José António Vieira da Silva

José António Vieira da Silva is the Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of the Portuguese Republic. He holds a degree in Economics from the Instituto Superior de Economica. Since 2011, he has been a Member of the Assembly of the Republic, having been between 2011 and 2015 President of the Eventual Commission to Follow-up the Program of Financial Assistance to Portugal. He was Minister of Economy, Innovation and Development (2009-2011); Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity (2005-2009); Deputy to the Assembly of the Republic (2002-2005), Head of the Parliamentary Committee of Work and Social Security (2004-2005); Secretary of State for Social Security (1999-2001); Secretary of State for Public Works (2001-2002).

Olga Algayerova

Olga Algayerova is the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission. She is currently Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (since 2012). She was previously President, Slovak Millennium Development Goals (2010-2012); State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2010) and Corporate Export Manager, Zentiva International, a.s. (2004-2006). Born in 1959, Ms. Algayerova holds a Master in Contemporary Diplomacy from Malta University, a Master in Business Administration from The Open University Business School, United Kingdom and a Dipl. in Engineer of Economy from the University of Economics Business Faculty, Bratislava.
Adalberto Campos da Silva is the Minister of Health of the Portuguese Republic. He holds a Doctorate in Health Administration from the University of Lisbon, a Master’s Degree in Public Health, the Administration of Health Services, from the Universidade Nova de Lisboa, and a PhD in Medicine from the University of Lisbon. He has held top management responsibilities in several entities and institutions in the health sector. He is a member of the Foundation for the National Health Service; the National Health Service Foundation; the General Council of the Portuguese Association for Hospital Development; the National Academy of Medicine of Portugal; the General Council of the University of Évora; the Board of Directors of the College of Health Care Management Competency of the Medical Association.

Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa is the President of the Portuguese Republic since 9 March 2016. He holds a PhD in Legal and Political Sciences. He has been an ex officio member of several bodies, such as the University Senate, and a member of the panel of judges for the University of Lisbon Award. He has been Secretary of State for the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, and a member of the Council of State (2000-2001 and 2006-2016). He has been President of the Municipal Assembly of Cascais, local councillor and leader of the opposition in the Town Hall of Lisbon and President of the Municipal Assembly of Celorico de Basto. He was one of the founders of the People’s Democratic Party, later the Social Democratic Party, and was party leader from 1996 to 1999. He has been Vice-President of the European People’s Party, of which the Social Democratic Party is a member.

Rosita Kornfeld-Matte is the Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons, appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council. Her role is to assess the implementation of existing international instruments with regard to older persons, including best practices and implementation gaps. She is a Social Gerontologist, has a long career as an academic, and is presently the Executive Director of the Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Rosita served as the National Director of the Chilean National Service of Ageing where she designed and implemented the National Policy of Ageing.
Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich

Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich is the chief of Population Unit of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and is responsible for the UNECE work in the area of population ageing and intergenerational relations. She coordinates activities of the UNECE Working Group on Ageing and oversees the organization of the reviews of national policies and strategies in implementing the Madrid International Plan of Actions on Ageing in the UNECE region, capacity development and publication of policy briefs in the area of population ageing. She also acts as the UNECE coordinator for the Generations and Gender programme. In addition, she leads UNECE activities related to the review of implementation of the Programme of Action of International Conference on Population and Development. Ms. Gaucaite Wittich has a doctoral degree in Social sciences and before joining UNECE was an Associate Professor of Economics at Vilnius University in Lithuania.

