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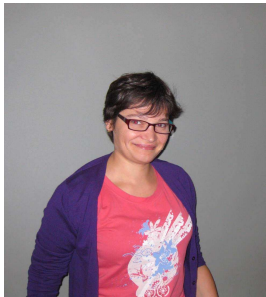



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**The Interdependence of Democracy
and Social Cohesion**

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

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Speakers' biographies

	<p>Michalis ATTALIDES, Rector of the University of Cyprus</p> <p>Michalis Attalides is Rector of the University of Nicosia and holder of a Jean Monnet Chair at the University. He has been a lecturer in Sociology at the University of Leicester, a counterpart to the UNESCO Expert at the Cyprus Social Research Centre and a Guest Lecturer at the Free University of Berlin. He has represented the Republic of Cyprus as its Ambassador in a number of capitals, including Paris, London, and at the European Union before being appointed Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has written extensively on political and social issues in Cyprus.</p>
	<p>Tanya BASARAB, Development Officer, European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)</p> <p>Tatiana Basarab is the Development Officer at the European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) since 2007, focusing on membership development, enlargement of the Network, building participation of people living in poverty and financial sustainability of the Network members and fundraising work. Previously she has worked and volunteered in the youth sector, focusing on organisational development, national youth policy and legislation and institutional relations. She began her career working on rural and community development in Moldova.</p>
	<p>Kamel BESBES, Professor, Science Faculty and former Dean, Monastir University, former Deputy Mayor of Monastir, Tunisia</p> <p>Kamel Besbes is Professor and Director of the Micro-electronic and Instruments Department, University of Monastir. He has previously held the post of Dean of the University. Professor Besbes is active in civil society and was deputy mayor in Monastir until that municipality, along with many others, was dissolved in June 2011 following a decree by the Interim President of the Republic.</p>
	<p>Thomas P. BOJE, Professor in Social Science at Roskilde University, Denmark</p> <p>Thomas P. Boje is Professor of Social Science (labour market and sociology) at Department of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University, Denmark. He was a member of the ESA Executive Committee 1995 – 1999 and again 2007-2011. Thomas P. Boje was the first editor in chief of European Societies. He has been international coordinator for the CINEFOGO Network of Excellence financed by EU through the 6th FP and has previously been partner in four different EU research projects. Are present he is working on projects on "Active Citizenship, Volunteering and Civil Society" and "Work-Care relations in Europe".</p>
	<p>Anne BRASSEUR, Chairperson of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Anne Brasseur has been a member of the Luxemburg delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1993 and she has been president of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe since 2009. She was first elected the City Council of Luxembourg in 1976. From 1999 to 2004 she was Minister for National Education, Vocational Training and Sports, Luxembourg. She is president of the Association des Femmes Libérales.</p>

