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sexual abuse  
of children

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des abus sexuels  
à l'encontre  
des enfants

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el abuso  
sexual infantil

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**Ms ADROHER BIOSCA, Salomé**

General Director of Family and Child Services, Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality.

Ms Adroher Biosca is General Director of Family and Child Services in the Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality since January 2012.

Ms Adroher Biosca has worked in academics since 1984. She has a degree and doctorate in law from Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid, where she is professor of private international law in the Faculty of Law and teaches on various masters and doctoral programmes. She was director of the University Institute for the Family (1996-2004) and of the Private Law Department of the Faculty of Law (2005-7), and the Faculty's Deputy Dean responsible for international and institutional relations (2007-12).

She has participated in and headed various research projects relating to children, the family and migration funded by such bodies as UNICEF, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, INJUVE, the National R&D Programme, the Community of Madrid and foundations such as the BBVA Foundation.

These topics have been the main subject of her publications (over 100, including books, journal articles etc.) and lectures or papers (participation in more than 90 forums of all kinds).

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**Ms ALAMANY FERRE, Laia**

Head of the Programme on Sexual Abuse and Disabilities, Vicky Bernadet Foundation.

Born in Barcelona, Ms Alamany Ferre studied Sociology of Education and Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and obtained a postgraduate diploma (DEA) in sociology at Pierre Mendès France University in Grenoble. She is currently Head of the Programme on Sexual Abuse and Disabilities (PAD) at the Vicki Bernadet Foundation, where her duties include training, awareness-raising and research. Prior to that, she was technical director of a social economy consultancy, where she headed various research projects in the disability field.

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**Mr ALLER, Tomás**

General Coordinator Federation of Associations for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (Spain)

Tomas Aller is General Coordinator of the Federation of Associations for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (FAPMI-ECPAT Spain). He has participated in the design and development of the II (2008), III (2009), IV (2010) and V (2011) State Campaign of Sensitizing Against Child Abuse in collaboration with the Department of Education, Social Policy and Sports, Department of Health and Social Policy, and Department of Health, Social Policy and Equality.

Mr Aller is Member of the State Commission of Help to Victims of Violent Crimes and Against Sexual Freedom of the Justice Department and Member of the Working Groups of the Observatory of the Childhood against Child Abuse, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and National Strategic Plans.

He furthermore participated in the elaboration and evaluation of the first (2006-2010) and second (2011-2014) State Plan of Childhood and Adolescents (PENIA) and of the second (2006-

2009) and third (2010-2013) State Plan against the Commercial Exploitation of Children. He was coordinator of the Chapter of Child Health and Wellbeing of Follow-up Reports III and IV and involved in the Reports of Pursuit of the Convention of the Rights of the Children of Spain.

Mr Aller is author, co-author and coordinator of various publications relating to the protection of Children and Adolescents, Child Abuse and Childhood Rights. From 2010-2013, Mr Aller was Member of the Executive Committee of the Platform of Organizations of Children in Spain.

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**Mr BEIER, Klaus**

Director of Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine Charité University Medicine Berlin (Germany)

Since 1996 Klaus M. Beier is Director of the Institute of Sexology and Sexual Medicine at the Charité – University Clinic of Berlin. He is in charge of the undergraduate training of medical school students in sexual medicine (more than 600 per year) as well as the post graduate training for physicians and psychologists in this field.

His main focus in research is forensic sexology, particularly follow-up studies of previously expert-evaluated sex offenders. His current research focuses on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The goal is to encourage self-identified undetected paedophiles and hebephiles to seek professional help in order to avoid committing child sexual abuse or so-called child pornography offences ([www.dont-offend.org](http://www.dont-offend.org)). This project has been awarded several national prizes.

Professor Beier is in charge of the Outpatient Clinic of the Institute covering the full range of sexual and gender identity disorders, which he and his co-workers are dealing with on a daily basis. He is licensed to practice as a specialized psychotherapist, psychoanalyst and as a physician for psychosomatics.

