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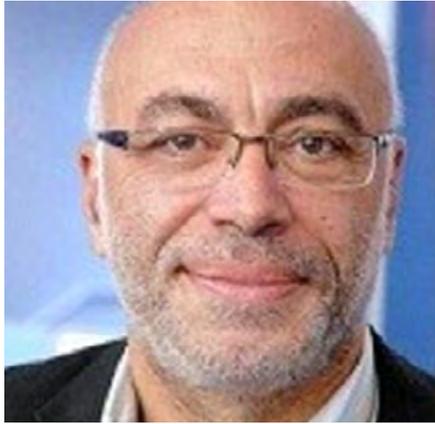
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## GEORGES HADDAD



Georges Haddad was elected President of Paris 1 - Pantheon Sorbonne in May 2016. Georges Haddad, a graduate of the École Normale Supérieure, holds an M.A. in Mathematical Sciences from the University of Paris VII and a D.E.A. (postgraduate diploma) in mathematics from the University of Paris VI.

He also holds the Agrégation in mathematics and a doctorate (Doctorat d'Etat) in mathematical sciences.

Professor Haddad started his career as an Assistant Lecturer at the University of Tours (1975-1976), later on moving to the University of Paris-Dauphine (1976-1983). From 1983 to 1984, he took up the position of Lecturer at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Appointed Professor in 1984 at the University of Nice, he has since been Professor at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. He was President of the latter University from 1989 to 1994, and also First Vice-President (Chairman) of the French Conference of University Presidents from 1992 to 1994.

Professor Haddad was formerly Honorary President of the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne. He participated in the World Conference on Higher Education as Chairperson of its Steering Committee, from 1994 to 1999, and was also a member of the Task Force on Higher Education in Developing Countries (World Bank-UNESCO) from 1998 to 2000.

Professor Haddad's personal commitment to education and sciences through mathematics, their development and multidisciplinary applications has been rewarded by honorary distinctions such as Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur for Scientific Research and Commander of Palmes Académiques for Education, among others.

## KAROLINA DRESZER – SMALEC



She is the Vice-president of the National Federation of Polish NGOs (OFOP) in Warsaw and the Vice-president for National Platforms, at the European Civic Forum (ECF). She is also member of the European Economic and Social Committee, where she is the Vice-president of the Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law Group.

She is a member of the Foundation's board for the Collegium Polonicum in Słubice. She has been involved with her organization for over 12 years, initially as a volunteer, project coordinator and finally director and board member. At the local level, she is involved in works to build cooperation between local governments and non-governmental organizations, acts as an adviser to the organization, and animates local partnerships.

She is writing her doctoral thesis (at the A. Mickiewicz University in Poznań) undertaking the issues of urban revitalization. She graduated in the field of Spatial Management with the specialization - Development and revitalization of cities and rural areas. Her areas of interest are sustainable urban development and urban regeneration, and creating public policies based on a broad participation of citizens and building a cooperation relationship between the local government and non-governmental organizations.

## ŁUKASZ DOMAGAŁA



President of the board of the National Federation of Polish NGOs (OFOP) in Warsaw. He has been associated with the NGO community since 1999. Co-founder and chairman of the board of the Regional Center for Supporting Non-Governmental Initiatives, operating in the province Lower Silesia. In the years 2013-2015 he collaborated with the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland. A graduate of international relations at Collegium Civitas, participant of the Ashoka Social Innovators' Academy and the International Visitor Leadership Program of the US Department of State. Involved in the development of social entrepreneurship, monitoring European funds and creating a good law for social and civic activity.

## DR. KRZYSZTOF WOJCIECHOWSKI



is the Director of Collegium Polonicum. On October 1, 1979, he began working at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Warsaw. In 1989 he obtained a doctorate and remained at the university until 1991. In Frankfurt (Oder), he participated in establishing the European University Viadrina. From October 15, 1994 he works as the administrative director of Collegium Polonicum in Słubice, a joint institution of the University of Adam Mickiewicz

in Poznań and the European University Viadrina. In October 2001 he became the editor-in-chief of Collegium Polonicum publishing houses, and then in the years 2000-2007 he coordinated the European Viadrina Scientific Center in CP. He is the founder and long-time president of the Foundation's board for the Collegium Polonicum.

He is the laureate of the European Diploma awarded in 2005 by the Prime Minister of Brandenburg, the Gold Medal of Merit of the Viadrina University (2012) and the Silver Cross of Merit awarded by the President of the Republic of Poland in 2013.

