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Speakers list

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SPEAKER / PRESIDENT AUTOMOTIVE INTERGROUP (AT/EPP)



Christopher DREXLER

Christopher Drexler was elected as President of the Committee of the Regions interregional group „Future of the Automotive Industry (CoRAI)“ for the new periode in 2020. As an active member of the CoR he focuses his work in Brussels on the Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture (SEDEC). Christopher Drexler is a Minister in the government of the Land Steiermark responsible for Culture, Europe, Sport and Human Resources.

Job and political details:

2000 - 2014	Member of the Styrian Parliament
2003 - 2014	Chairman of the People's Party in the Styrian Parliament
since 24/06/2006	President of the Styrian Employees' Organisation
2014 - 2015	Minister for Health, Nursing and Science
2015 - 2017	Minister for Health, Nursing, Science and Human Resources
2017 - 2019	Minister for Health, Nursing, Culture and Human Resources
since 19/12/2019	Minister for Culture, Europe, Sports and Human Resources



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SPEAKER/MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Johannes HAHN

Johannes Hahn is the new Commissioner-designate for Budget and Administration of the Van der Leyen-Commission after having been European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations since 2014 and the European Commissioner for Regional Policy from 2010 to 2014. He has held the position of Minister for Science and Research in the Austrian government from 2007-10 after having served as a member of the Vienna regional government since 1996. During this time, he was also a Board Member and later CEO of Novomatic AG (between 1997 and 2003). Apart from being the Executive Director of the Austrian's People Party from 1992-97, he also held various managerial positions and functions in different areas of Austrian industry. Johannes Hahn holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Vienna.



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SPEAKER / Secretary General of CLEPA



Sigrid DE VRIES

Sigrid de Vries, a Dutch national, has held various positions in public affairs, industry and media over the past 25 years. Sigrid started her career as a financial journalist for the Amsterdam Stock Exchange and Het Financieele Dagblad (FD), the Dutch financial daily, and served as the paper's EU correspondent in Brussels and foreign correspondent in Berlin. In 2006, she joined ACEA, the European automobile manufacturers association as director of communications. She managed external and institutional relations for Iveco and CNH Industrial before taking the lead at CECE, the European association of construction equipment manufacturers. She became Secretary General of CLEPA, the European association of automotive suppliers in 2017.



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SPEAKER / Sustainability Director at buses and coaches at Scania



Jonas STRÖMBERG

He is responsible for co-ordinating Scania's global activities on Sustainable Public Transportation. Previously, he has held positions as Head of Sustainability at Swedish Aviation and Stockholm Arlanda Airport (Sweden's major Airport), Sustainability Manager at Stockholm Public Transport, Sweden's largest public transport authority; Environmental Manager at Swedish Railways and GreenCargo.

At Stockholm Public Transport, Mr. Strömberg was responsible for the strategy, the procurement and the project management in setting up the World's largest fleet of heavy duty fossil free buses (2 300 buses), powered by electric hybrid powertrains, hydrogen, bioethanol, biodiesel and biogas from local waste.

Scania – global leadership in sustainable transport Scania is a World leading supplier of high quality trucks, buses and related services, and has a long experience of supplying and operating clean and low carbon transport solutions. Scania supply turn-key solutions for all of today's major clean and low carbon transport solutions and powertrains – like biogas, bioethanol, biodiesel, HVO, waste-to-fuel, bus rapid transit (BRT), hybrids and electric. In 2019, 41% of Scania's delivered buses were of such low carbon specification.



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SPEAKER/Vice-President of the Regional Government Castilla y León (ES/Renew Europe)



Francisco IGEA ARISQUETA

Nowadays, after the regional elections of 26 May 2019, in the autonomous region of Castilla y León, he is Vice-president in office and spokesman for the Regional Government. He has also undertaken the Ministry for Transparency, Regional Planning and External Action.

He was elected a Member of the National Parliament for the constituency of Valladolid in the general elections both in 2015 and in 2016 with the Citizens party. In 2017, Francisco Igea became part of the Citizens party Executive, assuming the responsibility for the Health Area, and became in his party's spokesperson in the Health Commission of the Parliament.

Author of numerous publications in national and international journals. He has also given presentations in gastroenterology congresses. He has been an important and active member of the Spanish Society of Digestive Endoscopy National Board and in 2016 he was awarded the Gold Medal by this organization.



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SPEAKER / Member of the Council of Trnava Self-Governing Region (SK/EPP)



TT TRNAVSKÝ
SK SAMOSPRÁVNÝ
KRAJ

József BERÉNYI

Political career:

- 1990 - 1992 Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the Hungarian Civil Party
- 1998 - Member of the Hungarian Coalition Party Presidency
- 2002 - Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
- 2006 - 2010 elected as a member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for the SMK

He is the Deputy Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies of the SMK Club, the Verifier of the National Council of the Slovak Republic for Public Administration and Regional Development and a member of the Permanent Delegation of the National Council of the Slovak Republic to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

- 2009 - Member of the Council of Trnava Self-Governing Region
- 2010 - Member of the local council of Dolné Saliby
- 2014 - Vice-chairman of Trnava Self-Governing Region
- 2018 - Member of European Committee of the Regions, Member of CIVEX and NAT commissions



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SPEAKER / President of the Regional Government of Navarra (ES/PES)



María Victoria CHIVITE NAVASCUÉS

She joined the Socialist Youth in 1998. She first held office as councillor for the Town of Cintruénigo in 2003. From 2007 to 2011, she was a member of the Parliament of Navarra and the spokesperson for the Health Committee. In 2011, she took office as senator, where she was the spokesperson for Health first and then, from September 2014 on, for the Socialist Party in the Senate. In 2014, she was awarded the prize for ‘Senadora Revelación’ (Newcomer to Senate).

In August 2019, she was sworn in as President of Navarra. In 2015, Ms Chivite returned to the Parliament of Navarra as leader of the PSN-PSOE group for the 2015-2019 term. She became leader of the Socialist Party in opposition. She was the recipient of the Parliamentary Press Award, in recognition of her good relationship with the media. She also got the Sanitaria Award for Best Politician from Sanitaria Publishing Group in 2000.