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**Mr BRANDERHORST, Lennert**

Ministry of Security and Justice (The Netherlands)

Lennert Branderhorst is a policy advisor at the Ministry of Security and Justice in the Netherlands. The specific section of the Ministry where he works is tasked with combating child pornography and child sex tourism. That last category is now, even more than before, a priority of the Dutch government. As the Minister of Security and Justice says: "When it comes to protecting children, our responsibilities transcend our borders". For this reason the Ministry of Security and Justice recently launched a multi-year, multi-angle plan to prevent Dutch nationals from abusing children in other countries. Among many other individuals and organisations, Lennert is tasked with the execution of this plan.

Before Lennert entered the arena of child protection, he was an investigator at the Dutch Safety Board.

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**Mr BROWN, Jon**

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (United Kingdom)

Jon is a qualified Social Worker with a Master's degree in Social Policy from the London School of Economics (LSE). During his career as a Probation Officer and Social Worker he has been responsible for setting up and managing a range of sexual abuse services ranging from therapeutic services for child victims, services for children and young people with sexually harmful behaviour and services for adult sex offenders.

Between 2003-07 Jon was Chair of NOTA, the National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers ([www.nota.co.uk](http://www.nota.co.uk)) and remains on the National Executive Committee. He is also a Trustee of the Loudoun Trust, which exists to promote evidence based research and practice in the field of sexual aggression against children. He is a Board member of eNACSO (European NGO Alliance for Child Safety Online [www.enacso.eu](http://www.enacso.eu)) and he is a peer reviewer for the Economic and Social Research Council ([www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk))

Prior to taking up this role with the NSPCC, Jon was Operational Director of Children's Services with Action for Children. Since April 2010 he has been in post as Head of Strategy and Development with the NSPCC, helping to take forward the new organisational strategy in relation to sexual abuse. Jon is responsible for the design and commissioning of service, policy and research development. In January 2012 he also took responsibility for leading the NSPCC's work with disabled children.

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**Mr CHETTY, Dhianaraj**

Programme and Technical Development of Sexuality Education, Division of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, UNESCO

Dhianaraj Chetty is a Senior Project Officer at UNESCO's Section on HIV and Health Education in Paris. His expertise covers a range of work including HIV and education policy, sexuality education, gender equality and broader sexual and reproductive health issues affecting adolescents and young people. He has worked in the education sector for over twenty years, including a period as a senior civil servant in South Africa's first democratic government after 1994. He subsequently worked as a senior advisor to ministries of education in East and Southern Africa, as well as universities and civil society organisations on HIV and education policy, programming and HIV response management.

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**Ms CODY, Claire**

The International Centre: Stopping the Sexual Exploitation and Trafficking of Children (United Kingdom)

Claire Cody is Research Fellow on Youth Participation and European Knowledge Exchange in the International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking at the University of Bedfordshire in the UK. Claire is Project Lead for the pan-European 'Our Voices' project. The 'Our Voices' project will promote the involvement of young people in efforts to prevent the sexual violence of children and young people in Europe. The project will be guided by a pan-European network of youth advisors.

Prior to joining the University of Bedfordshire, Claire worked as Oak Fellow at the University of the Highlands and Islands on an international project exploring the recovery and reintegration of children affected by sexual exploitation and related trafficking. This work led to the development of Home: The Child Recovery and Reintegration Network ([www.childrecovery.info](http://www.childrecovery.info)). Previously, Claire worked as a researcher at Plan's International Headquarters.

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**Ms FRÍAS LÓPEZ, Alejandra**

Senior Judge and Advisor of the Technical Secretariat General, Spanish Ministry of Justice

Ms Frías López is Senior Judge and advisor at the Ministry of Justice (Spain).