## EWA KULIK-BIELIŃSKA



Is the Executive Director of the Batory Foundation

In the years 1977-1980 she was a spokesperson for the Student's Solidarity Committee in Cracow, she ran a library of publications on the second circulation, she was also a co-organizer of lectures at the Flying University. In early 1979, she became the editor of the independent student magazine "Indeks". In 1980, she moved to Warsaw.

In September 1980 she became a member of NSZZ "Solidarność". She edited the Solidarity newsletter of the Mazowsze Region, and then the periodical Independence, and in March 1981 became the secretary of the editorial office of this magazine. After the introduction of martial law she was hiding, organizing the structures of the underground Solidarity. She was a leading co-worker and later a member of the Regional Executive Commission of NSZZ "Solidarność" Region Mazowsze and the Temporary Coordination Committee. She was arrested in May 1986, she was detained in Warsaw-Mokotów Remand Prison, she was released in September of the same year under the amnesty. Then she became a member of the open RKW Mazowsze.

In the years 1988-1989 she was on a scholarship in the United States. After returning to Poland, she ran the office of the correspondent of the "The

## JEAN MARC ROIRANT



Started his career as school teacher which he pursued in the NGO sector within the Ligue de l'Enseignement, where he was elected Secretary General from 1993 to 2015. The Ligue de l'enseignement is the biggest not for profit association platform in France with 24 000 local associations as members and is a key player in the social economy field with 110 million € turnover, 18000 employees and 350 000 volunteers who act daily for the development of education and culture and the promotion of active citizenship.

He is the President of the European Civic Forum since 2005. President of Civil Society Europe since its establishment in 2016.

He is member of the French Committee of UNESCO and Board member of Université Paris 1 La Sorbonne. He was knighted in the Ordre National Français de la Légion D'Honneur in 2010.

Since 2015 he is member of the Group III of the European Economic and Social Committee.

## MARIUSZ OLEJNICZAK



Is the Mayor of Słubice since 2018.

He is graduated from the Technical University in Szczecin, Faculty of Environmental Management and Agriculture.

He has been associated with the local government since 2006 - first as Vice

Chairman and Member of the Economic Development Committee, now as Chairman of the City Council.

His Program is based on strong collaboration with NGOs, both financially and organizationally, on the improvement of mobility and of the environment and in the development of culture. He values strongly the cooperation with Frankfurt (Oder), which he believes determines the uniqueness of Słubice not only in the region or in Poland, but also in Europe.

## PROF. MAGDALENA MUSIAŁ-KARG



She is a political scientist. Since 2015 she has been a Professor at the Department of Political Systems at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań). In October 2014 she was granted a 3-year stipend for the young excellent scientists funded by the Polish Minister of Science and Higher Education.

Her research interests focus on direct democracy and the use of modern technologies (ICT) in democratic systems (mainly in electoral processes – e-voting). She is also dealing with the role of women in public space and with the cross-border cooperation in the Polish-German border area. She is the initiator and coordinator of the Research Group “Helvetic Initiative” . She is also involved in undertakings realized by the Center for Direct Democracy Studies at the University of Białystok.

She has for many years been associated with the Collegium Polonicum – Polish-German academic institution, where she has been a coordinator of the study programs run by the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism.

She is a member of the editorial board of “Przegląd Politologiczny” (‘Political Science Review’ and “Świat idei i polityki” (‘World of Ideas and Politics’). She is also a member of the Polish Association of Political Science, Polish Association of European Studies and of the Centre for Research and European Education. Since 2014 she has been a member of the scientific board of the Academic Foundation IPSO ORDO

Independent" daily in Poland (1989-1991). She is translator into Polish of American literature.

She is involved in the activities of non-governmental and professional organizations: the Association of Polish Translators (from 1992), PEN Club (from 1995, in 1997-1999 member of the board), Polish Writers' Association (since 1996), Public Benefit Works Council (a member during the first term as a representative of non-governmental organizations, unions and non-governmental organizations and entities listed in Article 3 of the Act on Public Benefit and Volunteer Work) and the Donors Forum. From 2000, she was the director of information and development at the Fundacja im. Stefan Batory. In 2010, she was appointed the director of this foundation. In 2014 she became the President of the European Foundation Center until 2017.

