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Tatjana ANDELIC

Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)

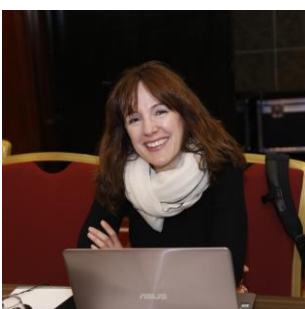


Tatjana Anđelić is the representative of Montenegro in the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI ROM), where she has just been re-elected as Chair for another year. Currently she is working as Head for European Integration, Programming and Implementing of EU Funds in the Ministry of Human and Minority Rights of the Government of Montenegro, and is the Coordinator for the Negotiation Chapter 19 "Employment and Social Policies" in that Ministry.

She is also the President of the Commission delivering funds to NGOs in the area of social inclusion of Roma and Egyptians in Montenegro. She previously worked as Senior Adviser, Public Relations Officer, and Spokesperson in the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of the Government of Montenegro, where she was Coordinator of information campaigns on the Regional Housing Programme. In 2018, she was chosen to be Trainer on Antidiscrimination in the Montenegrin Human Resources Authority Management.

Miriam BAHAMONDE BLANCO

Advisor at the Ministry of Justice of Spain, member of the Cybercrime Convention Committee



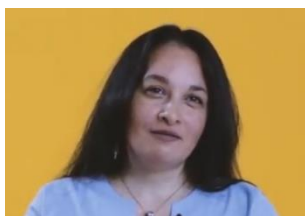
Miriam Bahamonde Blanco has worked as a prosecutor since 2008. She has been a member of the Spanish network of international co-operation prosecutors.

Since September 2018 she has been an advisor at the Ministry of Justice, both in the Secretary of State and in the Directorate-General for International Legal Cooperation and Human Rights.

Ms Bahamonde Blanco represents Spain in different European bodies dealing with terrorism and cybercrime, and the UNODC intergovernmental expert group to conduct a comprehensive study of the problem of cybercrime.

Cerasela BANICA

President of the Advocacy and Human Rights Centre (CADO), Romania



Claudia Cerasela Banica has a vast experience of 17 years as an advocator, policy expert, researcher, and trainer defending children and women's rights. Since 12 years she has been campaigning for reform of the Romanian legislation and public policy in the area of human trafficking, both as an independent expert as well as the head of the Human Rights and Advocacy Centre (CADO).

Nicole BAUMANN

German Federal Criminal Police



Nicole Baumann has been an expert on trafficking in human beings within the German Federal Criminal Police for more than 20 years. She initiated the project ETUTU in 2012 which is aiming on fighting human trafficking from Nigeria to the EU. She is focusing on human trafficking as a crime phenomenon where perpetrators often abuse dependencies and bend the victims' will by using physical and psychological violence. Ms Baumann puts her current emphasis on labour exploitation, with special interest in Vietnamese victims of trafficking. She consistently shapes the cooperation with different stake holders in the field of fighting trafficking and is the contact person for EMPACT THB in Germany.

Petra BAKKER

Police Commissioner EU for the Netherlands and Dutch National EMPACT Coordinator

Petra Bakker is Police Commissioner EU for the Netherlands, National EMPACT Coordinator and driver of EMPACT THB (Trafficking in Human Beings). She has a long career in the police force at strategic level.

Laura BURENS-STRATIGAKIS

Public Prosecutor's Office, Berlin



Laura Burens-Stratigakis has worked as a prosecutor in the field of organised crime for over four years. Since three years she is in charge of combating human trafficking at the Berlin Public Prosecutor's Office. In addition to her work as a criminal prosecutor, she also takes on the role of a knowledge multiplier and contact point for the police, NGOs, public administration and other actors around the topic of human trafficking. She studied law in Berlin, Geneva, New York and Amsterdam, focusing on international criminal law.

