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	<p>Edward ANDERSSON, Deputy Director, Involve, United Kingdom</p> <p>Edward Andersson set up peopleandparticipation.net, a UK public engagement site, and has advised a number of local, national and international organisations on public engagement strategies. He has researched ways of achieving efficiencies through engagement. Mr Andersson sits on the National Expert Panel on Local Governance for the Department for Communities and Local Government and is a board member of the international not-for profit group e-Democracy.org.</p>
	<p>Daniele ARCHIBUGI, Professor, Italian National Research Council and Birkbeck College, United Kingdom</p> <p>Professor Archibugi is Research Director at the Italian National Research Council (CNR) in Rome, affiliated to the Institute on Population and Social Policy (IRPPS), and Professor of Innovation, Governance and Public Policy at the Department of Management, Birkbeck College London. He works on the economics and policy of technological change and on the political theory of international relations. He is currently chairing the European Commission's Expert Group on "A wide opening of the European Research Area to the world". His latest book, <i>The Global Commonwealth of Citizens. Toward Cosmopolitan Democracy</i> was published by Princeton University Press in 2008.</p>
	<p>Peter ASHMAN, Human Rights and Democracy Advisor, United Kingdom</p> <p>Peter Ashman was human rights and democracy advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London (2004-2009) and he served in the European Commission's Office for Co-operation (EuropeAid) as human rights policy co-ordinator (2001-2004). From 1992 to 2001, he led a team that provided management help to the European Commission's grant programmes for human rights and democracy. Since 2009 Peter Ashman has been a full-time partner in Adroit Consultants which specialises in work designed to promote human rights, enhance governance and support democracy.</p>
	<p>Bob BONWITT, Head of SIGMA Programme, OECD, Paris</p> <p>Bob Bonwitt is Head of the Support for Improvement in Governance and Management (SIGMA) Programme which is a joint initiative of the European Union (EU) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), principally financed by the EU. The Programme works with EU candidate countries and potential candidates and, under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument, with countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.</p>



Jan BORGEN, Deputy Secretary General, International Commission of Jurists, Switzerland

Jan Borgen is Deputy Secretary General of the International Commission of Jurists. Prior to that he was the Secretary General of Transparency International – Norway (2002-2009). He has also served as Legal and Policy Adviser for the Norwegian Refugee Council and Legal Adviser for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Georgia.



Başak ÇALI, Lecturer in Human Rights, University College London, United Kingdom

Professor Çalı is a Lecturer in Human Rights at University College London. She is currently the Principal Investigator of a three-year project studying the impact of the European Court of Human Rights' judgments on domestic political and judicial elites. She has been a Council of Europe expert since 2002 and has worked on the United Nations human rights systems. Professor Çalı has been a consultant on human rights issues for several inter- and non- governmental organizations. Her latest book, *International Law for International Relations*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2010.



Kim CAMPBELL, Former Prime Minister of Canada

Kim Campbell was Prime Minister of Canada in 1993. From 1999 to 2003, she chaired the Council of Women World Leaders. From 2003 - 2005 she served as President of the International Women's Forum. She was a founding member of the Club of Madrid and currently sits on its Board of Directors. Kim Campbell was also a founding member of the Ukrainian NGO Foundation for Effective Governance and is Chair of the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy.








Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu is the current President of PACE and has been a member of the Turkish delegation since 2003. He also represents Antalya Province in the Turkish Grand National Assembly. First elected to Parliament in the 2002 general election, he is a founding member of the Justice and Development (AK) Party.



Lucig DANIELIAN, Dean, School of Political Science and International Affairs, American University of Armenia

Lucig Danielian is the Dean of the School of Political Science and International Affairs at the American University of Armenia. She was Assistant Professor of Political Communication at the University at Albany, State University, New York (1988-1994) and conducted research on mass communication and democratic movements in Armenia and the USSR. She has received many awards including the Harvard University Goldsmith Research Award and a Fulbright Fellowship.