	<p>Marcus BRIXSKIÖLD, Swedish Government National Special Advisor on Democracy Policy</p> <p>Marcus Brixskiöld is the Swedish Government National Special Adviser on Democracy Policy. From 1999 to 2011 he was Director at the Ministry of Justice, responsible for the Division for Democratic Issues and Human Rights. He has drawn up national action plans and implemented legislation, projects, studies and research to strengthen and defend democracy in Sweden. Other relevant positions include Special Advisor to the National Delegation and Committee for Human Rights (2006-2010) Chair of the Government Interdepartmental Committee for Human Rights (2000-2007), Member of the Nordic Council of Ministers Committee for Democracy (2003-2004), Delegate to the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (1996-2011) and Special Adviser in the Swedish Parliamentary Committee on Local Democracy, 2010 to present.</p>
	<p>Mevlüt ÇAVUSOĞLU, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu was elected President of the Parliamentary Assembly in 2010. He has been a member of the Turkish delegation since 2003. Mr Çavuşoğlu represents Antalya Province in the Turkish Grand National Assembly. He is a founding member of the Justice and Development (AK) Party and was first elected to Parliament in 2002. He has served in the Ministry of Environment on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and he has been a member of various non-governmental organizations.</p>
	<p>Sotiroula CHARALAMBOUS, Minister of Labour and Social Insurance of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>Sotiroula Charalambous was appointed Minister of Labour and Social Insurance in 2008. Previously, she worked with the Pancyprian Federation of Labour (PEO) and in 2006 was elected its Central Organizing Secretary. As a deputy of the House of Representatives, she has served as Chairwoman of the Committee of Labour and Social Insurance, Chairwoman of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women and as member of the House Standing Committee of Financial and Budgetary Affairs.</p>
	<p>Demetris CHRISTOFIAS, President of the Republic of Cyprus</p> <p>Demetris Christofias was inaugurated President of the Republic of Cyprus in 2008. Previously, he served as President of the House of Representatives for two terms and prior to that he was elected to the House of Representatives as an AKEL-Left-New Forces party candidate. In 2004 the Department of International and European Economic and Social Studies of the University of Macedonia, in Thessaloniki, Greece awarded him an honorary doctorate.</p>
	<p>Andreas CHRISTOU, Mayor of Limassol and Head of the Cypriot delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Andreas Christou was elected Mayor of Limassol in 2006. He has also been elected deputy in the region three times. From 2003- 2006 Mr Christou was Minister of Interior. He was for many years President of the Committee of Institutions and Values of the House of Representatives, President of the Sub Committee of the Temporary Staff of the House and a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He was the Spokesperson of the AKEL Party and a member of the National Council.</p>



Anna COOTE, Head of Social Policy, the new economics foundation, United Kingdom

A leading analyst, writer and advocate in the field of social policy, Anna Coote is Head of Social Policy at the new economics foundation (NEF). She was Commissioner for Health in the UK Sustainable Development Commission (2000-9) and Director of Health Policy at the King's Fund (1998-2004) before joining the Healthcare Commission to lead their work on engaging patients and the public (2005-8). Ms Coote has also worked as Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, editor and producer of current affairs television and Deputy Editor of the New Statesman (1978-82).



Alejo CUERVO, Publisher, Spain

Alejo Cuervo has a small publishing house 'Ediciones Gigamesh' and owns a bookshop specialising in fantasy and science fiction literature. He is active in Spain's 'los indignados' movement.



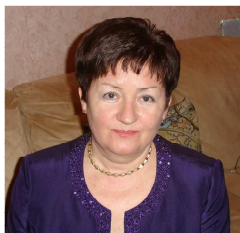
Mary DALY, Professor at the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work at Queen's University, Belfast

Mary Daly is Professor, School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University where she is also Chair of the Education Committee, member of the research cluster 'Contemporary Social Issues and Social Policy' and a member of the Senior Management Group. Professor Daly is a member of the Sociology Sub-Panel for the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF). She was Chair of the Council of Europe's High Level Task Force on Social Cohesion in Europe.



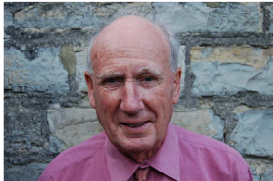




Helen DARBISHIRE, Executive Director, Access Info Europe, Spain






Helen Darbishire, Executive Director of Access Info Europe, is a human rights professional specialising in access to information, freedom of expression and media freedom. She has worked with Article 19 (London and Paris, 1989-1998) and the Open Society Institute (Budapest and New York, 1999-2005) and as a consultant with inter-governmental organizations (including UNESCO, Council of Europe, OSCE and the World Bank). She has published and lectured widely on freedom of expression, access to information, human rights and democratization.













Antonina DASHKINA, President of Russian Union of Social Pedagogues and Social Workers

Dr Dashkina is President of the Russian Union of Social Pedagogues and Social Workers and Director of the Russian European Trust for Welfare Reform. From 2003-2008 she was a member of the Board of the International Federation of Social workers (Europe). From 2008 to 2011 she was vice-chair of the Social Cohesion and Eradication of Poverty Committee of the INGOs Conference of the Council of Europe.