Heinz Werner Koller

Heinz Werner Koller is the Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia at the Assistant Director-General level, based in Geneva. Heinz Koller’s responsibilities cover relations with the tripartite constituents from 51 ILO Member States in the EU/European Economic Area, Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and the Community of Independent States (CIS), Israel and Turkey, as well as relations with the European institutions. Mr Koller is in charge of supporting the ratification and implementation of International Labour and Social Standards, in particular the ILO Core Conventions on Fundamental Principles and Rights at work, as well as the promotion of the ILO Decent Work Agenda, specifically through technical cooperation projects with the ILO constituents. Mr Koller studied law at the Universities of Regensburg and Augsburg, specializing in European and Economic law.
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Sarah Harper

Sarah Harper is a Professor of Gerontology at the University of Oxford and Co-Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, which she founded in 1997 with funding from the NIA. Sarah was appointed in 2014 to the Prime Minister’s Council for Science and Technology, which advises the Prime Minister on the scientific evidence for strategic policies and frameworks. She chaired the UK government’s Foresight Review on Ageing Populations, and the European Ageing Index Panel for the UNECE Population Unit. She is a Governor of the Pensions Policy Institute. Sarah was the first holder of the International Chair in Old Age Financial Security at the University of Malaya (2009/10) and her research was recognized by the 2011 Royal Society for Public Health: Arts and Health Research Award. She is a Fellow of the Royal Anthropology Institute and of the Royal Society of Arts.

Elke Ferner

Elke Ferner, born 1958 in Germany, is a member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) and has been Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth since 2013. Since 1990, she has been a member of the German Parliament and has served in several leading political positions, among them: State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Transport (1998-2000), Deputy Chairwoman of the SPD-Parliamentary Group (2005-2013), responsible for social & health care issues. Gender equality issues have also always been her political focus. Since 2004, she has been the President of the Association of Social Democratic Women (ASF). In 2015, she was elected as a member of the Bureau of PES Women Europe. Elke Ferner was trained as a software engineer.

Ekaterina Antipova

Ekaterina Antipova is Full Professor, Head of Economic and Social Department of the Faculty of Geography, Belarusian State University (Minsk). Her academic work focuses on the Population geography, problems of world population. Main scientific interests are Regional demographic models of the world, Economic and geographic assessment of the regional demographic development, urban and rural settlement systems, GIS-mapping in Population geography etc. Supervisor of some international scientific projects (UNFPA, Visegrad Fund, etc.) in areas of the demographic situation; demographic ageing, divorce, consequences of International migration in V4 countries. Member of IUSSP, expert in population geography and demography of UNFPA in Belarus, author-developer of the National Sustainable Development Strategy of the Republic of Belarus-2020.
Ann-Kristin Boström

Ann-Kristin Boström, PhD from the Institute of International Education, Stockholm, in International and comparative education is an affiliated researcher in Encell, at the School of Education at Jönköping University. Her research interests are the theory, concepts and contexts of lifelong learning and intergenerational learning as well as how this can be explained using the concepts of social capital, well-being and quality in life. She has a broad international network within this area and is a board member of the Journal of Intergenerational Relationship. Parallel with her research she has been working as Director of Education for the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research and as a special advisor for the Government offices in Sweden. She has been representing Sweden in the European Council, within OECD and the EU.

Josh Collett

Josh Collett leads international activity at AARP, the 38 million-member non-profit organization that represents people age 50 and over. He is focused on engaging global stakeholders on the transformative issue of demographic change and on promoting the international exchange of best practices on aging related issues. Josh also serves as Editor-in-Chief of The Journal, AARP’s award winning international policy publication. Prior to joining AARP, Josh worked at the Embassy of Australia in Washington, the Council of the Americas, the United States Senate and CBS News. Originally from New York, Josh is a graduate of Haverford College in Pennsylvania and holds a Master of Public Affairs Degree from The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

Gulnara Minnigaleeva

Gulnara Minnigaleeva received her PhD in Education in 2004 with the dissertation on “Social and pedagogical work for older persons in governmental organizations in Russia”. In 2006, during her internship at the Ageing and Life-Course Department in World Health Organization’s headquarters in Geneva she became involved in the WHO Global Age-Friendly Cities Project. Later she took the leadership of the project in her hometown in Russia and used its recommendations to create an Organization of Retired Persons titled “Wisdom Ripening” as a nonprofit nongovernmental organization, and develop the Republic of Bashkortostan’s Age-Friendly Cities Regional Programme. She is also working as an associate professor at National State Research University Higher School of Economics where she is actively promoting age-friendly policies and research.
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Stefano Scarpetta