Her main tasks are the following:

- Drafting the Ministry of Justice's legislative projects.
- Participation in international cooperation programs mainly through presentations and master classes on different topics in the field of Justice as well as meetings with international delegations, (i.e. Morocco, Turkey, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Belarus...)
- Participation in the promotion and monitoring of public policies for the protection of fundamental rights of children.
- Information about the different legislative reforms promoted by the Ministry of Justice regarding of the rights and protection of children, in accordance with international agreements and sharing the good practices in Latin American countries.
- Monitoring and updating the Ministry representation in committees and in working groups, (i.e. member of the Commission for the updating of the Basic Protocol for the intervention against child abuse).

She has participated in national and international forums in these fields, such as the seminars held in 2013 in Antigua (Guatemala) -with the participation of 17 countries- and in Puebla (Mexico) -with the participation of 7 countries- to study the situation, legislation and good practices in Latin American countries.

Before that, she worked as Lawyer at the Supreme Court's Cabinet (Spain) during four years.

Studies:

- Degree in Law (Complutense University Madrid).
- Speciality in Business Administration (San Pablo CEU University Madrid).
- Post-degree in "Fundamental Rights and Public Liberties" (Rey Juan Carlos University Madrid).
- Master's Degree in Territorial and Land Planning Policy (Carlos III University Madrid).
- Speciality in Arbitration (Rey Juan Carlos University Madrid).
- Post-degree in "Health and Sports" from the University School of Medicine, (Cádiz).

She is a member of the Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation and has authored numerous publications.

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**Mr GHILETCHI, Valeriu**

First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly

*Studies*

Ghiletchi studied at the College of Polytechnics in Balti (Moldova) and at the Institute of electrotechnics "A. Popov" in Odessa (Ukraine), where he obtained the qualification of electronic engineer (1988). In 1994, he obtained the Bachelor of Divinity Degree at "Babes-Bolyai" at the University of Cluj (Romania).

*Professional and political experience*

After a first professional experience as an engineer at "Electron service" enterprise in Balti (1998-1991), Ghiletchi decided to join the areas of education and theology and became the Dean of the College of Theology and Education in Chisinau (1994-1998). From 2001 to 2009, he was the President of the Union of the Christian Evangelical Baptist Churches of Moldova and the President of the European Baptist Federation (EBF) from 2009 to 2011.

In parallel, he became a Member of Parliament of the Republic of Moldova from 1998-2001 and again from 2009, where he is holding the post of Secretary of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. Since 2010, he has been a member of the Moldovan delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) where he was elected First Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development in 2012.

As a member of the PACE, he was the rapporteur on Fighting "child sex tourism" (resolution 1926 (2013) adopted by the Assembly on 23 April 2013), and member of the Parliamentary Network of Contact Parliamentarians to stop sexual violence against children for Moldova.

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**Mr GONZALEZ CIEZA, Luis**

Community of Madrid Agency for the Re-education and Reintegration of Young Offenders (Spain)

*Studies*

Mr Gonzalez Cieza obtained a degree in Psychology from the Autonomous University of Madrid, a Master's degree in Criminal and Forensic Psychopathology and an Expert's degree in Criminology and Juvenile Delinquency.

Mr Gonzalez Cieza currently serves as a Head of the Studies, Programs and Training Department at the Community of Madrid's Agency for the Re-education and Reintegration of Young Offenders (in Spanish: *Agencia de la Comunidad de Madrid para la Reeducción y Reinserción del Menor Infractor*, ARRFMI). He is also an ARRFMI Training Coordinator at the Directorate General of Civil Service, Community of Madrid.

He is Professor in several University Master's and Expert's Degrees:

- Master in Legal and Forensic Clinical Psychology (Complutense University of Madrid, UCM),
- Official Master in Educational Psychology (Autonomous University of Madrid, UAM),
- Master in Children's Rights and Needs (UAM-UNICEF),
- Expert in intervention with children at risk and in social conflict (Camilo José Cela University), Master in Forensic Sciences in Victimology (UAM-FIVE),
- Expert's degree in Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Criminal Law (Faculty of Law, National Distance Education University, UNED).

