

NO PLACE FOR THE DEATH PENALTY IN THE DRUG POLICY TOOLBOX (or in criminal law generally)

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Speaker's biographies

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Currently in the Human Rights Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS), leading on death penalty and following human rights on Russia, the six Eastern Partnership Countries and Council of Europe, Adriano MARTINS was from 2013 to 2017 Deputy Head of Division of the EEAS for the political relations with the six Countries of the Eastern Partnership, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan) and from 2009 to 2013, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Serbia. From 1999 to 2009, he was in the Western Balkans on various assignments including Head of Unit at the European Commission Task Force Kosovo in Kosovo, Head of Division in the in the European Agency for Reconstruction in Pristina, later in the same Agency, Head of Centre in Belgrade, Secretary General in Thessaloniki and the last year and half Acting Director. This Agency, with 290 staff spread over 5 different locations, managed a portfolio of 3 billion Euros of EU external assistance programmes.

From 1996 to 1999 he was Deputy Head of Unit in the external relations of the European Commission in Brussels in charge of 13 countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. From 1986 to 1996 he was in the European Court of Auditors in Luxembourg and before Financial Director in a large agriculture company in Portugal. He started his carrier in the Central Bank of Mozambique where he worked for 6 years, in the capacity of Director over the last three years. Mr. Martins is Portuguese and is also fluent in English, French and Spanish. He graduated in Economy in Lisbon and accomplished a Master's degree in European Judicial Studies at the European Institute of Public Administration of Maastricht.

Zaved MAHMOOD, Drug Policy and Human Rights, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations



Since 2008, Zaved Mahmood is working at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva. Currently, he advises on drug policies and human rights; and on accountability for serious human rights violations. Until last summer, he was OHCHR's focal point on the abolition of the death penalty. Previously, from 2000 until 2007, he worked with UN Peace Keeping Missions in Sudan and Afghanistan and at UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre in Florence, Italy. Zaved studied international law, human rights and politics in Austria, Bangladesh, France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

Sabrina WITTMAN-PURI, Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights



Sabrina Wittmann-Puri started her career at the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she worked in the department for Asylum, Migration and Organised Crime. She moved on to the NGO "Verein Menschenrechte" ("Association Human Rights"), where she was the head of the regional office in Graz and provided legal counselling for refugees and migrants. Since 2013 she has been working as a lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Jan MALINOWSKI, Executive Secretary, Pompidou Group, Council of Europe



Jan Malinowski is a lawyer, qualified in Spain and in England. Following eight years of professional practice in Barcelona and London, Jan joined the Council of Europe, the 47 member-state international organisation that promotes and defends human rights, democracy and the rule of law. He worked for eleven years with the Council of Europe's anti-torture watchdog. Between 2005 and 2014, Jan was responsible for ground-breaking work on media policy, freedom of expression and Internet governance, bringing the Council of Europe to the forefront of the debate. Lately, he also had responsibility for data protection and cybercrime. On 1 December 2014, Jan became the Executive Secretary of the Pompidou Group, the collaborative platform set up in 1971 at the initiative of the French President Georges Pompidou to offer innovative multi-disciplinary responses to drug abuse and trafficking. Against a backdrop of human rights and rule of law, facilitation of the work of the Pompidou Group was entrusted to the Council of Europe in 1980. At present, it has 39 member states and remains open to non-European states intent on working together to respond to the phenomenon of substance use and its effects on people and communities, and of drug-related criminal activity.