel in Japan. Between 2004 and 2007 he was Marketing representative in Middle East countries, and Area Sales Manager in France. He studied engineering in Bucharest and Toulouse, and later European Affairs in Paris.

Constantin Stroe

Constantin Stroe is Vice-President of the board of administration of the company Automobile Dacia - Renault and Renault Technology Romania, and President of ACAROM, the Association of Automotive Manufacturers of Romania. Stroe joined the Romanian company Dacia in 1968 as engineer and in 1990, he was appointed General Director, having dedicated his professional career to auto manufacturing and having gone through all hierarchical levels.

Stroe, who is one of the most prominent leaders of the Romanian automotive industry, studied engineering in Bucharest, and has a PhD in Industrial Engineering. He has 23 scientific works and 4 books published, and has 3 registered patents and 7 innovations on his name.

Leonard Orban

Leonard Orban (1961) has been European Commissioner for Multilingualism since January 2007.

As Secretary of State of the Romanian Ministry of European Integration starting in 2004 and Head of Romania's negotiating delegation starting in June 2006, Orban coordinated Romania's preparation for accession to the European Union from a key position.

In 1993, Orban took on the position of Parliamentary Counsellor in European and international affairs in the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament. Formerly, he worked as an engineer at the Institute of Research for Machine Manufacturing Technology Bucharest, the Enterprise for Special Industrial Constructions Bucharest, and the Tractor Manufacturing Company Miercurea Ciuc.

Orban holds a degree in both engineering and economics.