	<p>Helen DARBISHIRE, Executive Director, Access Info Europe, Spain</p> <p>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 World Bank). She has published and lectured widely on freedom of expression, access to information, human rights and democratization.</p>
	<p>Ligia DECA, Head, Bologna Process Secretariat, Romania</p> <p>Ligia Deca is the newly appointed Head of the Bologna Secretariat. Before this she was Chair of the European Students' Union (2008-2010). She has been co-ordinator of the Romanian Coalition for Clean Universities. Her professional experience also includes quality assurance consultancy and evaluation.</p>
	<p>Pavol DEMEŠ, Director for Central and Eastern Europe of the German Marshall Fund, Slovak Republic</p> <p>Pavol Demeš is director of the German Marshall Fund's Bratislava office, where he oversees GMF's activities in Central and Eastern Europe. Before joining GMF in 2000, he was the Executive Director of the Slovak Academic Information Agency-Service Center for the Third Sector, a Slovak non-governmental organization committed to enhancing civil society. Prior to this, Mr. Demeš was Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic (1993-1997), Minister of International Relations (1991-1992), and Director of the Department of Foreign Relations in the Ministry of Education (1990-1991).</p>
	<p>Yuri DHZIBLADZE, Founder and President of the Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russian Federation</p> <p>Yuri Dzhibladze is founder and president of the Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, a Russian public policy and advocacy NGO. He is a specialist in human rights, international law, and civil society, and an active member of Russian and international NGO community. He currently is a member of the NGO Process for the Community of Democracies, a member of the Council on Civil Society and Human Rights with the President of the Russian Federation, and a member of the Expert Council of the Ombudsman for Human Rights of the Russian Federation.</p>
	<p>Sabine DONNER, Senior Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany</p> <p>Sabine Donner is a Senior Project Manager at Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany with responsibility for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI). She is also regional coordinator for the Russian Federation and Mongolia. Her focus areas are development policy, democratisation and good governance.</p>



Avri DORIA, Adjunct Professor, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

Avri Doria has been involved in the development of Internet protocols and architectures for over 30 years. She has worked for the Secretariat of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) since its founding and was chair of the Generic Names Supporting Organization (GNSO) Council within ICANN. Ms Doria is a member of the Non-Commercial Users Constituency (NCUC), currently serving as Chair of the Noncommercial Stakeholder Group's Executive Committee.



Yves-Marie DOUBLET, Scientific Expert, Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO)

Yves-Marie Doublet is a Scientific Expert of the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO). He has also served as advisor to the French National Assembly in its European Affairs division and is the author of *Le financement de la vie politique*.



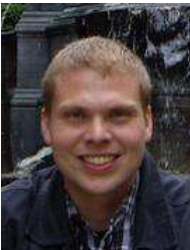
Krzysztof DRZEWICKI, Professor of Public International Law, University of Gdańsk, Poland

Krzysztof Drzewicki is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Gdańsk. He served as Polish agent to the European Court of Human Rights (1994-2003) and he was elected Chair of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) from 2000 to 2002. From 2003 - 2010 he was Senior Legal Adviser to the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Since 2010 he has resumed his work as Minister Counsellor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Warsaw.



Anthony DWORKIN, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, United Kingdom

Anthony Dworkin works on issues of human rights, international justice and international humanitarian law at the European Council on Foreign Relations. He is also executive director of the Crimes of War Project, a non-governmental organization that promotes understanding of international humanitarian law and its application in contemporary armed conflict. He co-edited the recent revised and updated edition of *Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know* (Norton, 2007).



Nils EHLERS, IRI Europe, Marburg, Germany

Nils Ehlers has been working for IRI Europe since 2006. He has been involved in several regional campaigns of Mehr Demokratie e.V. within Germany as well as in the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI). In addition to direct democracy and citizen's participation, he also deals with questions of political philosophy and issues in the Caucasus region.



Andreas GROSS, Member of the Swiss Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Andreas Gross is a member of the Swiss Federal Parliament. He has been a member of the Swiss delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe since 1995. He is currently 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).



Istvan GYARMATI, President and CEO, Center for Democratic Transition, Hungary

Ambassador Gyarmati is Director of the International Centre for Democratic Transition, Chairman of the Board of the Centre for Euro Atlantic Integration and Democracy in Budapest and Senior Political Adviser of the Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces. Ambassador Gyarmati had a distinguished career in the Hungarian diplomatic service. He is the author of numerous publications on security policy and conflict management.