	<p>Kenneth DAVEY, Expert, European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR), United Kingdom</p> <p>Kenneth Davey is a retired Professor of the School of Public Policy at the University of Birmingham where he was Director of the Institute of Local Government Studies. During the last two decades Ken Davey has worked almost continuously on local government reform in Central and Eastern Europe on behalf of British Technical Co-operation and the Open Society Foundation. He is a long-standing consultant to the Council of Europe European Committee on Local and Regional Democracy (CDLR).</p>
	<p>Nurnaz DENIZ, Founder of Urban Cosmopolitans, Amsterdam</p> <p>Nurnaz Deniz is founder of Urban Cosmopolitans, an NGO which strives to sustain dialogue and ongoing exchange in and between cities through international collaboration and coproductions of artists, writers and intellectuals. She developed and managed a project on a national scale for Kunstenaars&Co, Amsterdam, which aimed to professionalise young artists with a dual cultural background. Formerly, she worked in the field of welfare, on children's education, women's emancipation and youth delinquency. She is also a writer of fiction (Ayla en Hugo, Amsterdam, Bezige Bij 2011).</p>
	<p>Hugh FRAZER, Adjunct Professor, National University of Ireland, Maynooth</p> <p>Hugh Frazer is Professor at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and also works as an independent expert advising national, European and International organisations on social inclusion policies and strategies, with a particular focus on child poverty. Until 2006 Professor Frazer worked as an EU policy expert on the Social Inclusion Process. He was Director of the Combat Poverty Agency (1987-2001) and the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust (1979-1987).</p>
	<p>Ahmed GALAI, Vice-president, Tunisian League for the Defence of Human Rights (LTDH)</p> <p>Ahmed Galai has been a member of the Steering Committee of the Tunisian League for the Defence of Human Rights (LTDH), since 2000 where he is currently responsible for education and training issues. He is also a member of the Coordination of Magreb Human Rights Organisations (CMODH) which was created in 2006 in Morocco and which regroups 25 NGOs in 5 countries.</p>
	<p>Andreas GROSS, Chairperson of the Socialist Group of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Andreas Gross has been a member of the Swiss delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1995 and is currently Chair of the Socialist Group. He is a member of the Political Affairs Committee as well as the Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities and Institutional Affairs and the Committee on the Honouring of Obligations and Commitments by Member States of the Council of Europe (Monitoring Committee). Andreas Gross is a member of the Swiss Federal Parliament.</p>

	<p>Kostyantyn GRYSHCENKO, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Chairman of the Committee of Ministers</p> <p>Kostyantyn Gryshchenko was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in 2010. Formerly, he was Adviser to the Prime Minister and has been Ambassador to the Russian Federation, USA, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg. His professional career includes other diplomatic posts and various activities in UN specialized bodies and in other international organizations.</p>
	<p>Bouli HADJIOANNOU, journalist, Cyprus</p> <p>Bouli Hadjioannou is editor in chief of Cyprus Weekly. As a journalist she has covered the work of the House of Representatives and Cyprus' accession to the European Union. In 1980s she was Reuter's Cyprus correspondent. She has also worked for Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation and Athens Municipal Radio.</p>
	<p>Dina HAFFAR, Senior Advisor/Programme Team Leader, Intercultural Cities, Copenhagen</p> <p>Dina Haffer is senior advisor for Diversity Programmes, Copenhagen and is responsible for the coordination of that city's participation in the Intercultural Cities project - a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission. Her background is in environmental planning and she has previously worked on the implementation of the political and financial strategies for the modernisation of the Danish tax system.</p>
	<p>Jean-Marie HEYDT, President of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Jean-Marie Heydt was elected President of the Conference of INGOs in 2009. He represents the European Association of Training Centers for Socio-Educational Care Work at the Council of Europe. He is Director General of the Bas-Rhin Family Association, Strasbourg. He has a doctorate in education science and teaches European social policy at the <i>Université de Haute Alsace</i>.</p>
	<p>Martin HIRSCH, former High Commissioner for Youth (France) and member of the Group of Eminent Persons on 'Living together: Combining diversity and freedom in 21st-century Europe'</p> <p>Martin Hirsch was the High Commissioner for Youth in the government of Francois Fillon where he was in charge of setting up the 'Revenu de solidarité active'. He left the Government in March 2010 to head the state's Civic Service Agency. He is a former High Commissioner for Active Solidarity against Poverty and former head of Emmaüs France. He is a member of the Council of Europe Group of Eminent Persons on 'Living together: Combining diversity and freedom in 21st-century Europe'.</p>