Maria José Castello-Branco

Ministry of Justice, Portugal, Vice-President of the Lanzarote Committee



Maria José Castello-Branco has been working as legal adviser at the Directorate General for Justice Policy in the Ministry of Justice since 2014. She represented the Ministry of Justice in the "National Commission for the Promotion of the Rights and Protection of Children and Youth".

She is the vice-president of the Lanzarote Committee and rapporteur of the Committee on Gender Equality, Contact Point for the Cybercrime Convention Committee (C-TY) and the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ).

Previously she worked as an advisor for the Portuguese Ombudsman of Justice and for the Ministry of Education and as a Lecturer at the Institute of European Administration (Maastricht) and at the Higher Institute of Economics and Management (Lisbon).

Rudolf CHRISTOFFERSEN

Prosecutor, Norway



Rudolf Christoffersen has a law degree from the University of Bergen and has worked as a prosecutor in Norway since 2002, dealing with organised and serious crimes. He has previously worked as Liaison Policy Attorney at EUROJUST in The Hague where he was a member of the trafficking in human beings team and the thematic group on illegal immigrant smuggling.

Mr Christoffersen is a member of the Norwegian National Expert group on Human Trafficking. He has run training programmes on human trafficking and has taught courses on criminal law and criminal procedure law in Norway. He was a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) from 2017 to 2020.

Dorothea CZARNECKI

Deputy Executive Director/Programmes, ECPAT International



Dorothea Czarnecki has been campaigning against the sexual exploitation of children for over 15 years, most recently as Deputy Executive Director/Programmes at EPCAT International, a network of 122 member organisations in 104 countries around the globe.

Hans-Georg ENGELKE

State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of the Interior



Hans-Georg Engelke has been State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior since 2015. Previously he worked as a public prosecutor in Berlin from 1994 to 1999. In 1999 he joined the Federal Ministry of the Interior as a policy officer and became head of division in 2003. From 2006 to 2010, he headed the directorate-general responsible for counter-terrorism and Islamist extremism at the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution. After returning to the Federal Ministry of the Interior in 2011, he held executive positions related to the Federal Police and counter-terrorism before assuming leadership of the executive staff in 2014, the position he held until his appointment as state secretary.

Helga GAYER

German Federal Criminal Police, President of GRETA



Helga Gayer has passed the second state examination in law (qualification for holding the office of a judge). She joined the German Federal Criminal Police in 1992. Since 2009, she has been deputy head of the analysis unit dealing with trafficking in human beings.

Ms Gayer was involved in the legislative process in Germany to draft an anti-trafficking law in 2016 and a law on the protection of persons working in prostitution. She participates in the federal-state working groups on combating human trafficking and the German NGO network against trafficking in human beings. She has also been involved in the EMPACT project.

Ms Gayer has been a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) since 2017. In 2021 she became the President of GRETA.

Jean-Michel GENTIL

First Vice-President in charge of investigation, Paris Judicial Tribunal



Jean-Michel Gentil has been a magistrate since 1986, serving as investigating judge at the high courts of Dunkirk, Nanterre, Ajaccio, Bordeaux, Lille. Currently he is first vice-president in charge of investigation at the Paris Judicial Tribunal, heading the division dealing with organised crime. He is also a lecturer at the National School of the Judiciary.

As a magistrate Mr. Gentil is responsible for directing investigations related to complex organised crime with an international dimension, including cases of trafficking in human beings by international criminal organisations.

Andrea HITZKE

Social worker, Director of "Midnight Mission" in Dortmund, KOK Board member



Andrea Hitzke is a social worker. She leads the "Midnight Mission" in Dortmund, Germany. The Midnight Mission maintains a specialist advice centre for (former) prostitutes and a specialised advice centre for victims of human trafficking. Ms Hitzke is also a board member of the German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK e.V.).

Mascha KÖRNER

State Criminal Police, Lower Saxony



Mascha Körner has been working at the Criminological Research Unit of the State Office for Criminal Investigation of Lower Saxony since 2018, where she is in charge of two projects in the areas of police interrogation and access to victims of intimate partner violence. Previously, she worked in the BMBF joint project "PRIMSA - Prevention and Intervention in Human Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation" and devoted herself in particular to police science and victimological issues. In her PhD project, which is about to be completed, she is researching coercive means that promote and maintain dependency and the dynamics between perpetrator and victim in the "loverboy" method.