Tony HALPIN, The Times Newspaper, Moscow Bureau Chief, Russian Federation

Tony Halpin began his journalism career at major regional newspapers in Britain before joining the national news agency, the Press Association, for whom he interviewed Nelson Mandela in South Africa shortly after his release from prison. Tony lived in and reported from newly independent Armenia in 1992 and returned again for a year in 2001, where he set up a journalism training programme. This evolved into the independent online journal Armenianow.com. He became Moscow bureau chief for The Times of London in September 2006, covering all of the former Soviet republics. In August 2008, he reported from the ground on the war between Georgia and Russia and has returned to the war zone on numerous occasions since.



Thomas HAMMARBERG, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Thomas Hammarberg was elected Commissioner for Human Rights in 2005. Prior to this he has held the posts of Secretary General of the Olof Palme International Center (2002-2005), Ambassador of the Swedish Government on Humanitarian Affairs (1994-2002), Secretary General of "Save the Children" Sweden (1986-1992), and Secretary General of Amnesty International (1980-1986). He received the Noble Peace Prize on behalf of Amnesty International in 1977.



David HARUTYUNYAN, Chair of the Armenian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur of the Forum

David Harutyunyan was first elected to the Armenian parliament in 1995 and has been a member of the Parliamentary Assembly since 2007. He was Minister of Justice from 1998 to 2007. In 2007 David Harutyunyan was elected Chairman of the Republic of Armenia National Assembly's Standing Committee on State and Legal Affairs.



Jean-Marie HEYDT, President of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) of the Council of Europe

Jean-Marie Heydt was elected President of the Conference of INGOs in 1990. 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.



Chuck HIRT, Central and European Citizen's Network, Council of Europe Conference of INGOs

Chuck Hirt is Director of the Central and European Citizen's Network based in Slovakia. He has fostered community-based organizations and community leadership in the USA and in Slovakia. His work has resulted in the creation of a nationwide organization and at least fourteen local organizations across Slovakia.



Alexander ISKANDARYAN, Director, Caucasus Institute, Armenia

Alexander Iskandarian was one of the founders of the Caucasus Institute in 2002 and is director since 2005. Prior to this he headed their Research Unit. He teaches the Contemporary Studies and Area Studies courses. He has dozens of academic publications in various countries and regularly gives interviews to Western, Russian and Armenian.



Thorbjørn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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.



Vuk JEREMIĆ, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Serbia

Vuk Jeremić has been the Serbian Minister for Foreign Affairs since May 2007 and within this function, he served as Chair of the Committee of Ministers from May to November 2007. Prior to current position, Vuk Jeremić worked as an adviser to the Minister of Telecommunications and joined the Ministry of Defense as Special Envoy for Euro-Atlantic Affairs in 2003. He has also served as Senior Foreign Policy Adviser to Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia. In February 2004, he was appointed Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and in February 2006 elected to the Main Board of the Democratic Party.



Anne KOCH, Senior Researcher, Hertie School of Governance, Germany

Anne Koch is senior researcher at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, currently working on the political aspects of European migrant return policies. She has worked for UNHCR on internally displaced persons and reintegration strategies (2006-2007). She holds a masters degree in Human Rights from University College in London.



Günther KRUG, Vice-President of the Congress and Head of the German Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities

Günther Krug has been an elected member of the Berlin Parliament (Abgeordnetenhaus von Berlin) since 2001. He is Head of the German Delegation to the Congress, of which he has been a member since 2002, and has been a Vice-President of the Congress since 2003.



Maria LEISSNER, Swedish Ambassador for Democracy

Ambassador Leissner is Swedish Ambassador for Democracy. She was party leader of the Swedish Liberal People's Party from 1995–97. From 2000-2004 she was Sweden's ambassador to Guatemala.



Sonja LICHT, President of the Foreign Policy Council, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Serbia

Sonja Licht is the founder and Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence which is a partner of the Council of Europe schools of political studies. She is president of the Foreign Policy Council at the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has long worked as a research fellow in the Institute for International Politics and Economy and Institute for European Studies and as well as writing numerous articles in local and international magazines, journals and books and is the laureate of many awards for peace and for human rights.