Publications of Mr Gonzalez Cieza include: "Criminal recidivism of young offenders in the Community of Madrid. Evaluation, criminal characteristics and prediction models" with José Luis Graña and Vicente Garrido Genovés. Technical direction of ARRMI's "Central Educational and Therapeutic Treatment Program for Young Offenders", "Educational and Therapeutic Treatment Program for Juvenile Sex Offenders" and "Educational and Therapeutic Treatment Program for Child-to-parent Abuse".

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**Ms HORNO, Pepa**

Consultant in childhood, affectivity and protection in Espirales Childhood Consultancy

Pepa Horno is a psychologist and consultant in childhood, affectivity and protection in Espirales Childhood Consultancy (<http://www.espiralesci.es/en/>).

Before that, she worked in Save the Children Spain for eleven years as Advocacy Department Coordinator and Violence against children National Program Coordinator. She has coordinated national and international campaigns to prevent and eradicate violence against children, mainly focused on physical and psychological punishment and sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

Ms Horno has given trainings and provided professional assessment to intervention programs in more than thirty countries in Latin America, Europe and South and South-East Asia.

She is the author of many books about affective and social development and she has coordinated several studies, reports and research on child protection.

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**Mr IGUAL GARRIDO, Carlos**

Captain of Civil Guard, Criminal Police Technical Unit, Crimes against Children Group (Spain)

- Head of Crimes against Children and Child Sexual Exploitation's Group in the Civil Guard.
  - Member of Interpol Specialist Group on Crimes against children.
  - Part of Panel Europol Crimes against children on the Internet.
  - Professor of the Master of Forensic Sciences at Universidad Autonoma de Madrid.
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**Mr MCGRATH, Kieran**

Child Welfare Consultant (Ireland)

Kieran McGrath holds a degree in Law and a Masters in Social Work from University College Dublin. Part of his post-graduate studies was undertaken in the Child & Family Institute, Sacramento, California. From 1981 to 1987 he worked as a Social Worker and Social Work Manager with the Eastern Health Board in Wicklow and Kildare. From Jan '88 – Mar '02 he was the Head of the Psychiatric Social Work Department in St Clare's Child Sexual Abuse Assessment & Therapy Unit, Children's University Hospital, Temple St., Dublin. As part of his work there he conducted numerous assessments and prepared many Court Reports. In March 2002 he was appointed Assistant Director in St Clare's Unit.

In 1990 he co-founded the Northside Inter-Agency Project (NIAP) a treatment service for young people who sexually abuse; the first service of its kind in Ireland. He was a clinician with NIAP

from 1990 until 2002, when he became Chair of its Steering Committee. He represented St Clare's Unit on various expert working parties including the Video Evidence Committee, which drew up guidelines for the taking of video-statements from children and people with intellectual disabilities in cases of alleged abuse.

He was also the Irish partner on two European research projects: the Concerted Action on the Prevention of Child Abuse in Europe (CAPCAE), a European research project on child abuse prevention strategies and a DAPHNE-funded project looking at the legal obstacles to victim and offender rehabilitation in cases of child sexual abuse in Spain, Ireland and the Netherlands. A report on this latter study was published by the Council of Europe in 2003.

Between 1996 and 2001 he was a non-psychologist member of the Professional Practice Committee of the Psychological Society of Ireland, which examines complaints of professional misconduct against Irish psychologists. He is also a tutor in the Department of Social Studies, Trinity College Dublin, where he also teaches a course to final year Master's students entitled "Social Work and the Law".

Mr McGrath is the author of a guide for parents and carers on sexualised behaviour in children and adolescents, which is also available in Spanish. He is also an accredited trainer of the "Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Prevention of Sexually Abusive Behaviours in Childhood and Adolescence" course, developed by Gail Ryan, of the Kempe Children's Centre, Department of Paediatrics, University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado.

In December 2003 he was included in the panel of three approved candidates from which the first Irish Ombudsman for Children was chosen. In January 2006 he established the Irish Child & Family Institute, an independent Child Welfare Consultancy, which operates in both Ireland and Spain.

