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George Pagoulatos (Athens, 1967) is Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Department of International & European Economic Studies, Athens University of Economics & Business; Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges; and Senior Fellow at ELIAMEP. Between 2011 and 2012 he acted as Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister and Director of Strategic Planning, Office of the Prime Minister Lucas Papademos. He holds a law degree from the University of Athens, M.Sc. and D.Phil. in politics from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. His research and publications focus on the EU and Southern European political economy, European integration, economic governance, the political economy of banking and finance, and politics of reform.



PHILIPPE LEGRAIN

Writer and former economic advisor to European Commission President Barroso, Head of the Analysis team of the Bureau of European Policy Advisors (BEPA)

Philippe Legrain (London, 1973) is a critically acclaimed thinker and communicator who has also been a senior policymaker. From 2011 until February 2014, he was independent economic adviser to the President of the European Commission and head of the team that provides President Barroso with strategic policy advice from February 2011 until February 2014. Before that, he was a visiting fellow at the London School of Economics' European Institute and an independent consultant and commentator. He has also been special adviser to the Director General of the World Trade Organisation. He is now setting up a new think-tank, OPEN: the Open Political Economy Network. Legrain is the author of three successful books, for example Immigrants: Your Country Needs Them (2007), which was shortlisted for the Financial Times Business Book of the Year award.



JET DE RANITZ

President of the Executive Board, Amsterdam School of the Arts and Chair of Kunsten '92, Dutch association for arts, culture and heritage

Jet de Ranitz (The Hague, 1970) has been President of the Executive Board since 1 April 2011. Together with her colleague Bridget Kievits she has the final responsibility for strategy, policy and execution at the AHK. She is Chair of Arts '92 (Kunsten '92, Dutch association for arts, culture and heritage) since 2011. From 2006–2011 De Ranitz was Managing Director of Nederlands Dans Theater, one of the best contemporary dance companies in the world. Prior to joining the Nederlands Dans Theater, De Ranitz was Managing Director of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at Tilburg University, The Netherlands.



BAS EICKHOUT

Member of the European Parliament voor GroenLinks, the Dutch Greens

Bas Eickhout (Groesbeek, 1976) is the leading candidate for GroenLinks in the European elections of 2014. In the European Parliament he is a member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety among others. He is also a member of the Delegation for relations with the United States.

Eickhout studied Chemistry and Environmental Science at the Radboud University in Nijmegen and lives in Utrecht. Since 2000 he worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency. He worked on several projects which had to do with international environmental problems, such as climate change, agriculture, land-use and bio-fuels. He co-authored the IPCC report on climate change which received the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He co-authored the GroenLinks election programme for the European elections in 2004, 2009 and 2014, and the Dutch elections in 2010 and 2012.



GERBEN-JAN GERBRANDY

Candidate for the social liberal party D66 and Member of the European Parliament for the ALDE group

In the European Parliament Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy (The Hague, 1967) is vice-chair of the ENVI (Environment, Public Health and Food Safety) committee and a full member of the CONT (Budgetary Control) Committee. Gerbrandy studied Public Administration at the University of Leiden (NL) and Scranton University (USA). After his graduation he became the political assistant of Joris Voorhoeve, Director of the Institute for International Relations Clingendael. From 1994 to 1998 he was the policy adviser of Doeke Eisma (MEP). Afterwards he became the Secretary ▶▶

General of D66 in the Dutch parliament (Tweede Kamer). Since 2004 Gerbrandy was a senior political adviser at the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature, and Food Quality. At the same time he was the International Secretary of D66.



DIRK GOTINK

Candidate for the CDA in the European elections and advisor to the CDA delegation in the European Parliament

“Europe will soon be only 5% of the world population, with 25% of the world economy, and 50% of the share in global welfare spending, without reform this is unsustainable. At the same time support for Europe is fading and many people have become sceptic as the rhetoric of the European promises is often contrasted by the realities on the ground. We need a more reliable Europe that actually delivers on its promises for citizens.”

Dirk Gotink (Haarlem, 1982) is a policy advisor in the European Parliament. He has extensive international experience through study, internship and working experiences abroad. He speaks 6 European languages. The political, economic and social consequences of globalisation have been at the heart of his education, particularly during his Master the “Global Studies Programme” at the University of Freiburg (Germany), the University of Kwazulu Natal in Durban (South Africa) and the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi (India). During his experiences abroad it became increasingly clear that European countries will need to work together if they want to influence the direction of globalisation.



KATI PIRI

Candidate for the PvdA in the European elections and Programme Manager South Caucasus and Moldova at the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy

“We should not frame the debate about Europe in terms of more or less, but instead focus on how with a different Europe we can achieve positive and concrete results for our citizens.”

Kati Piri (Hungary, 1979) works at the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD), managing various democracy assistance programmes in Eastern Europe and maintaining contacts with relevant international organizations in Europe. She worked for many years in the European Parliament as a political advisor to the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D Group). Her expertise lies in the fields of foreign affairs, human rights, rule of law and minority issues. She was responsible as well for the EP delegation for relations with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Kati Piri was born as the daughter of a political refugee, grew up in Utrecht and obtained her Master’s degree in International Relations at the University of Groningen.



ERIC SMALING

Candidate for the SP in the European elections and Member of the Dutch House of Representatives

“Control-Alt-Delete the EU, all its institutions and the Euro, and then think what we would need instead to win the souls of half a million inhabitants.”

Eric Smaling (Amsterdam, 1957) works at Dutch House of Representatives since 2013. As from 2007, he has been a senator for the Socialist Party. He studied Soil Science at Wageningen University and worked in soil geography and soil fertility management in Indonesia, Kenya and West Africa after obtaining his MSc. He obtained a PhD. at Wageningen University on soil fertility management in Africa (1993), and was appointed professor of soil science in Wageningen (1998–2002) and professor of sustainable agriculture at the University of Twente (2004–20013). In between, he also worked on a free-lance basis for the World Bank and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