Stefano Scarpetta is Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the OECD since 2013. As director of ELS, he is responsible for the design and the implementation of the medium-term strategy of the Organisation on labour market and social policy issues as well as international migration and health issues. He represents the OECD in High-Level fora and academic conferences; liaises with key senior stakeholders and provides effective communication with the media. As a member of the Senior Management team of the Organisation, he also contributes to support and advance the strategic orientations of the OECD. Mr. Scarpetta holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales (EHESS), Département et Laboratoire d’Economie Théorique Appliquée (DELTa) in Paris and a Master of Science in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Bjorn Einar Halvorsen

Bjorn Einar Halvorsen works as a special advisor for the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (2005-2017). His main responsibility cover Labour market inclusion policies, especially for vulnerable groups: Youth, Immigrants, Disabled, Elderly people. He was previously Director General of the Ministry of Health and Social Affair and Ministry of Finance (1991-2004); Responsible for Social Insurance Policies and Systems in Norway; Head of secretariat for the Parliamentary Commission on Pension Reform in Norway; Director for Statistics and Analysis at the Norwegian Social Insurance Administration; Deputy Director on Social Policy and Social Insurance at the Ministry of Social Affairs; Researcher at the Norwegian Social Research Institute; Economic Analyst on Health and Social Policies at the Ministry of Health.

Boris Majcen

Boris Majcen is a Senior Researcher and Director of the Institute for Economic Research (IER), holds a PhD in economics. He has extensive experience in macroeconomic modelling and micro-simulation models. His recent research activities are focused on the economic effects of ageing and a long-term sustainability of public finances. As a member of Government group, he actively participated in preparation of the last pension reform, the White book on pension system, the expert bases and the Strategy of active and Healthy Ageing. He is the Slovenian team leader for the infrastructural SHARE project, a member of the European Social Policy Network, a member of Slovenian AWG group, and a member of the Government group for the preparation of the reform of the long-term care system.
Montserrat Mir Roca

Montserrat Mir Roca was elected as ETUC Confederal Secretary at the Paris Congress in 2015. She started working as a temporary employee with the Spanish postal service Correos in 1983. She was elected as General Secretary of the CC.OO postal section in her hometown of Girona, Catalonia, in 1996 – a position she held for 10 years. From 2000 onwards, as International Secretary of CC.OO’s postal section, she was active in the sector’s European Dialogue Committee and attended meetings of the European Commission’s DG Employment and DG Internal Market. Montserrat was also a founding member of the European Social Observatory in the postal sector. She became a member of the CC.OO national executive in 2008. In 2013, the union elected Montserrat as International and Cooperation Secretary at its 10th Congress in Madrid. As a deputy member of the ITUC General Council (2013-2014), she took part in trade union delegations to the ILO, IMF and World Bank.

Nuno Biscaya

Nuno Biscaya was born in Lisbon on 29 of July of 1974 and graduated from the Universidade Católica de Lisboa. He is Deputy-Director of the Legal and Social Affairs Department of CIP – Confederation of Portuguese Business, where he follows-up the political and technical developments of social and labour issues at national, European and international level.

Jorge Figueiredo

HR Director, Delta Cafés, Portugal
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John Beard

John Beard is Director of the Department of Ageing and Life Course with the World Health Organization in Geneva. Dr Beard was a lead editor and writer for the first World report on ageing and health which was released in 2015, and his team was responsible for drafting the Global Strategy and Action Plan on Ageing and Health adopted by WHO's 194 Member States in 2016. WHO's ongoing work on ageing includes innovative and country-specific strategies to deliver integrated health and social care for older people, expanding the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities (which now includes around 500 cities in 40 countries), a global campaign to combat ageism and reframe the way we think about ageing and older age, and filling the many knowledge gaps in the field of ageing. Dr Beard is past chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Ageing and a member of their Council on the Future of Human Enhancement.