Since 2007, through his connection with the Instituto Psicológico de la Infancia y la Familia, Valencia, he has been consultant to the ATURA'T Project in Palma, Majorca, a service for the evaluation and treatment of young people convicted of sexual offences, which operates under the auspices of the Menors i Familia section of the autonomous Government of the Balearic Islands.

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### **Ms MORENO, Elda**

Head of the Gender Equality and Human Dignity Department, Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Elda Moreno is Head of the Gender Equality and Human Dignity Department of the Council of Europe, an intergovernmental organization gathering 47 European countries. Within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of law, she is responsible for the European programmes in the fields of children's rights, the fight against trafficking in human beings, the promotion of gender equality and the elimination of violence against women and domestic violence.

After her law studies in the University of Murcia (Spain), Elda Moreno became a lawyer specialized in human rights. In 1995, she starts working in the Council of Europe (based in Strasbourg, France) as Head of the Naturopa Center, managing a pan-European programme for the protection of nature. Between 1999 and 2001, she works on minorities issues assessing the adequacy of national policies and legislations with European standards. In 2001, she becomes a member of the Private Office of the Council of Europe Secretary General, where she works as an advisor on matters related to education, youth, culture, social policies, human rights and children's rights. Under the leadership of Deputy Secretary General Maud De Boer-Buquicchio,

Elda Moreno set the basis for the Council of Europe Programme "Building a Europe for and with children" ([www.coe.int/children](http://www.coe.int/children)). In 2006, she became the director of this new programme aiming at promoting children's rights and eliminating all forms of violence against children. She was inter alia responsible for the launching of two campaigns ("Raise your hand against smacking!" to eliminate corporal punishment of children and the "ONE in FIVE" Campaign to stop sexual violence against children) and the development of the projects that resulted in the adoption of an important set of European guidelines and recommendations (on integrated national strategies on the protection of children from violence, on child friendly justice, child friendly social services, child friendly health care and on child participation).

From December 2009 to April 2012, she worked as Special advisor in the Private Office of Secretary General Jagland and Deputy Secretary General De Boer-Buquicchio covering the areas of children's rights, gender equality, violence against women as well as human rights in the information society.

Elda Moreno speaks Spanish, English, French and German.

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### **Mr NOTEN, Theo**

Programme Manager of End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography & Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes, ECPAT (The Netherlands)

Since 1996 Mr Noten has been managing ECPAT Netherlands. He is involved in the Dutch NGO Coalition on Children's Rights and the 2008 and 2012 NGO Report on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. Additionally, he is involved in national and international programs on trafficking in children, child sex tourism, child pornography and violence against girls with expertise in working in multi-country programs with partners from Western, Central and Eastern Europe, South East Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Mr Noten was member of the executive board of ECPAT International from 2005-2011. He was part of the ECPAT International advocacy team for the Council of Europe Convention against sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and for the EU directives on Trafficking in Human beings and on Sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography. Since 2007 Mr Noten has been involved in the work of the International NGO Council on Violence against children, and was elected co-chair of the Council in 2012.

Since 1998 Mr Noten has been involved in the Code of Conduct for the protection of children from sexual exploitation in tourism and working closely with tourism sector partners and NGO partners in countries of origin and countries of destination. Since March 2013 a member of the Executive board of the Code. Involved in the 2010-2012 ECPAT – The Body Shop campaign STOP Sex Trafficking in Children and Young People.

Since 1998 in a governing position in Meldpunt Kinderporno, the Dutch Hotline on child pornography in the Internet which also operates the Dutch internet hotline to report child sex tourism. Since 2009, involved in eNACSO, the European NGO Alliance on Child safety online.

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**Ms PALSDOTTIR, Jóna**

Head of Division, gender specialist, Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (Iceland)

Jóna Pálsdóttir is an expert on gender equality at the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture in Iceland. She works on gender policy, and as an equal opportunities advisor for schools, sport and youth work. She also works on prevention of sexual cruelty against children and sexualisation of young people. Ms Pálsdóttir is Chair of the project on Awareness of Sexual, Mental and Physical Violence against Children, which is a collaboration between three Icelandic ministries: The Ministry of Welfare, The Ministry of the Interior, and the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture.

