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**Karina
ANGELIEVA**

***Bulgaria
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Ministry of
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Karina Angelieva is Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria.

Ms. Angelieva is a former Counsellor, Head of Sector Education and Research at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to the EU. She holds Master degrees in European integration and in Contemporary History from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. Previous positions held include Director-General of Structural Funds and International Educational Programmes at the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science and Director of the Joint Innovation Centre at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (JIC – BAS). Ms. Angelieva is a founder of the Club of Young Scientists in Bulgaria and has been in charge of the coordination of the National Contact Points network for the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for 10 years.

Karina Angelieva has thorough expertise in the field of research and innovation, including coordination, preparation and management of projects for deployment of new applications and services in the field of technology transfer, inter-sectoral partnership “industry-academy” and others. As a former director of the JIC at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, she led the innovation policy of the Academy and contributed to the establishment of an effective cooperation between academia and the industrial sector.

**Tome
ANTIČIĆ**

***Croatia
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Ministry of
Science and
Education***

Dr. Tome Antičić became State Secretary for Science and EU Funds at the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education in 2017. His main tasks are to reform the structural funds system in Croatia concerning science, and to implement new science bylaws that emphasise excellence, project success, mobility, and a much closer interaction between science and high-tech industry.

Before his post at the Ministry, Dr. Tome Anticic was the director of the Rudjer Boskovic Institute (RBI), the most prestigious and the largest research institute in Croatia in basic sciences, with 850 employees. He introduced an emphasis on transforming RBI into a much more competitive scientific institution. As a result, RBI, with 5% of Croatian scientists, now has 50% of Croatian Horizon 2020 projects.

Dr. Tome Anticic was also active in numerous Horizon 2020 initiatives and projects. In particular, he was the Coordinator of the FP7 project "Upgraded Facility for Development of Silicon and Diamond Particle Detector Systems", and is the co-author of the recently started Horizon 2020 ERA Chair project "Expanding Potential in Particle and Radiation Detectors, Sensors and Electronics in Croatia" - the largest European physics project in Croatia. Furthermore, he is the Croatian delegate to the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI), and recently became the Croatian representative to the ESFRI Physical Sciences and Engineering Working Group. Dr. Anticic is an experimental particle physicist who spent his career at CERN, receiving his Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1997, his Master's degree from Cambridge University, and his B.Sc. from the University of London.

**Jean-Eric
PAQUET**

***European
Commission,
DG Research and
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Jean-Eric Paquet is Director-General of DG Research & Innovation at the European Commission. He has been working as the Director-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) since April 2018.

Mr Paquet started working with the European Commission in 1993 and since then has worked in various areas throughout the Commission.

From 2002 until 2004 he was the Deputy Head of Cabinet of former Commissioner for Research,

Philippe Busquin. From 2007 until 2011 he worked as a Head of Unit within the Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE) before becoming the Director of DG MOVE's TEN-T and Smart Transport directorate.

Mr Paquet joined The Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and *Enlargement* Negotiations (DG Enlargement) in 2013. He took over the Directorate in charge of relations with Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and later added Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to his portfolio.

Before starting his current position as Director-General, Mr Paquet served as one of the three Deputy Secretaries-General of the Juncker Commission and was responsible for Better Regulation and Policy Coordination.

**Petri
PELTONEN**

***Finland
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07-12/2019),
Ministry of
Economic Affairs
and Employment***

Petri Peltonen is Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (MEAE). In this capacity he oversees the policy development and implementation in the sectors of economic growth, enterprise and innovation as well as foreign direct investments.

Prior to taking his current position in 2016, Petri Peltonen was Director General of the Enterprise and Innovation Department at MEAE and the Technology Department at the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

From 1996 to 2006, he worked at the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation (Tekes), most recently as Executive Director and member of the management team. From 1987 until 1996, he held several technology development positions at the European Space Agency (ESA) in the Netherlands and in electronics industry in Finland.

Within his duties, Petri Peltonen takes part in several national and European functions such as the boards of the Business Finland organisation and the Nordic Investment Bank. He also acts as the European Commission's SME Envoy for Finland.

Petri Peltonen (b. 1962) has M.Sc. and Lic.Tech. degrees from Tampere University of Technology. He is an invited member of the Finnish Academy of Technical Sciences.

**Ciprian
PREDA**

***Romania
(Presidency
01-06/2019),
Ministry of
Research and
Innovation***

Ciprian Preda is Secretary of State at the Ministry of Research and Innovation of the Romanian Government.

Ciprian Preda is a researcher and academic professor in mathematics. He started his academic career at West University of Timisoara in 1998. After he got his Ph.D. in Mathematics, he started to work as a researcher for NASA-UCLA Flight Systems Research Center in U.S., California. In a short while he also became an academic professor at the well-known University of California at Los Angeles, UCLA. Highly appreciated by his students, he was nominated three times in the Top Ten UCLA Professors, and he received the Robert Sorgensfrey Teaching award in 2006.

In 2011 he moved to the East Coast as an associate professor at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He returned recently to Romania to his home-town to the West University of Timisoara. His research work has resulted in the publication of over 60 articles in highly prestigious ISI Thomson indexed journals and the participation in several research grants.

Mr. Preda is one of the leading experts in the admissibility and exponential dichotomy of (non)autonomous differential systems.

From March 2017 he has been Advisor for the Prime Minister of Romania, and since June 2017 he is State Secretary (Deputy Minister) at the Ministry of Research and Innovation.

**Indrek
REIMAND**

***Estonia
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07-12/2017),
Ministry of
Education and
Research***

Indrek Reimand is Deputy Secretary General for higher education, research and language policy at the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research.

Indrek Reimand, born 1964, received a PhD in Optics and Spectroscopy from the University of Tartu, Estonia, in 2000.

Dr. Reimand was appointed to his current position of Deputy Secretary General for Higher Education and Research, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, in 2012. Prior to this, he was head of the Research Policy Department (2004-2012) in the ministry, a position he moved to from the Estonian Information Technology Foundation where he was a member of Executive Board. Dr. Reimand is currently also chairman of the board of the Estonian Research Council, the main research financing organisation in Estonia, and member of the board of the Archimedes

**Marlene
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Foundation, which coordinates and implements international and national programmes in the field of training, education and research.

Dr. Reimand's earlier career was with the Estonian Academy of Sciences which he joined in 1989 as a Junior Research Associate at the Institute of Physics, Estonia. He was a visiting researcher at Hamburg University. He was also a system analyst at IT company Aprate (1998-1999), and the founder, owner and CEO of a spin-off company, Maico Metrics (1992-2005).

Dr. Reimand has been Estonian delegate on numerous committees, amongst others the OECD CSTP, CREST, ERAC, ESFRI, and e-IRG.

Marlene Schoder-Kienbeck is Research Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU since August 2014.

With Austria currently holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU, Marlene Schoder-Kienbeck is chairing the Working Party on Research and hence leads the negotiations on the next Research Framework Programme Horizon Europe.

Prior to her current position at the Permanent Representation, from 2010, she worked at the Department of EU and OECD Research Policy of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBWF), where she was responsible for the Research Council Working Group and for preparing the meetings of the Research Ministers within the Competitiveness Council.

From 2008 to 2010, Marlene Schoder-Kienbeck was a member of the PROVISO project, a monitoring project for Austrian participation in the 7th EU Research Framework Programme.

Marlene Schoder-Kienbeck holds a degree in political science and English studies from the University of Vienna.