Pascal Froudière

Pascal Froudière joined the Ministry of Solidarity and Health twenty years ago, where he started working on the subject of state aid for job seekers. Interested in the fight against discrimination, he was initially invested in the professional integration of young people before working in the Unit against discrimination and harassment at work. Since joining the European and international affairs Unit at the Social Cohesion General Directorate in 2012, he has been in charge of the policies of Active Ageing, and coordinates various cooperation projects regarding Older persons human rights and social protection. He is a French delegate at both European High-level groups, on Disability (HLG-D) and Against Discrimination (HLG-AD). He is the current French representative at the UNECE working group on Ageing and one of the authors of France's national report on the implementation of the Madrid Action Plan.

Miguel Valero Duboy

Miguel A. Valero, PhD in Telecommunications Engineering (2001) is the Director of Ceapat, Imserso, since 2014. He became an Associate Professor on Telematics at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid in 2003, Deputy Director of Research and Doctorate (2004/08), and is a Visiting Professor at Mälardalen University in Sweden. He has worked in 35 European and national R&D projects aimed to design and deploy health telematics, e-accessibility, home telecare and m-health systems for children and elderly. He is the author of 3 books, 11 book chapters, 14 journal papers, and over 90 conference publications. He has received 6 scientific awards: COIT 2002, CERMI PRODIS 2008, Konecta 2009, Red Cross Society Manos Solidarias 2011, Pilares Foundation for Personal Autonomy 2016 and Dales la Palabra 2017.
Tine Rostgaard

Tine Rostgaard is Full Professor at the Danish Center for applied social science. She holds a PhD in Social Policy Studies from Southern Danish University in Denmark. She specializes in national and international policy analysis and evaluation of welfare and social care for children and older people. She is the co-editor of Ageing and society book series at Frydenlund publishing house; member of National research center on public-private cooperation, ‘COPS’; member of the international researcher network ‘Nordic Marketisation in Care’ (NorMaCare); member of the review panel for FORTE Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare; with Milan Polytechnic organizing the international ‘Transforming Care conference series.

José Pereira Miguel

José Pereira Miguel is a medical doctor and Full Professor of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon in Portugal. He is the head of the Institute of Preventive Medicine and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon (1995-2017); Director of the Master Course on Epidemiology (2006-2017), head of the PhD Program on Environmental Health (2014-2017). He served high-level positions in the health sector. He was the President of the Instituto Nacional de Saúde Doutor Ricardo Jorge – National Public Health Institute (2006-2014); Coordinator of the Inter-ministerial WG on Active and Healthy Ageing (2016+). He is a member of WHO European Advisory Committee on Health Research (2011+); Head of the Research Institute of Environmental Health (ISAMB), Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon (2013-2017).

Natasa Todorovic

Natasa Todorovic was born in 1968 in Serbia. She has a BA in Psychology and got a MPH degree at the Belgrade University Faculty of Medicine. She is a Health and Care Programme Manager in the Red Cross of Serbia. She has been very active in advocacy for improved quality of life of older people through research and closely following policies relevant for older people at global, regional and national level. She is one of the founders of HumanaS network and a Serbian co-representative in the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA). She is a Vice president of the Gerontological Society of Serbia and was a member of the Government of Serbia’s Council of Aging from 2006 to 2013. She is a co-author of multiple papers and publications mainly dealing with issues around elder abuse and human rights of older people.
Alexandre Sidorenko is an expert on national and international policy on ageing, focusing on the Central European, Eastern European and Central Asian countries. For more than twenty years, he served as the Head of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (Vienna – New York, 1988-2009). Within the UN, he coordinated substantive preparations of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, including drafting the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing; and global follow-up to the first World Assembly on Ageing and the Second World Assembly on Ageing.
HIGH LEVEL PLENARY SESSION, Friday, 22 September 2017

António Guterres

António Guterres, the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, took office on 1st January 2017. Prior to his appointment as Secretary-General, Mr. Guterres served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from June 2005 to December 2015. Before joining UNHCR, Mr. Guterres spent more than 20 years in government and public service. He served as prime minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, during which time he was heavily involved in the international effort to resolve the crisis in East Timor. As president of the European Council in early 2000, he led the adoption of the Lisbon Agenda for growth and jobs, and co-chaired the first European Union-Africa summit. He was a member of the Portuguese Council of State from 1991 to 2002. Mr. Guterres was elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1976 where he served as a member for 17 years. Mr. Guterres was born in Lisbon in 1949 and graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering.