Ms Pálsdóttir holds an MA in Education from the University of Iceland, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Gender studies from the same university. Before joining the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, she was a teacher and administrator in secondary education.

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**Mr PASTOR, Fernando**

Head of Institutional Relations, CaixaForum (Spain)

Fernando Pastor Fernández Fábregas is currently in charge of institutional relations at the "la Caixa" Foundation. He previously served as Programme Director in the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Spanish Government during the Presidencies of the European Union in 2002 and 2010 and at numerous high-level summits and meetings. He holds a degree in Law and Political Sciences and a Master in EU Law from the Autonomous University of Madrid, and is an electoral observer. He has worked for the Directorate General for External Relations of the European Commission and has been an assessor for the Spanish National Heritage Council.

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**Ms RANSON, Shernett**

Senior International Partnerships Officer, National Crime Agency (NCA), (United Kingdom)

Shernett Ranson joined the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) in November 2006. She has worked in various corporate roles and most recently managing and supporting the delivery of the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive Priorities. In March 2009, Shernett was awarded the Chief Executive's commendation "for demonstrating exceptional drive, determination, commitment and leadership qualities".

Shernett currently works in the CEOP Partnership Team (International) engaging in the collaborative effort to safeguard children from sexual exploitation and abuse. Shernett leads on the promotion and embedding of the International Child Protection Certificate (ICPC) globally in targeting various sectors in countries overseas where UK nationals seek employment with children.

Shernett has a Bachelor of Arts honours degree in Politics.

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**Mr REDONDO, Santiago**

University of Barcelona (Spain)

Santiago Redondo is Professor Criminology at the University of Barcelona. He is Main Researcher of the Group of Advances Studies in Violence (<http://www.ub.edu/geav>) of this same university. Former positions include: Prison Psychologist, Prison Governor and Director of the Prison Rehabilitation Services at the Justice Department of Catalonia (Spain).

His current research is in the fields of treatment programmes with offenders, risk assessment, developmental criminology, and criminological theory. He has published many papers and book chapters as well as different books on topics such as offender rehabilitation, juvenile delinquency, sex and partner aggression, social control and general criminology.

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**Mr RUELLE, Eric**

Chairperson of the Lanzarote Committee (France)

Eric Ruelle is judge in the French National Legal Service. He has served as deputy public prosecutor at the regional courts of Nancy (1989-1995) and Rennes (1995-1997), before being seconded to the Ministry of Defence (1997-1999) and then to the Ministry of Justice as a law officer in the Central Administration (1999-2009). There he served as Deputy Head and then Head of Bureau and Official Representative for international criminal negotiations in the *Service des affaires européennes et internationales* (S.A.E.I.) and the *Direction des affaires criminelles et des Grâces* (D.A.C.G.).

Since September 2009, in his capacity as first vice-president of the Regional Court of Meaux (77), he has been responsible for organising the criminal division and has been presiding over the criminal court. Within the Council of Europe, he has held the positions of Vice-Chair of the European Committee on Crime Problems (CD-PC), Chair of the committee of experts on the protection of children against sexual exploitation and abuse (PC-ES - 2006-2007) and Co-Chair of the ad hoc committee on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO - 2008-2010), whose work led to the drafting of the Council of Europe conventions opened for signature at the Lanzarote conference (2007) and Istanbul conference (2011). Since 2012, he has chaired the committee of experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the convention on sexual violence against children.

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**Mr RUIZ GALLARDÓN, Alberto**

Minister of Justice of Spain

Alberto Ruiz Gallardon was born in Madrid on 11 December 1958.

His political career began in 1977 when he became a member of the recently founded "Alianza Popular", a political formation which was later re-established in 1989 under the name "Partido Popular".