	<p>Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Thorbjørn Jagland was elected Secretary General of the Council of Europe in 2009. He was the President of the Norwegian Parliament from 2005 to 2009. Mr Jagland was Prime Minister of Norway from 1996-97 and Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2000-2001. He is Chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, which awards the annual Nobel Peace Prize.</p>
	<p>Jane JENSON, Professor of Political Science at the University of Montreal</p> <p>Jane Jenson is professor of political science at the University of Montreal and in 2001 was appointed holder of the Canada Research Chair of Citizenship and Governance. She is former editor of <i>Lien social et Politiques - RIAC</i>, a France-Quebec review of social policy. She directed the Family Network of the Canadian Policy Research Networks from 1999 to 2003, and has been a visiting professor at many European universities, as well as Harvard University where she held the Mackenzie King Chair of Canadian Studies. Her research and publications address issues of social solidarity and social justice.</p>
	<p>Vuk JEREMIĆ, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Vuk Jeremić has been Serbian Minister of Foreign Affairs since 2007 and served as Chair of the Committee of Ministers from May to November 2007. Before his current post he was adviser to the Minister of Telecommunications and prior to this from 2003 he was Special Envoy for Euro-Atlantic Affairs in the Ministry of Defence. He has also served as Senior Foreign Policy Adviser to President Tadić. In 2004 he was appointed Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and in 2006 he was elected to the Main Board of the Democratic Party.</p>
	<p>Joseph JOSEPH, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in Greece</p> <p>Joseph Joseph has been Ambassador of Cyprus to Greece since 2009. Prior to this, he held the posts of Jean Monnet Professor of International Relations at the University of Cyprus (1995-2009) and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU Division (1993-95). Mr Joseph has published extensively on international relations, the European Union, Cyprus and EU-Turkish relations.</p>
	<p>Csilla KOLLONAY-LEHOCZKY, Member of the Council of Europe European Committee of Social Rights</p> <p>Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky is Professor at the Legal Studies Department of the Central European University. She has been a member of the European Committee of Social Rights since 2001 and since 2004 a member of the Gender Equality Legal Experts' Network of the European Commission. She is part of the international academic advisory board of ETUI-REHS, the research institute of the European Trade Union Confederation. She is author of several publications on labour and social law as well as gender equality.</p>