Keboitse MACHANGANA, Head of Democracy Assessment and Analysis, International IDEA, Sweden

Keboitse Machangana has been the Head of the Democracy Assessment and Analysis Programme for International IDEA in Sweden since 2006. She worked for the USAID Regional Centre for Southern Africa as Democracy and Governance Advisor (2002-2005) and for Emang Basadi Women's Association (Botswana, 1993 – 2003) where she was Co-ordinator of the Political Education Project.



Christian MAKARIAN, co-managing editor L'Express, France

Christian Makarian is co-managing editor of the French magazine 'L'Express'. He has worked for a variety of media in France including RTL (1981-1982) and Le Point (1984- 1992). He has authored a number of books including *Le Choc Jésus et Mahomet* (Editions Lattès, 2008).



Muriel MARLAND-MILITELLO, Member of the French Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Muriel Marland-Militello has been a member of the French National Assembly since 2002. She is an elected representative of Alpes-Maritimes region and is Deputy Mayor of Nice with responsibility for cultural policy. Ms Marland-Militello has been a member of the Parliamentary Assembly since 2007 where she is a member of the Commission for Culture, Science and Education.



Miklos MARSCHALL, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, Transparency International, Germany

Miklos Marschall is the Europe & Central Asia Regional Director of Transparency International. He is also responsible for the biennial International Anti-corruption Conference (IACC). Miklos Marschall served as Deputy Mayor of Budapest from 1991 to 1994. He currently chairs the Board of the Budapest Festival Orchestra.



Ian MICALLEF, President a.i of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Ian Micallef was first elected President of the Chamber of Local Authorities of the Congress in 2006. He is currently Acting President of the Congress. A specialist in European law, Ian Micallef has served as a municipal councillor for Gzira, in Malta, since 1994, and has acted as Chair of the Association of Local Councils of Malta since 1996.



Adam MICHNIK, Editor-in-Chief, Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland

Adam Michnik is the editor-in-chief of Gazeta Wyborcza and his articles are published worldwide. From 1966-1989 he was one of the leading organisers of the illegal, democratic opposition in Poland and in 1976 he co-founded the Committee for the Defense of Workers (KOR). Adam Michnik participated in the Round Table Talks in 1989 and was a member of the first non-communist Polish Parliament (1989-1991). He received many awards including the nomination as European of the Year 1989.

	<p>Gudrun MOSLER-TÖRNSTRÖM, Member of the Austrian Delegation to the Congress of the Local and Regional Authorities</p> <p>Gudrun Mosler-Törnström is a member of the Austrian delegation to the Chamber of Regions of the Congress. She is Vice-President of the State Parliament of Salzburg.</p>
	<p>Alina MUNGIU-PIPPIDI, Professor of Democracy Studies, Hertie School of Governance, Germany</p> <p>Alina Mungiu-Pippidi teaches Democratisation Studies at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, Germany. She is a board member of the International Forum of Democracy Studies and the Journal of Democracy. She has worked with Freedom House, United Nations Development Programme and World Bank on issues of state building in the Balkans and in the former Soviet Union. In 1996 she founded the Romanian Academic Society, a think-tank promoting good governance in Romania.</p>
	<p>Mr Edward NALBANDIAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia</p> <p>Edward Nalbandian is the Foreign Affairs Minister of Armenia. He studied at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations and received his PhD (in political science) from the Institute of Oriental Studies at the National Academy of Sciences. Mr Nalbandian began working at the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the late 1970s. After Armenia's independence he was invited to work for the Armenian diplomatic service. He has been Armenia's Ambassador to Egypt, Morocco, Oman, France, as well as Israel, Vatican and Andorra. He has also been Special Representative of the President of Armenia in different international organizations. Mr Nalbandian has published several works on international relations.</p>
	<p>Lina PAPADOPOULOU, Assistant Professor for Constitutional Law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece</p> <p>Lina Papadopoulou has been teaching at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki since 2002 and she has been a Lecturer of Hellenic and European Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law since 2004. She also teaches Fundamental Issues of Law at the Hellenic Open University. Lina Papadopoulou is an external scientific collaborator of the European Public Law Organization.</p>
	<p>Jiri PEHE, Director, New York University in Prague, Czech Republic</p> <p>Jiri Pehe is Director of the New York University in Prague. From 1997 to 1999 he was Director of the Political Department of Czech President Vaclav Havel. From 1995 to 1997, Jiri Pehe was Director of the Analysis and Research Department at the Open Media Research Institute in Prague. Between 1988 and 1995, he first worked as an analyst of Central European affairs and later as Director of Central European Research at the Research Institute of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany. From 1985 to 1988, Pehe was Director of East European Studies at the Freedom House in New York.</p>



