



Speaker Biographies

Speaker	Photograph	Short Biography
MEP Michal Boni		<p>Mr Boni is Member of the European Parliament and is a Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs as well as being a Vice-Chair and Member others. He is a graduate of the University of Warsaw where he was awarded with the PhD and where he lectured in the Department of Polish Culture for many years. He has been involved in the 'Solidarity' underground movement since 1980. He has been a member of the national authorities of 'Solidarity' since 1989 and in 1990, became Chairman of the Mazowsze Region Management Board.</p> <p>Professional experience: He was the Minister of Labour and Social Policy in 1991 and from 1992 to 1993, he held the position of Secretary of State in the same ministry where he was responsible, inter alia, for labour market policy. From 1998 to 2001, he was the Chief Advisor to the Minister of Labour and Social Policy. He was the Head of Strategic Advisors to the Prime Minister Donald Tusk from 2008 and Minister of Administration and Digitisation of Poland from 2011 till 2013. MEP since 2014.</p>
Tatiana Jehl		<p>Tatiana is currently working as Associate Officer at the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Prior to her current assignment, Ms. Jehl held a position with the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC. She also served as a legal case handler at the European Commission in Brussels and as an Associate in a private law firm in Bratislava. Born on 22 February 1983, she obtained her undergraduate diploma in Political Science and History from McGill University in Canada, and completed graduate studies in law at the Paneuropean University in Slovakia and LL.M. degree at Universite Paris 1 Sorbonne in France.</p>

<p>Floriana Sipala</p>	<p>Awaiting</p>	<p>Floriana is the head of the EU Anti-Drug Department within DG Home Affairs, European Commission. Floriana previously worked in the European Commission in a variety of roles such as on the cabinet of Margot Wallstrom, the European Commissioner for communications and inter-institutional affairs.</p>
<p>Danilo Ballotta</p>		<p>An analyst of international policy on drugs, Danilo Ballotta previously worked at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and at the 'Task Force Justice and Home Affairs' of the European Commission. Since 1997, he has worked for the EMCDDA on national and European laws, policies and anti-drug coordination systems and contributes to the preparation of the Centre's work on international drug policy. Since 2005, Mr Ballotta serves as coordinator for relations with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers of the European Union. He is the EMCDDA's Permanent Correspondent at the Council of Europe's Co-operation Group on Drugs.</p>
<p>Fay Watson</p>		<p>Fay has a BA (Hons) in Human Geography and MSc in Healthcare Leadership and Management. She worked in the NHS in England for 8 years, where she managed addiction services and managed advocacy and media campaigns (notably high profile campaigns such as smokefree legislation, removal of point of sale advertising and sale of tobacco via vending machines). She came to Brussels in 2011 where she manages the drug policy network EURAD. She is Vice-Chair of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs, Western European Representative on the Civil Society Task Force for the UNGASS 2016 and representative to the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs.</p>
<p>Lawrence Watson</p>		<p>Lawrence Watson is a retired Private-sector management Consultant who re-invented himself on retirement 15 years ago to assist social enterprises located mainly in Asia meet their economic and social objectives. He notably has been a member of the Advisory Board of the MFL Foundation under Royal Patronage in Thailand - the foundation that was responsible for launching and managing - to quote the UN Office on Drugs and Crime - "the most successful alternative development project that we know". The foundation effectively eliminated the growing of the opium poppy in Thailand's Golden triangle, with extension projects in neighbouring Myanmar/Burma, Afghanistan and Aceh in Indonesia. Lawrence has lived and worked in 8 countries - 4 in the developed north, 2 in Africa, finishing his career in Malaysia and Thailand where he remains a frequent visitor.</p>

<p>Elena Goti</p>		<p>Elena graduated from the Sorbonne, Paris with a degree in Social Psychology before graduating as a Clinical Psychologist in Buenos Aires. Since the mid 1980's Elena career has related to different components of drug use (from prevention, treatment as well as public administration), Elena is Head of International Relations for Dianova International, as well as Board Member of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs and a Member of the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs. She is author of '<i>La Comunidad Terapeutica: un desafio a la droga</i>' now on its seventh edition.</p>
<p>Stig-Erik Sørheim</p>		<p>Stig-Erik Sørheim is head of the international department at Actis. He earned his degree at the University of Oslo. He has a background in public health from the Directorate of Health. He is currently also President of EURAD.</p>