	<p>Erato KOZAKOU-MARCOULLIS, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cyprus</p> <p>Erato Kozakou–Marcoullis took office as Minister of Foreign Affairs on 5 August 2011, having been Minister of Communications and Works since 2010. Prior to these posts she was Head of the Working Group on Property, in the UN–sponsored negotiations being held since 2008 between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities. She previously served as Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2007-2008. She has served as Ambassador to Lebanon and Jordan (2005-2007), USA (1998-2003) and was accredited to the World Bank, the IMF, ICAO and the Organization of American States. Dr Kozakou–Marcoullis has published many studies and articles on the Cyprus Problem, Foreign Policy and Cultural Diplomacy. She has also received many Honours and Awards in the United States, Cyprus and other countries.</p>
	<p>Jacek KUCHARCZYK, President of the Board of the Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw</p> <p>Jacek Kucharczyk is President of the Executive Board of the Institute of Public Affairs, one of Poland's leading think-tanks. He is board member of the European Partnership for Democracy (EDP) in Brussels and one of the founders and board members of Policy Association for an Open Society PASOS, an association of think-tanks from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.</p>
	<p>Ophélie LATIL, Génération précaire, France</p> <p>Orphélie Latil has an MA in Political Science and a law degree. After graduation the only openings available to her were internships. Appalled by the lack of opportunities for stable, remunerated work she became a spokesperson for Génération Précaire, a pressure group created in 2005 to denounce practices that have led to a sub-salaried group, always available, constantly renewed and without any rights.</p>
	<p>Niccolò MILANESE, Director of European Alternatives</p> <p>Niccolò Milanese is one of the founder directors of European Alternatives, a civil society organisation which brings together philosophers, artists and social activists to imagine and campaign for a transnational conception of European politics. He is also Senior Editor at The Liberal magazine.</p>
	<p>Salvör NORDAL, Director of the Ethics Institute, University of Iceland</p> <p>Salvör Nordal is Director of the Ethics Institute, University of Iceland where she teaches history and philosophy. In April 2011 she was elected chairperson of Icelandic Constitutional Council which has reviewed the new Constitution of Iceland and which made full use of democratic participatory tools such as crowd-sourcing through social networking platforms. Thus, the Icelandic draft constitution is the first crowd-sourced constitution.</p>



Mohamed OUZZINE, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Morocco

Mohammed Ouzzine was nominated State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in July 2009. From 2002 – 2007 he was adviser to the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Maritime Fishing. He is president of Oued rural commune and a member of the political bureau of the Mouvement populaire. From 1993 to 1999 he was professor of communication and politics, working in English. He has studied in Morocco, USA and Germany.



Constantinos PHELLAS, Professor of Sociology and Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Science & Law, University of Nicosia, General Rapporteur of the 2011 Forum for the Future of Democracy

Constantinos Phellas is Professor of Sociology and Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Science & Law, University of Nicosia. He is President of the Cyprus Sociological Association. His research interests include sociology of health & illness, ageing & sexualities. Dr Phellas has taught extensively at the University of Essex, City University and the University of London. His publications focus upon the intersection of gender, culture, and issues of sexuality among ethnic minority communities, HIV/AIDS, and the social & psychological aspects of public health domain.



Kyriacos PIERIDES, Journalist, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation

Kyriakos Pierides is a journalist, political analyst specialising in EU affairs and presenter of a weekly TV Talk Show "Code Europe" on CyBC TV Cyprus. He is involved in a series of EU funded projects to upgrade journalistic skills on covering poverty and social exclusion. Mr Pierides has published many articles and worked on several TV documentaries on EU Social Policies including in the field of gender equality, immigration, asylum and youth. He wrote a book on Cyprus EU diplomatic relations in the light of Cyprus accession (Livanis Publishing House, 2002).








Carlo RUZZA, Professor of Political Sociology at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom




Carlo Ruzza is Professor of Political Sociology and Head of Department at the University of Leicester. He is the co-coordinator of the political sociology section of the European Sociological Association. His research addresses changes in modes of political participation and their related theoretical aspects, particularly the process of institutionalisation of social movements and implications for democracy.



Lenia SAMUEL, Deputy Director General, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Lenia Samuel has been Deputy-Director General in DG Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities since 2005 and is responsible for the European Social Fund. Prior to this she was Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, coordinating social issues relating to Cyprus' accession to the EU. She has long participated in the standard setting activities of Council of Europe and in 1997 edited the Council of Europe publication "Fundamental Social Rights".

