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Tomasa Hernández Martín is currently the Counselor of the Presidency, Interior and Culture, in the Aragon Government. Graduated in Law from the University of Zaragoza, she began her professional life combining the preparation of the judicial opposition with carrying out judicial work as a substitute judge in Calamocha and Teruel. She passed the opposition of Lawyers of the Administration of Justice in 1989, practicing in Molina de Aragón, Lleida and Zaragoza. She remained in the Commercial Court number 1 of Zaragoza since its creation (2004) until she approved access to the judicial career for the 4th shift to the category of Magistrates. She was an associate professor at the Department of Business Law of the University of Zaragoza from 2015 to 2022, she was General Director of Justice of the Government of Aragon from 2011 to 2015. Until she took office, she was the Magistrate of the Court of First Instance number 17 of Palma de Mallorca.



#### **Ms Gloria PEREZ GARCIA**

Gloria Perez García is currently General Director of Cultural Heritage of the Government of Aragon where she previously held the position of General Director of Tourism. She has a doctorate in archaeology, she has extensive experience in archaeology, teaching and management of Cultural Heritage at various levels. She has been deeply involved in heritage management at the local and regional level, playing various roles in various municipalities in the province of Zaragoza. Closely linked to teaching, she has dedicated herself to developing the social dimension and disseminating cultural heritage.



#### **Mr Matjaž GRUDEN**

Matjaž Gruden is Director for Democracy at the Council of Europe, which includes Council of Europe activities and programmes in the area of education, democratic citizenship, youth cooperation, culture and cultural heritage, freedom of expression and sport. The Directorate also includes the Platform for the protection of Journalists, the Eurimages film fund, and the European Audiovisual Observatory. Matjaž Gruden previously served as Director of Policy Planning, Deputy Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General, political adviser and speechwriter for the Secretary General and President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Prior to his career at the Council of Europe, he was a diplomat at the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, posted in Brussels.

He holds a law degree from the Law Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, as well as a post-graduate degree in EU law from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



**Mr Rafael A. BENITEZ**

Rafael Benitez is Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe. He previously served as Director of the Congress of Local and Regional authorities, Director of the Programme and Finance Department, Chief of Protocol, Head of the Programme Department, Head of the Public Law Department, Head of the Anti-Terrorism Division and Head of the International Law Division. He has worked extensively in the legal field including administrative law and justice, international criminal justice and criminal law, in particular corruption and terrorism, and public international law. He has studied in Spain, Belgium and the United States. He holds a Master's degree in European Law (LL.M.) from the College of Europe (Bruges) and degrees in Law and Finance from the I.C.A.D.E. - University of Comillas (Madrid). He also studied Political Science at the U.N.E.D (Madrid). He has been a visiting lecturer at the Institute of International Relations (ITI-RI) and the International Human Rights Institute (IIDH) in Strasbourg and a member of the admissions board to the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA).



**Dr Antonio ROMA**

Antonio Roma graduated in Law from the University of Alcalá de Henares in 1990, and has been a Prosecutor since 1994. He was Coordinator of the cooperation component between justice systems of the EL PAcCTO Programme, with funds from the European Union, dedicated to the fight against organised crime in Latin America between 2017 and 2022. Between 2008 and 2016, he was associate professor of Procedural Law at the Universidade da Coruña. As a Prosecutor, he has extensive experience in cultural crimes and international legal cooperation. He received his Doctorate in History from the University of Santiago de Compostela in 2008.



### **Mr Francisco ROMEO MARUGÁN**

Francisco Romeo Marugán has a degree in Geography and History from the University of Zaragoza. As professional archaeologist, he joined the Corps of Higher Practitioners – Archaeologists of the Government of Aragon in 2004. Since 2016 he has been Head of the Cultural Heritage Prevention Section of the General Directorate of Cultural Heritage. Specialised in the assessment of damage to archaeological sites, analysis of looting, falsification and illicit trafficking of archaeological assets, he actively collaborates as expert with the Historical Heritage Brigade of the National Police, the Historical Heritage section of the Civil Guard, Interpol, Europol and OSCE. He has participated as a judicial expert in numerous criminal and administrative procedures related to looting, illicit trafficking and damage to Cultural Heritage. He was awarded the police merit medal with a white badge for his work in this field.