In 2006 she was decorated with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta by President Lech Kaczyński for her outstanding contribution to the independence of the Republic of Poland, and for her work for democratic change in the country.

he was instrumental together with the current Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs Bert Koenders in the creation of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and the IMF, an independent organization of approximately 2000 legislators in 100 countries around the World to strengthen transparency and accountability of international financial institutions and advocate for development; the Researchers Alliance for Development, that brought together hundreds of research Institutions from University, trade unions, private banks, think tanks and NGOs; and the Youth, Development and Peace Network.

From 2008 till 2014, he was the Head of Strategic Development and Partnerships at the United Nations of the Alliance of Civilizations, where he has been designing and heading the world campaign "Do One Thing for Diversity and Inclusion" aimed at building a world movement in support of Diversity. He is the founder of the Fellowship program for emerging leaders to foster dialogue and understanding between the Western world and the Muslim world.

In 2014 and 15, Jean-Christophe served as Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation at the Council of Europe.

He is now a vice chairman of the advisory Board of the Aspen Institute after having been his first Executive Director (1994-1999).

## JEAN CHRISTOPHE BAS



Is the CEO and Executive Board Chairman at Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute in Berlin, an international think tank that researches and develops proposals that address the key challenges faced by the international community. He was a Professor of Political Sciences at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Lyon and a Vice President of the European Fund for the Freedom of Expression, an organisation that advocated and supported freedom of speech and pluralism activists in Eastern Europe before the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989.

From 1999 to 2008, he was the Head of Policy Dialogue at the World Bank and set up innovative mechanisms of strategic engagement with key decision and opinion makers around the World on Development and Poverty eradication. In this capacity,

## PROF. EMILIA PALONEN



Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, and researcher and WP leader on Populism and Democracy at the Academy of Finland funded research consortium on Mainstreaming Populism in the 21st Century (MAPO). Besides coordinating teaching of populism and supervising a number of PhD students and postdocs, engaging in the analysis of populism through media and presentations in Finland and abroad, in the recent year she has given four keynote lectures on populism in conferences Moscow, Melbourne and Istanbul and the City Talk series in Victoria.

In 2017-18 she has also published on a range of topics. She has been researching over the past years: illiberalism and Janus-faced populism in Hungary, on the emergence of the Finns Party in Finland, discourse analytical method of rhetorical-performative analysis, political meaning making through urban streetscapes politics of street naming from a discursive perspective, the rewriting of the nation through populism in Budapest, the practicing of Europe by Hungarian left-wing intellectuals Georg Lukács and Agnes Heller, and on her on-going action research to participation, people-making and emancipation in planning and co-governing a multifunction public building a North Helsinki suburb Maunula, as well as in the open access edited and peer-reviewed volume Populism on the Loose, reconceptualising cultural populism through the Helsinki Guggenheim museum plans.

In her current job, she is teaching both political theory and comparative politics to undergraduates and advanced methods to MA students. Furthermore since 2013, she is involved with research on local democracy, as part of a democracy project in the locality Maunula in the framework of Helsinki City's democracy initiative. At the Maunula democracy project (more in Finnish) which involves the development of participatory planning and budgeting. She has been publishing the future of local democracy. New Library, Youth Centre and Civic Adult Education Unit was opened at the end of 2016. It has a co-governance model designed with the administrators and the citizen.

Bauhaus Kollege also enabled her to pursue my research interest in European Capitals of Culture (ECoC) and European identity, by taking part in Sibiu and Luxembourg cultural year programmes and learning on urbanism, politics of architecture and planning. Her studies showed the emphasis on economy and underfunding of cultural policy to make it volatile to political changes – this is significant for understanding Europe and political dynamics that are often now attributed to rise of populism and nationalism.

## LUUK MOLTHOF



He is a Research Fellow at d|part, a non-profit, independent and non-partisan Think Tank whose aim is to research and support different forms of political participation. He is currently working on a joint project between d|part and the Open Society European Policy Institute (OSEPI) called 'Voices on Values', where he is responsible for overseeing the collection and analysis of elite interviews with decision-makers and civil society leaders. The research project examines how publics and elites in 6 European countries (Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Poland, and Hungary) view the open society in the context of increased public concern about immigration and security.

He completed my Ph.D. in Political Science at Royal Holloway, University of London. His thesis examined Germany's role in European monetary history and provided an explanation for Germany's reaction to the euro crisis. He also holds an MSc in Modern Chinese Studies from the University of Oxford and an MA in International Relations from the University of Warwick.