	<p>Elizabeth SPEHAR, Director, Americas and Europe Division, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations</p> <p>Elizabeth Spehar joined the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) of the UN Secretariat in 2007, as Director for the Americas and Europe Division (AED). Since 2009 she has headed the newly-formed Europe Division, which counts among its responsibilities identifying and developing dialogue and preventive diplomacy initiatives in Eastern Europe and supporting the UN's facilitation efforts on the reunification of Cyprus. Ms. Spehar also serves as the Department's focal point for democracy, and chairs the United Nations Democracy Fund's Programme Consultative Group as well as the Inter-Agency Working Group on Democracy of the Executive Committee on Peace and Security (ECPS). Prior to joining the UN Secretariat, Elizabeth Spehar was a senior official with the Organization of American States (OAS).</p>
	<p>Guy STANDING, Professor of Economic Security, University of Bath, United Kingdom</p> <p>Guy Standing is Professor of Economic Security at the University of Bath and a founder member and co-president of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), an NGO that promotes a citizenship income for all. He also was coordinating editor and main author of the ILO's "Economic Security for a Better World", 2004 report. He has worked as a consultant with UNDP, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and OECD.</p>
	<p>Peter TAYLOR-GOOPY, Professor of Social Policy, University of Kent, United Kingdom</p> <p>Peter Taylor-Gooby is Professor of Social Policy at the University of Kent and chairs the HEFCE Research Excellence Framework "Social Work and Social Policy and Administration" Panel. In 2009-2010 he participated in the Prime Minister's 'progressive consensus' Round Table and advised the PM's Strategy Unit. He currently holds a Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship "Social Cohesion at the Crossroads".</p>
	<p>Samuel THIRION, Social Cohesion Development and Research Division, Council of Europe</p> <p>Samuel Thirion joined the Council of Europe in 2002 where he is developing tools and guidelines for the development of progressive societal practices, including shared social responsibility. His responsibilities have included drawing up methodological guides to social cohesion indicators and setting up a European dialogue platform on ethical and solidarity-based initiatives, two projects that are part of the Council of Europe's Social Cohesion Strategy.</p>
	<p>Hans-Jörg TRENZ, Professor, Centre for Modern European Studies, University of Copenhagen and Adjunct Professor, Arena, Norway</p> <p>Hans-Jörg Trenz is Professor in Modern European Studies at University of Copenhagen and adjunct professor at the Centre for European Studies (ARENA), University of Oslo, where he coordinates research on political communication, public sphere and democracy in the context of European integration. His main research interests are media, communication and public sphere, civil society, European civilization and identity, migration and ethnic minorities, cultural and political sociology, social and political theory, democracy and constitutionalism in the European Union. His main publications include The New Politics of European Civil Society (2010); Europa in den Medien (2005) and Das europäische Integrationsprojekt im Spiegel nationaler Öffentlichkeit (2002).</p>

	<p>Alexander VLADYCHENKO, Council of Europe</p> <p>Alexander Vladychenko joined the Council of Europe in 2001 and was appointed Director General of the Directorate General for Social Cohesion in 2004. Prior to his work at the Council of Europe, he held senior posts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and later in the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Switzerland.</p>
	<p>Keith WHITMORE, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Keith Whitmore is Head of the UK Congress delegation and was elected President of the Congress in 2010. He has been a Congress member since 1996 and previously held the positions of Vice-President, Chair of the Institutional Committee and Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee. He is also a member of the Policy Committee of the Council of European Municipalities & Regions (CEMR) and Vice-Chair of the CEMR Governance Committee as well as a former member of the EU Committee of the Regions. He has been an elected member of Manchester City Council for over 30 years.</p>
	<p>Jordi XUCLÀ I COSTA, member of the Spanish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe</p> <p>Jordi Xuclà i Costa headed the Convergència i Unió list for Congress for Girona in the 2004 general election and was re-elected in 2008. He is the spokesman member of the Spanish Parliament on the Foreign Affairs Committee and Defence Committee, and member of Constitutional Committee and European Union Committee. Mr Xuclà i Costa is a member of the Spanish delegation in the Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe and Vice-Chairman of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe. He is a lawyer and associate professor of Administrative Law at the University of Girona.</p>