### **Ms Angela BARDENHEWER-RATING**

Angela Bardenhewer-Rating is a lawyer working as a Senior Legal Officer at the European Commission, DG JUST - Criminal Justice, which she joined in 2020. International relations of judicial cooperation in criminal matters are among to her main responsibilities. She has spent her career in a number of roles within the EU institutions (European Commission in Brussels; EU Joint Undertaking - Fusion for Energy in Barcelona), and as such, has broad cross-cutting experience in a wide range of subjects, in particular with regard to the inter-institutional functioning between all EU institutions, in relation to Member States, as well as in relation to third countries.



### **Ms Montserrat de PEDRO**

Montserrat de Pedro is Chief Inspector of the Spanish National Police and Head of the Historical Heritage Brigade. She has developed her professional career in the Judicial Police. She has extensive experience in investigation and prevention of criminal activities in a broad range of areas, such as illicit drug trafficking, economic crime, domestic, gender and sexual violence and in defence of cultural heritage.



**Dr Olaia FONTAL**

Olaia Fontal is a Graduate in Fine Arts from the University of the Basque Country (1998) and Graduate in Art History from the University of Oviedo (2005). She has a PhD in Educational Sciences from the University of Oviedo and is University Professor at the Faculty of Education and Social Work since March 2022. In the scientific field, she is a specialist in Heritage Education and she directs the Spanish Heritage Education Observatory. She has published numerous articles and monographs on the subject of heritage education.



**Dr Pavlo PUSHKAR**

Pavlo Pushkar is a Head of Division at the Department for the Execution of Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights within the Directorate General of Human Rights and the Rule of Law of the Council of Europe. The Department's mandate covers advice to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on its tasks of supervision over measures to be taken under the judgments of the European Court, as well as advice to member states on measures that they intend to take or have taken to comply with the Strasbourg Court's judgments. His work also covers response to and accountability for gross and serious human rights violations. Dr. Pushkar worked at the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights from 2002 to 2016 as a senior lawyer and a non-judicial rapporteur. Before joining the Council of Europe, he worked as an advocate in the areas of international litigation and arbitration and as a public servant at the Supreme Court of Ukraine. Dr. Pushkar holds a Ph.D. in criminal justice. He is a graduate of Kyiv Taras Shevchenko University Law Faculty (BA and MA in Laws, with honours); the Nottingham University School of Law (LLM in International Law); Queen Mary College University of London (International Arbitration).



**Dr Simon MACKENZIE**

Simon Mackenzie is Professor of Criminology at Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. His latest books are *Trafficking Culture* (2019) and *Transnational Criminology* (2020). His programme of research and teaching work is aimed at building understanding of the illicit antiquities trade and disseminating that knowledge in the classroom and in public debate. He is one of the leaders of the Trafficking Culture project which is an academic research team of criminologists and archaeologists gathering evidence and publishing analysis of global antiquities crimes ([www.traffickingculture.org](http://www.traffickingculture.org)). Currently, he is working on a project funded by the European Research Council, looking at a number of organised crime activities including antiquities trafficking, wildlife trafficking, and the international market for illegally obtained fossils.



**Dr Evelyne GODFREY**

Evelyne Godfrey is an archaeological scientist and accredited member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) since 1999, Evelyne Godfrey is Chair of the CIfA Research and Impact Group. Evelyne is active in the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) Community on the Illicit Trade in Cultural Material. At the EAA annual meeting in Rome in 2024, she will be speaking on UNESCO World Heritage sites and the current conflict in Gaza.



**Ms Irène ZAITSEV**

Irène Zaitsev is the manager of ANCHISE, the European project against looting and illicit trafficking of cultural goods. Coordinated by Prof. Véronique Chankoswki, Director of the École Française d'Athènes and funded by the programme Horizon-Europe, ANCHISE began in early 2023 for 3 years and it gathers 15 partners all over Europe. Based on the wide network of practitioners developed during the previous project NETCHER2020, and using a bottom-up approach, ANCHISE aims to offer European societies efficient methods, expertise and a toolkit to enhance the protection of cultural heritage against looting and illicit trafficking.



### **Dr Sorin HERMON**

Sorin Hermon is associate professor at the Cyprus Institute. His research is situated within two converging fields: Digital Cultural Heritage and Heritage Science, developing computer graphics and computer vision-based methods for the shape analysis of artefacts, works of art, archaeological features or buildings in order to characterise their form, materiality, production techniques, technologies of manufacture and their state of conservation, from macro to nano-scale; integrating hyper-spectral and technical imaging data with 3D documentation, and defining formal knowledge representation structures, including domain ontologies, their associated knowledge graphs and related digital repositories. Sorin has published more than 100 peer-reviewed research papers, supervised several PhD and MSc students and is director of the MSc program in Digital Cultural Heritage at The Cyprus Institute. Sorin is a member of the Steering Committee of ECHOES, the recently-EU funded project aimed at developing and implementing the European Collaborative Cloud for Cultural Heritage, being responsible, among others, to frame the concept of Heritage Digital Twins as digital commons and to ensure their digital continuum. He also serves as WP leader in ANCHISE, a major EU-funded project looking into finding technology and society-based solutions in the fight against the illegal trafficking of cultural goods.