Zoran PETROV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", representing the Chair of the Committee of Ministers

Zoran Petrov is Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia". Prior to this, he worked as a journalist for "Nova Makedonija" daily newspaper and as Head of the Analytics Department of the Macedonian Intelligence Agency.



Julian POPOV, Chair of the Bulgarian School of Political Studies

Julian Popov was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian School of Politics in 2006. He has worked as a consultant on numerous projects on institutional development, public relations and education policy for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Commission, and others. He is also a founder and served as Director of the NBU School of Management. Mr. Popov has published two books and numerous articles on literature, international affairs, and politics. He is the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of Friends of Bulgaria – a British charity established in 1990 to provide humanitarian aid to Bulgaria.



Lord PRESCOTT, Former Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Lord Prescott is a former Deputy Prime Minister (1997-2007) and First Secretary of State of the United Kingdom. He entered the House of Lords as a life peer in July 2010. Before entering politics, John Prescott was a ship's steward and a trade union activist. He is Head of the UK delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.



Roland RICH, Executive Head, United Nations Democracy Fund

Roland Rich was appointed Executive Head of the UN Democracy Fund in 2007. Prior to this he was a member of the directing staff at the Centre for Defense and Strategic Studies of the Australian Defense College. From 1998 to 2005 Mr. Rich was the Foundation Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions, Australian National University. From 1994-1997 he served as Australian Ambassador to Laos.



Andrey RYABOV, Chief Editor, Institute of World Economy and International Relations; Russian Federation

Andrey Ryabov is a Russian political scientist and commentator focusing on domestic and foreign policy of contemporary Russia as well as comparative analysis of post-communist transformations in the CIS countries. He has been scholar-in-residence at Carnegie Moscow Center since 1998. Mr. Ryabov is editor-in-chief of "World Economy and International Relations" as well as writing as a columnist and observer for the Russian papers "Vedomosti" and *Gazeta.ru*. He lectures regularly at the Higher School of Economics (Moscow) and Moscow International University.



Nick THORPE, BBC Central Europe Correspondent

Nick Thorpe has been based in eastern Europe since 1986, correspondent at different times for the BBC, Independent, Guardian and Observer. He covered the fall of Communism, the collapse of Yugoslavia, and the EU membership process of many countries in the region. Since 1996 he has been the BBC's Central Europe correspondent, based in Budapest, also covering the Balkans. In 2009 his first book: '89 The Unfinished Revolution - Power and Powerlessness in Eastern Europe' was published by Reportage Press in London. He is also a film-maker and has made one short feature film: Vigilance, 1997 TintoFilms, and 2 documentaries: The Fairy Island (1993) for Duna TV, Hungary; and The Vineleaf and the Rose (2001) for MTV in Hungary, which won an award for best cinematography at the Mediawave International Film Festival in 2001.



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Alexander Trechsel is Professor of Political Science and the first full-time holder of the Swiss Chair in Federalism and Democracy at the European University Institute (EUI). Prior to joining EUI he was Vice-Director of the Research and Documentation Centre on Direct Democracy (c2d) at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva (1999-2005). Prof. Trechsel initiated and co-ordinates the European Union Democracy Observatory (EUDO) at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the EUI.



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Paul WIDMER, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe

Paul Widmer is the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Council of Europe since 2007. From 1999 to 2003 he was the Swiss Ambassador to Croatia and from 2003 to 2007 to Jordan.

Emin YERITSYAN, Vice-President of the Congress and Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities.

Emin Yeritsyan is Head of the Armenian Delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and Vice President of the Congress. He is an elected member of community council of Parakar municipality. Mr. Yeritsyan is President of the Communities Association of Armenia as well as Head of the Academy of Municipal Administration.

