

## *Biographies of the Expert Council on NGO Law as of July 2016*



### **Cyril Ritchie, President**

Who was instrumental in the writing of the original Council of Europe Guidelines on the functioning of NGOs in Europe, and represented the Conference of INGOs to the expert committee drafting the Committee of Ministers Recommendation CM/Rec(2007) 14 on the legal status of NGOs in Europe. He was President of the NGO Grouping on Civil Society and Democracy in Europe from 2000-2008. From 2011 to 2018 Cyril Ritchie is President of the Conference of Non-governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO). Mr Ritchie resides in Geneva.



### **Intigam Aliyev**

Human rights lawyer and head of the NGO Legal Education Society in Azerbaijan who has submitted hundreds of cases to the European Court of Human Rights and was an expert in nearly 100 training courses for judges, lawyers, journalists and NGO representatives. He is also the regional tutor in the Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP) programme of the Council of Europe. Mr Aliyev was recently released from serving a 7-year prison term in Baku as a result of his work as a human rights defender and a critical voice. His release is subject to restrictive conditions.



### **Serkan Cengiz**

Human rights lawyer in private practice since 1998, member of the steering committee of the human rights centre of the Union of Turkish Bar Associations and part time lecturer on media law at the Izmir University of Economics. He is also an independent expert for projects implemented by the Council of Europe or the European Union concerning the rights and freedoms protected by the European Convention on Human Rights and the individual application mechanism of the convention and related matters. Mr Cengiz resides in Izmir.



### **Beatrice Collantes Sanchez**

From Spain, a Doctor of Law with a PHD in International Law, Senior Lecturer of Spanish Law at the University of Paris Ouest - Nanterre la Défense. Her main domain of research has been the impact of European, French and Spanish laws on gender. At the same time, she has been a legal advisor for different LGBT associations promoting equality, drafting propositions and reports and also promoting the implementation of the EU good practices guide to fight against homophobia. Ms Collantes Sanchez resides in Paris.



### **Dragan Golubovic**

From Serbia, professor of law, international consultant, and formerly a Senior Legal Advisor with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL)/European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL). He has been working in more than twenty countries in Europe and beyond on projects pertinent to an enabling legal, institutional and tax environment for civil society, freedom of association, citizen participation, and social entrepreneurship. Mr Golubovic resides in Budapest.

**Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans**

Legal expert actively contributing to the creation of a conducive legal environment for civil society and public participation for over 15 years. She is the Executive Director of the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL). She is engaged with the EU, the UN Human Rights Council and works with NGOs and governments in Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East. She has written over 30 research and analytical papers and co-authored the first monitoring matrix and toolkit on CSO enabling environment in the Western Balkans. Ms Hadzi-Miceva Evans resides in Cambridge.

**Simon Matthijssen**

Retired Dutch ombudsman, board member of the European Ombudsman Institute and guest at Utrecht University (researching European ombudsmen). He teaches at summer schools on a regular basis and travels as a visiting lecturer on human rights and ombudsmanship (mainly in Eastern Europe). Mr Matthijssen resides in Rotterdam.

**Jeremy McBride**

Barrister, Monckton Chambers, London, specialising in cases before the European Court of Human Rights and the United Nations Human Rights Committee, and Visiting Professor, Central European University. Scientific Expert for the adoption of the Fundamental Principles on the Legal Status of Non-governmental Organisations and the Recommendation on the Legal Status of Non-governmental Organisations in Europe (CM/Rec(2007)14). Co-founder and former Chair of INTERIGHTS (the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights). Mr McBride resides in Strasbourg.

**Daria Miloslavskaya**

Russian NGO lawyer since 1995, Director of the Affiliate Office of The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), LLC in the Russian Federation ([www.icnlalliance.org](http://www.icnlalliance.org)) since 2006 and Chief of Board of all- Russian Association "Lawyers for Civil Society", a unique network of Russian NGO lawyers, providing legal advice to Russian and International NGOs operating in Russia ([www.lawcs.ru](http://www.lawcs.ru)) since 2009. Ms Miloslavskaya resides in Moscow.

**Frederico Moyano Marques**

Lawyer, mediator, legal advisor at the Portuguese Association for Victim Support. Involved in the NGO field since 1999, both nationally and internationally, he coordinated, as technical manager, several European projects co-financed by the EU, in which he worked with different actors, both public and private. Mr. Moyano Marques resides in Lisbon.

**Maria Pomazkova**

Russian-French, has a legal background and specialises in Human Rights Law. She works for the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches as a legal consultant on Human Rights issues. Ms Pomazkova resides in Strasbourg.

***Mihaela Preslavska***

*Bulgarian lawyer involved for many years with NGOs, government and multilateral agencies, both nationally and internationally, with an expertise in institutional and organisational development, strengthening good governance and furthering accountability and transparency standards. The promotion of democracy, social justice, the rule of law and human rights cuts across her professional activities. Ms Preslavska resides in Brussels.*

***Eric Svanidze***

*Lawyer from Georgia engaged in NGO issues, member of the Supervisory Board of the Latvian Centre for Human Rights (NGO). Mr Svanidze also served on the expert committee drafting Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 on the legal status of NGOs in Europe and is a former member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture. Mr Svanidze temporarily resides in Chisinau.*