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Ann Irene Sæternes



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Deputy Secretary
General BSSSC
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Ann Irene Saeternes has worked as a coordinator for the international affairs in Eastern Norway County Network since 1999. Eastern Norway County Network is a political unit to coordinate cooperation between theeight counties in South-East Norway including the Capital Oslo. As a part of the Network Mrs. Saeternes offers a long experience in the field of cooperation between the Baltic Sea Countries .

Mrs. Saeternes is a contact person for the Norwegian participation in Interreg II C and Interreg III B Baltic Sea Region and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Interreg III B Baltic Sea Region Neighbourhood Programme 2000 – 2006.

As a coordinator at the Eastern Norway County Network which holds the chairmanship and secretariat for the period of 2006 – 2008, Ms Saeternes fills the post of a Deputy Secretary General in Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation –BSSSC.

Speakers:

Gerhard Fuchs



Gerhard Fuchs
State Secretary
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Before Gerhard Fuchs (64) became State Secretary of the Ministry of Urban Development and Enviroment of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg in 2007, he was six years Head of Administration in the City District of Wandsbek, Hamburg.

In 2000 and 2001 he worked as the Representative of the National Central Office for Political Education in Hamburg.

Between 1997 an 2001 Gerhard Fuchs was Head of the Planning Committee in Hamburg-Wandsbek.

Additionally he acted as Head of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU) fraction in local commission Rahlstedt (1987-1991), Head of the CDU fraction in District Council Wandsbek (1991-2001), Head of the Planning Committee Wandsbek (1997-2001), Deputy of the Ministry of Science and Research, Member of the Local Planning Committee, Land Use Committee, the Cultural Commission for the German Day in Hamburg, Advisory Council on Adult Education Center in Hamburg and some other political functions.

Born in 1942 in Wittenberge/Prignitz he is married and is a father of a son.

SPEAKERS



Klaus Rave



Klaus Rave
Managing Director of the
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Klaus Rave is a Doctor of Law and has been a Member of the Executive Board of Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein (IB) since 1995. From 1988 till 1995 he was Head of the Division of the Ministry of Finance and Energy, State of Schleswig-Holstein, responsible for Energy Sector. Since 1997 Dr. Rave has held the position of the Head of the Managing Authority for INTERREG Programmes within the IB as well as being active in the other fields of the political and social life.

Manfred Sinz



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Manfred Sinz (59) is a senior official at the Federal Ministry for Transport, Building and Urban Affairs of Germany. He is currently in charge with territorial development and spatial planning at the Federal level. Prior to that he was Head of the Berlin branch of the Joint Regional Planning Authority of Berlin and Brandenburg. Between 1975 and 1996 he worked as a researcher at the Federal Research Institute for Regional Geography and Spatial Planning in Bonn. His publications include articles on regional demography, transportation planning and European spatial development. He studied regional and urban planning at the University of Dortmund and has been lecturer at the universities of Munich, Bonn and Berlin. He was born in Singen/Hohentwiel and went to school in Freiburg im Breisgau.



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Colin Wolfe

After graduating from Trinity College, University of Dublin, he obtained a Masters degree from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Following some years as a teacher and work at the Irish Public Administration, he joined the European Commission. He has worked in the Directorates-General for Budget, then Employment and Social Affairs, then the External Relations family (including Enlargement & EuropeAid) before joining DG Regional Policy.

He has worked on several notable dossiers during these years, inc. the accession negotiation for Hungary and for Malta; the freedom of movement of people issue for all accession countries; reconstruction and governance issues in the Balkans; negotiations of Cohesion Policy Programmes 2004-2006 for Czech Republic and Slovakia. He has also worked on the EU-Canada relations, setting up the European Employment Service (EURES), and the PEACE Programme in Ireland/Northern Ireland, before becoming responsible for INTERREG Programmes in summer 2006.



Giedrė Švedienė
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Giedrė Švedienė graduated from Vilnius University (Faculty of Economics) in 1991. She obtained Master degree in Economical Studies from Central Europe University (CEU) / New York University, Prague, Czech Republic and Master degree in Banking and Finance, Giordano dell' Amore Foundation, Milan, Italy.

She began her career in the "Computer Land" as an assistant of the General Director in 1992 and later worked there as a shop manager. From 1996 to 1999 she worked in the Mission of Lithuanian Republic in Geneva, United Nations, as Director of Chancellery. In 1999 she joined Lithuanian Banking, Insurance and Finance Institute as Programmes the Manager for Public Relations. From 2000 to 2004 she worked in the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania as an Assistant of the Minister of Finance, Director of the Department for International Relations and Director of Department for EU Funding. During 2004–2006 - Ministry of Finance, Attaché in Brussels, Permanent Mission for Structural Policy. Since 2006 she has been the Undersecretary of the Ministry of the Domestic Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.