## SWANTJE GREEN



Is campaign manager at the European Council on Foreign Relations, where she develops campaign strategies and coordinates advocacy priorities across the organisation.

Prior to joining ECFR in 2015, Green worked at the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Hanover Communications, a public affairs agency. She studied French, Spanish, and European Union Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

## DÁNIEL MIKECZ



graduated as political scientist at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest in 2008. He defended his doctoral thesis on the Hungarian global justice movement at the same institution and graduated "summa cum laude" in 2017.

Between 2008 and 2009 he studied at the Free University Berlin. From 2008 to 2009 he was a researcher at the Information Society and Trend Research Institute. From 2010 he held various courses at the Eötvös Loránd University and the Corvinus University Budapest on protest movements and political participation.

Since 2013 he is a researcher at the Institute of Political Science at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. 2015 onward he is also a research fellow at Republikon Institute, a Budapest based liberal think tank. Daniel publishes articles in academic journals and weekly, daily newspapers on social movements, protests and a political participation.

## ASSYA KAVRAKOVA



Is the Executive Director of the European Citizens Action Service. She has 20 years of experience in senior management positions in the non-governmental sector, including

skills to manage diverse portfolios of projects and activities. She possesses in-depth knowledge of EU Funding Rules and Procedures, EU structural and Cohesion Policy, Schengen regulatory framework, EU external policy decision-making, EU enlargement policy and leverage, European citizenship and Rights framework and EU civic participation formal and informal mechanisms.

Assya has a Master's degree in Law and another Master's degree in European Studies. She has served as the Director of European Policies and the Civic Participation Program at the Open Society Institute (OSI-S) in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 2000 to 2012 and as a Public Policies and Outreach Director at the Democracy Network Program (DemNet) of the USAID before that. She was also the Executive Director of the Bulgarian branch of Transparency International. Assya Kavrakova is a German Marshall Memorial Fellow.

## ISRAEL BUTLER



Is since 2017 the Head of Advocacy of Civil Liberties Union for Europe. From 2005 until 2012 he was a lecturer at Lancaster University, UK on European Union Law and International Human Rights Law. From 2009 to 2012 he was a seconded national expert at the EU Fundamental Rights Agency based in Vienna where he developed strategic communications and legal research on fundamental rights in the European Union. He then worked as Senior Policy Officer on Fundamental Rights Justice and Home Affairs at the Open Society European Policy Institute.

## JAN ROBERT SUESSER



Is a member of the Executive Board of the French Ligue des droits de l'Homme and a Vice-Président of the European Civic Forum, in charge of Human Rights issues. Economist and Statistician by profession, he is a senior expert in International Cooperation, European Affairs, Ethics Issues.

## MARC SOIGNET



Marc works for the European Humanist Federation where he takes care of communication, development and specializes in questions related to rule of law and democracy. Marc is also half-French, half-Hungarian and follows closely the activity of the opposition in Hungary. He holds an MSc in Telecommunications Engineering as well as an MA from the College of Europe in Natolin, Poland.

## ESZTER KOVÁTS



Is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest. Eszter works in the office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) in Hungary, where since 2012 she is responsible for the gender programme for Central and Eastern Europe.

## SIRI HUMMEL



Siri Hummel is a research associate at the Maecenata Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society and PhD Student (Political Science) at the University of Greifswald. The Maecenata Institute for Philanthropy and Civil Society was founded in 1997 and is now a recognized non-university research institution. It sees itself as an independent social science think tank and has the task of gaining knowledge and understanding of civil society through its own research in humanities and social sciences, academic teaching, relevant publications and the exchange between science, politics and practice.

## CRISTINA SERVÁN MELERO



Holds a Master in Human Rights, Culture of Peace and Education from the University of Cádiz.

Working in the Pro-Human Rights Association of Andalusia (APDHA) since 2012:

Coordinating and executing development cooperation projects with the northern area of Morocco. Collaborating with the gender and border team researchers of APDHA.

Cristina is also a member of the area of development of awareness and education materials on Human Rights of APDHA. APDHA addresses issues of social marginalization, slums, migrations, racism and xenophobia, prisons, sex work, peace and disarmament, education for peace and human rights, international solidarity, etc. ... including through specific campaigns.