Erika Winkler

HIGH LEVEL PANEL, Friday, 22 September 2017

Monica Ferro

Monica Ferro is the Director of the Geneva Office of UNFPA since April 2017. Before joining the UNFPA, she was an International Relations Lecturer at ISCSP (University of Lisbon), an associate researcher of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies on Gender, TV Commentator and Keynote speaker on Human Rights and United Nations. Founder and member of several NGOs; she has been an advocate for women’s rights, gender equality and sexual reproductive health and rights.
She was member of the Portuguese Parliament (2011-2015), coordinator of the Portuguese Parliamentarian Group on Population and Development, and vice-chair of the European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development. In 2015, she was Secretary of State for National Defense.

Jānis Reirs

Jānis Reirs is the Minister for Welfare of the Republic of Latvia since 11 February 2016. Previously, he served as the Minister for Finance (2014-2016); Member of the 10th and 11th Parliament (Saeima) of the Republic of Latvia, Chairperson of the Saeima Budget and Finance (Taxation) Commission (2010-2014); Head of the Control Committee in the Nordic Investment Bank (Since 2014); Deputy Head of the Control Committee in the Nordic Investment Bank (2013-2014); Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia (2010); Minister for Special Assignments of the Republic of Latvia – Electronic Government Affairs (2004-2006); Member of the 8th Saeima of the Republic of Latvia, the standing commissions – Public Expenditure and Audit Commission, State Administration and Municipal Committee (2002-2006).

Christl Kvam

Ms. Christl Kvam is state secretary in the Norwegian ministry of labour and social affairs. Among her main responsibilities are The Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority, The Petroleum Safety Authority of Norway, The National Research Institute on working environment and health (STAMI), The Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration (NAV), and various other areas / departments.
Born: 1962. Married, three children
Board positions: Deputy board member, Statens Lånekasse (Norwegian State Educational Loan Fund) ; Board member/deputy chair, NIFU (Nordic Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education) 2014–
Gregory R. Shaw

Greg Shaw is the Director of International and Corporate Relations for the International Federation on Ageing. Prior to joining the IFA, he held senior management positions within the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, working with residential and community aged care programs in Western Australia. His long career with the Australian government included management of the Compliance, Complaint, and Accountability section of the Department, and management of quality of care and certification programs in residential and community care services. Since joining the IFA in 2003, he has had responsibility for the development of the Building Capacity in Health Care Programs in Africa, worked closely with the South African Human Rights Commission to establish an older person’s forum in that country and in 2010 worked with the Government of Mauritius on the establishment of an Observatory on Ageing.

Ebbe Johansen

Ebbe Johansen, M.Sc. Eng. and Harvard Business School. Lives in Denmark and had a career in IBM. Before this he was in Zanzibar for two years for DANIDA (Ministry of foreign affairs), establishing a new engineering education at Mbweni technical college. Since retirement, he is engaged in voluntary civil society work with DaneAge, and serves as Vice President. He represented DaneAge in AGE Platform Europe, and was elected President of AGE in June 2017.

Luis Alvarado Martinez

Luis Alvarado Martinez became president of the European Youth Forum on January 1st 2007. He holds a Master in European Political & Public Administration Studies by the College of Europe in Bruges and undergoes Executive Education at the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE). Luis has developed most of his volunteer and professional youth work career in AEGEE-Europe/European Students’ Forum. He has worked closely in youth areas with the UN system, OSCE, European Parliament, the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the Council of Europe. He has been a Member of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe and has sat in different boards for different Civil Society Organizations.
Dirk Jarré

Dirk Jarré, born 1941 in Frankfurt/Main studied law and sociology. He was head of international department of the “German Association for Public and Private Welfare”, Frankfurt/Berlin (1979-2002); Former President of the International Council on Social Welfare, ICSW, and of the Liaison Committee of NGOs in consultative status with the Council of Europe. Former vice-president of the Platform of European NGOs of the Social Sector - Social Platform - Brussels. He also served as vice-chair of the Task Force “Monitoring the Regional Implementation Strategy on Ageing” of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and is presently civil society member of the bureau of the governmental Working Group on Ageing. He is currently the International Cooperation Officer of the European Federation of Older Persons, EURAG.