Sauli Rouhinen
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Sauli Rouhinen

Born 1947 Sauli Rouhinen graduated in regional science, University of Tampere. Worked as an Assistant Professor, Regional Science and as a lecturer, environmental politics, 1974-1982. He moved to the Prime Minister's office in 1983 and right after that to the Ministry of the Environment, working as a Secretary General of the National Environment Council (1983 – 1995). He was appointed to Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development (1996-). He is now responsible of coordinating sustainable development strategy processes. He has been involved in regional Sustainable Development processes in the Baltic Sea Region, in the Nordic Council of Ministers as well as in the Arctic Council from the very beginning.

He is Director of Sustainable Development, Head of Unit for Environmental Information and Sustainable Development in the Environmental Protection Department, Ministry of the Environment. He is the national focal point for the renewed EU Sustainable Development Strategy. He is Member of the Steering Group of the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN).



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Claudia Dörr is a qualified lawyer. She began her professional career in the Federal Ministry of Economics in 1989; since then, she has always worked in positions related to the EU and other international issues. Initially Mrs. Dörr took up a position of Deputy Head of Division for the EU and OECD Relations in the context of the state export credit insurance systems; from 1995-1998 worked as Head of the section in charge of trade policy, transatlantic relations, relations with Latin America, Asia and Central and Eastern Europe in the economic department of the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the EU in Brussels, latterly as Deputy Head of the Economic Department. From the end of 1998 till March 2001, Ms. Dörr headed the division responsible for trade policy (EU, WTO) in the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi) and from April 2001 to February 2006 she was Deputy Director-General responsible for “European policy” in the BMWi/BMWA (Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour).

Since February 2006, Ms. Dörr has been Director-General responsible for “European policy” in the BMWi.



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Adam Kanne is Associate Director at Baltic Development Forum in Copenhagen where he is responsible for strategy, communications, and PR. Adam has a background in international diplomacy working as Political Advisor to the High Representative, the supreme civilian authority in Bosnia & Herzegovina, where he served for five years.

Adam was Head of Unit for Policy Development and External Relations responsible for the executive level policy meetings, reporting to the UN Secretary General and the European Parliament etc. Throughout his term, Adam also oversaw and coordinated the process of transferring the mandate to carry out democratic elections from the international community to the local authorities. During the Swedish Presidency of the EU in 2001, Adam formally represented the Swedish Government at OHR. Adam has a Master of Laws from Uppsala University and an MBA in Strategic Business Development from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. In his spare time, Adam is a passionate diver, sailor and cook, who loves to enjoy a glass of Californian wine.



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Wilfried Görmar

Wilfried Görmar, Doctor of geography (Dr. rer.nat.), was born in 1950. At the moment he is a project manager at the Federal Office for Architecture and Regional Planning in Bonn. He finished his geography studies in 1974 and wrote his dissertation in 1979 at Humboldt-University, in Berlin. Between 1977 and since 1990 Görmar worked at the Research Control Center for Territorial Planning, Berlin. Since 1990 he has worked as a project manager at the Federal Office of Architecture and Regional Planning in Bonn. He temporarily worked for the European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional Policy in Brussels and Federal Ministries. Actual focal points: European territorial development, transnational territorial co-operation particularly between the Baltic States, member of the Commission for Baltic Territorial Development (VASAB) and of the Programme Commission for the Transnational Baltic Co-operation.



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Martin Eisenbeis is a graduate from the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany, where he studied Agricultural Science. He started his professional career in Africa for the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Since 2001 Martin has been working in the European Commission in Brussels, mainly in the EC's Tacis programme. At present he is part of the team in DG EuropeAid (AIDCO) dealing with the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) in charge of a number of cross-border co-operation programmes, including the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013.

Susanne Scherrer



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Susanne graduated from Hamburg and Budapest University in Political Science and Fenno-Ugristics. She worked as a consultant for the EU financed PHARE Programme at the EU Delegation in Budapest, as well as Poland and the Baltic States. She joined the INTERREG Programme in 1998.

Susanne is responsible for Overall Programme and Human Resource Management at the offices of the joint secretariat (Rostock & Riga). Her tasks include programme marketing and public relations.