### **Captain Víctor Manuel VALERO GARCÍA**

Captain of the Civil Guard, Specialist of the Nature Protection Service of the Civil Guard. Assigned to the Central Operational Environment Unit of the SEPRONA Headquarters of the Civil Guard since 2007 (UCOMA). Since 2014, he has served as Head of the SEPRONA Unit, attached to the Environment and Urban Planning Chamber Prosecutor's Office. Previously he served in SEPRONA motorised patrols. During his years of assignment to the UCOMA, he participated in a range of investigations on pollution matters in various media, irregular management and illicit transfer of waste, actions regarding territorial planning and actions regarding illicit animal trafficking.



### **Dr Mathilde MURA**

Mathilde Mura is a researcher at Archaïos (Archaeology, Culture and Heritage), associate researcher of ArScAn-VEPMO team of CNRS and co-director of the French Archaeological Mission of the Sulaymaniyah Governorate (MAFGS). She obtained her PhD at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne in 2021. Her initial research focused on the voluntary destruction of archaeological sites in times of crisis and gradually grew into an approach of contemporary archaeology investigating the military occupation of ancient sites and illegal excavations fueling the illicit trafficking of archaeological material.



### **Ms Miriam BUESO MANZANAS**

Miriam Bueso Manzanás has a degree in Prehistory and Archaeology (1997) and a diploma in Conservation and Restoration of cultural assets, specialising in Archeology (2000). In 2005 she joined the Museums Assistant Body and was part of the Research and Training area of the IPCE-Spanish Cultural Heritage Institute, combining her work in the Physical Studies section with the management of the area. Since 2009, she has been head of the Project Service and in 2010 she has served as supervisor of the IPCE radioactive facility. Currently she co-directs the Science and Art series (biennial conferences with a publication) and is co-coordinator of the National Conservation Research Plan of the Ministry of Culture.



### **Ms Beatriz MAYANS ZAMORA**

Beatriz Mayans graduated in Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Assets, from the ESCRBBCC of Madrid, with a specialty in painting, and Operator of Radioactive Facilities from the CIEMAT. After a long career as a painting restorer, this double facet in her technical training led her, in 2014, to the Department of Physical Studies of the IPCE- Spanish Cultural Heritage Institute, as operator of the radioactive facility. Since 2019, she has been part of the Research and Training Area, after a selective opposition process. In addition to the radiographic technique, she participates in the application of other imaging techniques in different ranges of the electromagnetic spectrum (infrared, visible or ultraviolet), participating in technical publications and research projects.



### **Dr Oscar ALARCÓN JIMÉNEZ**

Oscar Alarcón Jiménez is the Executive Secretary of the Committee of the Parties to both the MEDICRIME Convention and the organ trafficking convention within the Council of Europe. A specialist in criminal-law, his main field of work is the fight against transnational organised crime, in particular the fight against counterfeit medical products and other similar crimes, the combat against trafficking in human organs and offences against cultural property. He is the member of the secretariat responsible for the Nicosia Convention within DGI. Since joining the Council of Europe in 2002, he has developed his professional experience within the Council of Europe political bodies as well as in the intergovernmental sector by promoting Human Rights. Before joining the Criminal Law and Counter-Terrorism Division, Dr Alarcón Jiménez worked as Co-secretary of the European Committee of Crime Problems (CDPC). He holds a PhD in International Law with honours from the University of Strasbourg and the University of Málaga, different post-graduate degrees (LL.M in EU Law and Economic Law) from the Carlos III University (Spain) and the Europa-Institut (Germany) as well as a law degree from Pompeu Fabra University (Spain).



### **Ms Monica REDONDO ÁLVAREZ**

Mónica Redondo Álvarez holds a degree in History, specialising in Archaeology, and a diploma in Restoration and Conservation of cultural goods. Since 2005 she belongs to the Curators body of the Spanish Ministry of Culture, where she has held the positions of Head of the Restoration and Conservation Service and Senior Advisor to European Affairs. Since 2021 she works as Programme Manager at the Council of Europe, being responsible for the Nicosia Convention on Offences related to Cultural Property. She is also in charge of issues related to artificial intelligence.