Kai Leichsenring

Kai Leichsenring is Executive Director at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna. He studied Political Sciences (Social Policy) at the University of Vienna and specialised in comparative and applied social research and policy consultancy with a focus on ageing, health and long-term care, and related issues such as governance and financing, quality management, user involvement and informal care. Apart from coordinating many national and European R&D projects, he collaborated with various regional and national governments, and international agencies (UNECE, OECD, WHO, Worldbank). He published numerous reports and edited a number of books, e.g. Long-term care in Europe – Improving policy and practice (ed. with J. Billings & H. Nies), Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.
MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE I, Friday, 22 September 2017

Marianne Thyssen

Marianne Thyssen is Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility. Her portfolio includes overseeing European Union policy on employment, social affairs, vocational training, skills, labour market reforms and social inclusion, including workplace equality legislation. She is also responsible for the statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat). She studied Law at the Catholic University of Leuven where she had her first job at the Law Faculty. She served as a Member of the European Parliament (1991-2014) and as Vice-Chair of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee. Marianne Thyssen was also the party leader of the Flemish Christian-Democratic Party (CD&V) and the First Vice-President of the EPP Group in the European Parliament. She was elected Vice-President of the European People’s Party in October 2015.

Stela Grigoras

Stela Grigoras is the Minister of Health, Labour and Social Protection for the Republic of Moldova. She is a medical doctor by profession – she graduated from the Moldovan State University of Medicine and Pharmacy “N. Testemiteanu”, paediatrics department (1985-1991). She has undertaken postgraduate trainings in infantile genecology (Chisinau, 1991-1993) and IVF (Tel-Aviv, Israel, 1998) and holds a PhD degree in sociology since 2004. Ms. Grigoras worked for 18 years in the civil society sector. She also served as the CEO of the Partnerships for Every Child in Moldova, designing and implementing large-scale reform projects in childcare and child protection, social protection and inclusive education. Since 2001, she has also been in different roles with the International Foster Care Organisation, as member of the Board, Vice-president, President of IFCO.

Martin Klöti

Martin Klöti is Minister for Social Affairs of the Canton of St. Gallen. He chairs the conference of cantonal ministers of social affairs. A primary teacher by profession, he has been successively a farmer, a teacher and an entrepreneur. He then trained as a landscape architect. Member of the radical-liberal party (FDP, center-right), he was successively vice-president of the city of Rapperswil, mayor of the city of Arbon and a parliamentarian in the canton of Thurgau. He has been a member of the St. Gallen government since 2012, as head of the Interior Department. He chaired the cantonal government in 2016/2017.
Grigoriy Grigoryevich Lekarev

Grigory Grigoryevich Lekarev is the Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Russian Federation. He graduated as a medical doctor from the Samara State Medical University. In 2000, he graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, in the field of “international relations”. Mr Lekarev has held top positions in the business sector from 2001 to 2008 prior to joining the government. He served as Assistant to the Federal Minister, Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation (2008-2009); Director of the Department for the Disabled at the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation (2009-2012); Director of the Department for the Disabled at the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Russian Federation (2012-2015).

Edeltraud Glettler

Edeltraud Glettler is the Director General for European, International and Social Policy Issues at the Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection in Austria. Her responsibilities include senior citizens and intergenerational relations, active aging, human rights and means-tested minimum income. She currently chairs the bilateral working group on social policy matters between Austria and the Russian Federation. Previously she was a member of the European Union’s Committee on Social Protection; Member of the Board of the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research; Advisor to the former Minister of Social Affairs; Expert on gender equality, education and European integration matters in the Austrian Trade Union Federation and various non-governmental organisations. She has a Graduate degree in history and German studies.

Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak

Agnieszka Chlon-Dominczak is an Assistant Professor at Warsaw School of Economics and Educational Research Institute in Warsaw. At the Educational Research Institute, between 2009 and 2017 she was the project leader for National Qualifications Framework Development. Between 2009 and 2015, she led the team working on Education and Labour Market. This included involvement in quantitative surveys such as PIAAC or Determinants of Educational Decisions (national survey). She was Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Policy (2008-2009) where she headed the department of Economic Analyses and Forecasting; Vice president of Social Protection Committee of the European Council and chair of the Working Party on Social Policy of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Committee of the OECD; Member of the pension reform team in Poland that prepared the changes implemented in 1999.
Jim Daly

Jim Daly is Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People, Ireland. He is a TD representing the Cork South-West Constituency. Jim has been a member of a number of Oireachtas Committees, including Business; Children and Youth Affairs (Chair); Education and Skills; and Procedure (Dáil). He entered politics having been first elected to Cork County Council in 2004 and was re-elected in 2009, topping the poll in the Skibbereen electoral area. He was also elected Mayor of County Cork in 2010.
A qualified primary school teacher, Jim was principal of the Gaelscoil in Skibbereen from 2002 to 2005 and has a particular interest in special needs education.

Artem Asatryan

Artem Asatryan is the Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. He has a degree on state governance and local self-governance, and a PhD degree on economy and management of industry from Yerevan Institute of Economic Researches. In 1998 headed the RA Pension and Employment Fund, afterwards (1998-2006) headed the MLSA Social Insurance and Pension Security Department. In 2006-2007 - Director of the RA Institute of Labour and Social Researches. From 2007 to 2012 the RA Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. As of 16 June 2012 – the RA Minister of Labour and Social Affairs. Mr. Asatryan is the author of numerous scientific and research papers. For effective work in Armenia’s public system, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Ananta Shirakatsi.

Céline FREMAULT

Céline Fremault is a Belgian politician from Brussels, a member of the Democratic Humanist Center and mother of four children.
A lawyer by training, she has been teaching constitutional law since 2001.
In 2004, Céline Fremault was elected to the Brussels Parliament. She became head of the Democratic Humanist Centre (cdH) group in 2009.
In 2012, she was appointed Councillor for Families, Health and Equal Opportunities in her commune of Uccle. On 8 March 2013 she took the oath as Brussels Minister for the Economy, Employment, Trade and Health. Very committed to issues related to equality between men and women, Céline Fremault is also the author of “Equals? Pitfalls and Successes of Gender Equality”, published in 2011.
In July 2014, she became Minister of Housing, Environment, Energy, Quality of Life, Families, Assistance to Persons and Persons with Disabilities, and works on a daily basis to improve the quality of life of the elderly in the Brussels Region.
Olga Krentovska

Olga Krentovska is the First Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine. She did her postgraduate studies and doctoral studies in the National Academy of Public Administration, where she conducted scientific and research work at the Department of Social and Humanitarian Policy. In 2006, she received a Candidate Degree in Public Administration. She began career in 1999 at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, where she worked until 2001 at various positions. She worked as a consultant of the project “Improvement of the social assistance system in Ukraine” implemented by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy with the assistance of the World Bank (2005-2006); Head of the Department of Veterans and the Senior Affairs of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (2006-2008); Department of Strategic Planning and Analysis of the Ministry of Social Policy (2011-2016).

Giovanni Lamura

Giovanni Lamura leads the Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing at INRCA (Italy’s National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing). He graduated in economics, achieved a PhD in “Life course and social policy” at the University of Bremen (Germany), and was visiting fellow at the University of Hamburg-Eppendorf (Germany) in 2006-2007 and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy & Research in Vienna (Austria) in 2010-2011. His research interests are focused on international research on family & long-term care; migrant care work; prevention of elder abuse; ICT-based support for informal carers; intergenerational solidarity; interdisciplinary research on ageing.

Andreas Ignatiou

Ambassador of Cyprus in Portugal.