## FRANCO UDA



Was born in Sardinia and studied maths in Pisa. He started his experience in CSOs as a volunteer in Civil Service and in Arci, involved in no global movements and cultural events.

Then he was engaged in prisoned people rights, as national Vice President of Justice Volunteers National Conference.

Since 2007 he has been member of Arci National Board, where I was first in charge of Youth international mobility and policy; currently, and in the last 5 years,

he is in charge of Human rights, Peace, International solidarity and volunteering. In 2016 he was elected national Vice President of Arcs (Arci's NGO), committed in international cooperation.

## VLAD LEVENTE VISKI



Is the Executive Director of Mosaik, which is one of the main community organizations that address LGBTI persons in Romania, contributing to the development of the LGBTI community through solidarity and mutual trust, resulting from social activities, a presence on the alternative cultural scene, as well as the special attention given to the various groups in the community. He has worked in social media and marketing. He has been Vice President of the Central European University's Student Union between 2013-2014 and he was editor of the CEU weekly from 2014 to 2015.

## FLORIN BUHUCEANU



Is the founder and Executive President of the Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives, an NGO working on legal advocacy through strategic cases and media relations since 2008. Through its efforts, ECPI's work has gained a regional dimension, acting as a resource center in the field of non-discrimination and sexual and reproductive rights. Florin leads the organization's advocacy activity both at national and international level. Florin also

edited the ECPI publication, *The Religious Challenge. Resources to Counter Opposition to Sexual and Reproductive Rights* (2010), a useful tool for familiarizing human rights activists from Romania and the region with the most controversial arguments of the conservative religious right.

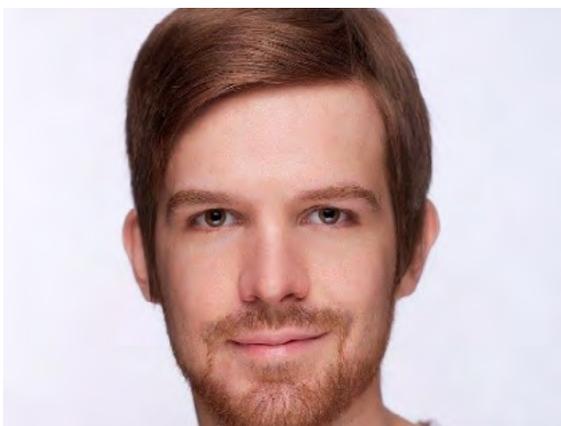
He is also the former executive director of ACCEPT, Romania's largest LGBT rights organisation. He is currently the vice-president of ACCEPT. While he was director at ACCEPT, the organisation organised the country's first LGBT pride festival, GayFest. Florin Buhuceanu is also the pastor of the Bucharest branch of the Metropolitan Community Church.

## MYRIAM DOUO



Is a corporate capture expert with Friends of the Earth Europe, an active member of ALTER EU, ALTER-EU Coalition. The Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation concerned with the increasing influence exerted by corporate lobbyists on the political agenda in Europe, the resulting loss of democracy in EU decision-making and the postponement, weakening, or blockage even, of urgently needed progress on social, environmental and consumer-protection reforms.

## BÁLINT MIKOLA



Is Project Manager at Transparency International Hungary and PhD student

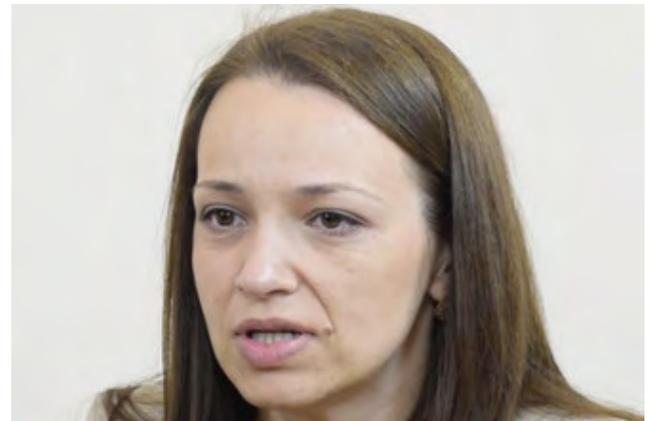
at the Central University University on Political Science and Comparative Politics. He has also been guest lecturer at the Eötvös Loránd University Teaching MA-level course on "Political Participation in the 21st Century: Social Movements, Party Transformation, and Online Activism and research assistant for the University of Glasgow for the project "Party Leadership Styles in Eastern Europe: Transactional or Transformational?"