He has held numerous senior positions both in the party (member of the executive and secretary general in 1986, vice-president in 1987, and member of the national executive committee in 1989) and in various institutions (councillor in the Madrid City Council in 1983, member of the Regional Assembly in 1987, 1991, 1995 and 1999, Senator in 1987, 1989 and 1993, President of

the Regional Government of Madrid in 1995 and 1999, and Mayor of Madrid in 2003, 2007 and 2011).

Of the seven electoral contests in which he has to date taken part as head of the list, he has won six times, five of them with a sufficient majority to govern. In 2007, he was elected Mayor of Madrid with the largest number of votes in the history of the city and has recently returned to defend his position.

In the general elections of 20 November 2011, he was elected MP for the constituency of Madrid.

He is a graduate in law on sabbatical leave from the public prosecution service, which he joined after coming second in his class. He is married and has four children.

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### **Ms RUOTANEN, Marja**

Director of Justice and Human Dignity within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Ms Ruotanen is Director of Justice and Human Dignity within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, responsible for Gender Equality and Human Dignity, including Violence against Women, Trafficking in Human Beings, Children's Rights, as well as Independence and Efficiency of Justice and Legal Co-operation.

Ms Ruotanen joined the Council of Europe in 1990 and has held several positions, including Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General. She has served as Secretary to various Parliamentary Assembly Committees, notably the Political Affairs Committee, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population and the Committee on Gender Equality. She was born in Rovaniemi, Finland and studied International Relations (political science and law) at McGill University in Montreal (Canada).

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### **Ms SAURA, Elena**

Department of Social Integration, La Caixa Foundation (Spain)

Ms Saura obtained her Master's degree in both Nursing Administration and Management Medicinal plants and Phytotherapy. She completed post-graduate studies in Natural Therapies from Santa Madrona College in Barcelona, Spain. Subsequently, Ms Saura has worked in different positions relating to nursing and clinical care.

From September 2009, Ms Saura has been responsible for the Program Violence, Zero Tolerance of la Caixa Foundation. This initiative pursues a two-fold objective: to raise awareness in society about the problem of violence in general and gender violence in particular; and to assist the recovery of women who have suffered from gender violence. It works closely with other programs such as *CaixaProinfancia* and *Incorpora* in developing some of the intervention lines. Two examples:

1. *Women victims of gender violence*: Female victims of rape and human trafficking participated in psycho-social support groups. These groups are open for any female victim of any sort of violence. Female victims of violence can also be included in *Incorpora* program (program for work mediation).

2. The development of a pilot program for psycho-social support for the *sons and daughters of victims of gender violence* in which mothers and children join together.

The focus of the intervention in *CaixaProinfancia* is the child, but the entire family group will be included in the process in order to break the cycle of poverty between generations. The programme concentrating on prevention focuses on different aspects: education, programs of positive parenting, and psychological support. The network is composed of 336 organizations. Some of the organizations -like Vicki Bernadet-, are working especially with children victims of sexual abuse. In case of detection, children can be sent to these organizations.

Since September 2012, Ms Saura has also acted as Director of the Master's degree of Ayurvedic Therapy in in Sant Joan de Déu College.

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**Ms TURNER-MOORE, Tamara**

Senior Lecturer Leeds Metropolitan University (United Kingdom)

Ms Tamara Turner-Moore is a Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology at Leeds Metropolitan University, UK. Her research interests lie in the field of sexual violence and abuse. She is particularly interested in investigating causal and risk factors for sexual offending, and how this research might inform secondary and tertiary prevention.

Ms Turner-Moore's most extensive research in this area is the Sexual Thoughts Project, an international survey of over 6000 men's sexual thoughts and fantasies. This project aims to explore if and how sexual thoughts are related to the commission and maintenance of sexual offending behaviours, with a view to informing future theorising, risk assessment, prevention and treatment strategies in this area.

Ms Turner-Moore has recently advised the steering group for the redesign of the sex offender treatment programmes in England and Wales. She has also conducted research to evaluate police interviews of suspected child sex offenders with the West Yorkshire Police Service, and more recently, has commenced a multi-national project funded by the European Commission to investigate sexual bullying in young people.

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