Franziska KRAMER

German Federal Criminal Police (BKA)



Franziska Kramer has been working in the field of combating trafficking in human beings for more than 14 years. Her master's degree in criminology and police science focused on sexual exploitation of children on travels and in tourism. She is heading the project THB LIBERI which started in 2018. Within this project, she focuses on enhancing co-operation to tackle trafficking in children as a serious human rights violation. Ms Kramer is involved on an ongoing basis in policy consultations on trafficking in human beings as a BKA expert.

Olivia LIND HALDORSSON

Head of the Children at Risk Unit at the Council of Baltic Sea States, President of the PROMISE Barnahus Network



Olivia Lind Haldorsson currently holds the position of Senior Adviser and Head of the Children at Risk Unit at the Council of Baltic Sea States Secretariat. She has played a central role in the Promise project, which promotes the establishment of Barnahus and excellence in practice to hear, assist and support child victims and witnesses of violence, ensuring child friendly justice and a safe path to recovery (www.barnahus.eu). She is the author of the Barnahus Quality Standards and other practical tools to support Barnahus.

Rolf MAFAEL

Permanent Representative of Germany to the Council of Europe



Rolf Mafael has been permanent representative of Germany to the Council of Europe since September 2018. Previously he served as ambassador to South Korea and to Kazakhstan. He also held several functions at the Political and European Departments of the Foreign Office in Berlin and the German missions in Geneva, Tehran, Brussels and Tokyo, as well as at the EU-Commission. Prior to his diplomatic career, he served as a prosecutor for economic crime in Mannheim, Germany. He holds a law degree from the Free University of Berlin.

Siobhán MULLALLY

UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children



Siobhán Mullally is professor of human rights law and director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the School of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway. From 2012-2018, she was a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). She was President of GRETA from 2016-2018 and 1st Vice-President from 2014-2016.

Ms Mullally has worked with international NGOs and UN agencies in many parts of the world including. She is the recipient of numerous research awards for work relating to gender equality, migration and refugee protection, human trafficking and migrant workers, including from the Irish Research Council, European Commission, Irish Aid, International Bar Association, Nuffield Foundation.

Petya NESTOROVA

Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings



Petya Nestorova has been responsible for the Council of Europe's activities in the area of combating trafficking in human beings since 2010. She oversees all aspects on the monitoring of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, including country visits, preparation of reports and recommendations, and follow-up on their implementation. She also manages the organisation of activities to promote the Council of Europe's standards on combating human trafficking, in close collaboration with public officials, civil society and other intergovernmental organisations. Ms Nestorova holds Master's degrees in international Economic Relations and Comparative European Studies, as well as a PhD from the University of Sussex, UK.

Olivier ONIDI

Acting EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, European Commission



Since May 2016 Olivier Onidi has been Deputy Director General of the Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs at the European Commission with particular responsibility over security. In this capacity, he oversees the activities in the fields of terrorism and violent extremism, organised crime, cybersecurity, information systems and innovation. He also headed the Secretariat of the European Commission's Task Force for the Security Union. Since March 2020, he is also acting EU Anti-trafficking Coordinator.

Mr Onidi further coordinates the European Commission-wide work related to the Central Mediterranean Route in the context of the refugee crisis.

Marija PEJČINOVIĆ BURIĆ

Secretary General of the Council of Europe



Marija Pejčinović Burić was elected as the 14th Secretary General of the Council of Europe for a five-year term beginning on 18 September 2019. In her role, she has the overall responsibility for the strategic management of the Organisation. Ms Pejčinović Burić is a Croatian national and her immediate former post was as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia.