## GRZEGORZ MAKOWSKI



Director of the Public Integrity Program at Stefan Batory Foundation (Warsaw, Poland). Holds PhD in sociology. In 2002 he graduated from Faculty of Applied Social Sciences at Warsaw University and awarded by Polish Sociological Society with the 1st Class Florian Znaniecki's prize for the best MA sociological thesis of the year. Author of books and numerous research papers and press articles. The Stefan Batory Foundation is an independent Polish foundation established in 1988. Its mission is to build an open, democratic society - a society of people aware of their rights and responsibilities, who are actively involved in public life.

## ANGELA GRAMADA



Is the President of the Experts for Security and Global Affairs Association. Experienced Researcher with a demonstrated history of working in the research industry.

Skilled in Political Science, Post-Soviet Space, Analytical Skills, European Integration, and International Relations. Strong research professional with a PhD focused in International Relations from National School for Political and Administrative Studies, in Experienced Researcher with a demonstrated history of working in the research industry. Skilled in Political Science, Post-Soviet Space, Analytical Skills, European Integration, and International Relations. Strong research professional with a PhD focused in International Relations from National School for Political and Administrative Studies.

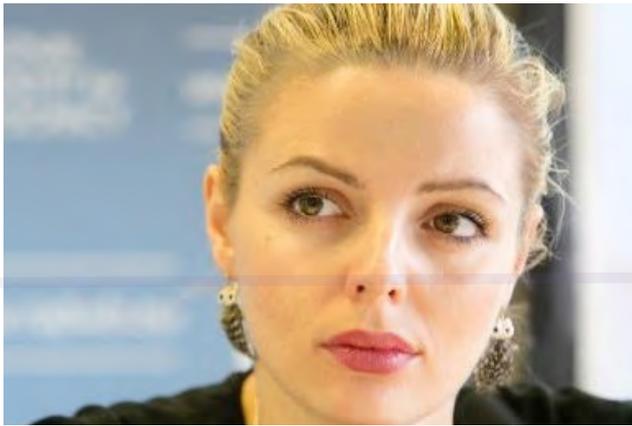
## BRIKENA XHOMAQI



Is the Director of the Lifelong Learning Platform. She has extensive experience in the area of education and youth. Previously she has been Head of Office of the European Student's Union and working as researchers for various international students services. She is passionate about project and knowledge management, civil society cooperation, education both formal and non-formal, in particular the internationalization of institutions and European Affairs.

I believe the future of Europe and society lies in education and youth.

## BILJANA SPASOVSKA



Is Policy and Advocacy Officer at Balkan Civil Society Development Network.

She is an experienced Advocacy Officer with a demonstrated history of conducting research and advocacy in the areas of democracy, rule of law and EU integration, more concretely in the area of civil society development, democratic governance, EU conditionality and pre-accession assistance.

More than 6 years in project development and coordination of international projects with NGOs, think-tanks and academia; she has also experience working in the government sector.

## FILIP PAZDESKI



Projects manager - Democracy and Civil Society Programme/Analyst at the Institute of Public Affairs in Warsaw.

A lawyer and sociologist after studies at University of Warsaw, he has also graduated from European Master's Degree Program in Human Rights and Democratization (E.MA) in Venice. Currently he is finishing his doctoral thesis at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Policy Analyst and Project Manager in the Civil Society and Democracy Program of the Institute of Public Affairs in Poland, where he works on civil society, civic education, public participation, quality of democracy and social enterprises development, being an author of numerous researches,

expert opinions and publications on these subjects. He monitored the transparency of financing of the election campaign before Polish local elections in 2014. Co-author of the Long-term policy on volunteering development in Poland prepared within Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. Since 2003 he is active in civil society building, as well as promotion of human rights and democratic standards while cooperating with several different NGOs in Poland and abroad. He is also one of the co-founders and since 2009 a president of the Association for the Podlasie Land DRUMLA.

## **IRINA BOBOC**



Is Project Manager at the Romanian Federation of Development NGOs (FOND) which is a representative and consolidated federation reuniting 33 non-governmental organisations active in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian assistance, recognised and active both nationally and internationally.

Through her previous work at Giacomo Brodolini Foundation and CEE Trust, she has developed a substantive knowledge of civil society in Central and Eastern Europe.