Olivier PEYROUX

Sociologist, France



Olivier Peyroux is a sociologist. He has worked as an expert for many national and international organisations, focusing on migration, human trafficking and children on the move. He is a member of the National French coordination against trafficking in human beings and court-appointed expert. He is the author of several publications including *Fantasies and Realities Fuelling Child Trafficking in Europe* (2016) and *Les fantômes de l'Europe* (2020). He has different collaborations with Harvard and Oxford universities. He founded several NGOs for identification and protection of children victims of trafficking in France.

Julia PLANITZER

Second Vice-President of GRETA



Julia Planitzer holds a PhD in law from the University of Vienna. She is an associated expert at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights in Vienna where she previously worked as senior researcher for 12 years. She has held positions as visiting researcher at UCLA (Berkeley), the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden) and Tilburg Law School (the Netherlands). She also worked as consultant for the Council of Europe, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, IOM and the OSCE.

Ms Planitzer specialises in trafficking in human beings and its links to human rights, business and human rights, and women's rights. She has been a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) since 2019. In 2021 she became Second Vice-President of GRETA.

Horst SCHILLER

Joint Operational Office for human trafficking and people smuggling, Federal Criminal Police, Vienna



For around 20 years Horst Schiller has been working at the Vienna Federal Criminal Police's Joint Operational Office against People Smuggling and Human Trafficking. As head of this unit, he heads a team of five whose tasks and activities are to conduct and coordinate national and international investigations in cases of human trafficking and trans-border prostitution trade.

Birgit SCHWEIKERT

German Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth



Birgit Schweikert holds a PhD in law. She currently heads the subdivision in the German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ), responsible, among others, for gender equality, violence against women and combating trafficking in human beings.

Ms Schweikert is the head of the two federal-state working groups "Human Trafficking" and "Domestic Violence". She represents Germany as a deputy member at the management board of the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). Before joining the BMFSFJ, she worked as coordinator of the Intervention Project against Domestic Violence in Berlin, which established various innovative support systems for victims of domestic violence and led to the adoption of the so-called Violence Protection Act.

Thilo STROOTMANN

Berlin Police, Criminal Investigation Division, Department on Trafficking in Human Beings and Forced Prostitution of Minors

Thilo Strootmann has been investigating cases of human trafficking and forced prostitution with the Berlin Police since 2016. His department investigates exclusively in cases of underage victims. Mr Strootmann has special expertise in cases of male victims from Southeast Europe.

Gustav TESCHNER

German Federal Criminal Police



Gustav Teschner has been working at the Federal Criminal Police in Wiesbaden since 2019. He specialises on human trafficking in Eastern Europe. For almost as long he has headed the EU project THB LIBERI, which is dedicated to combating human trafficking in children and young persons. He and his colleagues focus on innovative approaches and intensified cooperation to combat human trafficking and forced prostitution.

Uwe VAN RIETH

Police, Krefeld (Germany)



Uwe van Rieth has been a case worker with the Criminal Police in Krefeld for more than 25 years, specialising in organised crime, pimping and trafficking in human beings.

Antoaneta VASSILEVA

Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre, First Vice-President of GRETA



Antoaneta Vassileva has over 18 years of experience in the areas of human rights and combating trafficking in human beings. She is currently working as Programme Coordinator at the Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre, which focuses on child online safety and prevention of sexual abuse and human trafficking of children through promoting digital-media literacy. She has been a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) since 2019, and was elected as GRETA's First Vice-President in 2021.

Ms Vassileva previously worked for nine years as Secretary General of the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings under the Council of Ministers of Bulgaria.

Sophia WIRSCHING

Executive Director of KOK e.V. – German NGO network against trafficking in human beings



Since September 2018, Sophia Wirsching has been the Executive Director of the German NGO Network against Trafficking in Human Beings KOK e.V., which consists of 38 member organisations. KOK is committed to fighting human trafficking and exploitation at regional, national and international level, as well as promoting the human rights of trafficked persons and other migrants experiencing violence.

She has worked previously for 10 years as policy officer on migration and development in the Human Rights and Peace Department of "Bread for the World" in Berlin. By education, she is a political scientist and sociologist.