

BIOGRAPHIES OF PARTICIPANTS

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Milica Delević is Serbia's Assistant Foreign Minister, in charge of European Integration. In 2003 she was head of the EU Integration Office for Serbia and Montenegro. She also teaches at Belgrade University. After the political changes after the fall of Milosević in October 2000, she became Deputy Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Belgrade. She had previously worked for an alternative education network. In 1996, she worked for the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights. She also was a teaching assistant in International Relations at Belgrade Law School. While a student Milica Delević worked at Radio B92 for several years after its launch in 1989. She studied at the University of Kent in Canterbury in 1999 and undertook European Studies at the Central European University in Prague in 1994. She began her studies in economics at the University of Belgrade in 1988.

Gordana Djurović is Montenegro's Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration. She was the head of the negotiating team for negotiations on the Stabilization and Association Process, which was successfully completed with the signing of the agreement (SAA) on 15 October 2007. In the previous Government she was the Minister for International Economic Relations from February 2004 to October 2006. She is a Professor at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, where she teaches economic development, international economic relations and regional economics. She is also the head of post-graduate studies in European economic integration. Gordana Djurović is the author of more than fifty articles and a number of academic papers on economic development and European integration. Gordana Djurović obtained her Masters degree in 1991 at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, and in 1994 she obtained her PhD in the field of economic development planning in transition at the same Faculty.

Edmond Haxhinasto is Head of the National Committee of the Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI) in Tirana. He was one of the founders of the LSI and its International Secretary from 2004 to 2007. In February 2004, he co-founded the Institute for Peace, Development and Integration; he is currently the Executive Director. From 2000 to 2001 he worked as Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister, and he was later Permanent Chargé d'Affaires of Albania to Belgrade. From August 2002 to September 2003, Edmond Haxhinasto was Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 2003-2004, he was Advisor to former Prime Minister Ilir Meta in his position as member of the International Commission on the Balkans. From 1997-1998, Edmond Haxhinasto worked in the Prime Minister's Office. During the Kosovo crisis in 1999, he was the government representative in the Emergency Management Group. From 1993 till 1997 he worked in the private sector, and

completed an MBA at the International Executive Development Centre in Slovenia. In 1999-2000, he completed a Masters Degree in Public Policy, at the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, University of Princeton. He has a degree in English from the Faculty of History and Philology at the University of Tirana in 1989.

Arben Kashahu has been Secretary General of the Ministry of European Integration in Tirana since February 2006. He was Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of European Integration, from 2005 to 2006. Previously, he was a Senior Legal Advisor of the Foundation for Local Autonomy and Governance. He also worked as a private Attorney, providing legal expertise for many national and international agencies, private companies and individual clients. He is a Lecturer in the Faculties of Law at the private University Kristal and at the private European University of Tirana. He was awarded a M.A. in Governance and Politics of European Integration by the University of Bologna in 2003. Arben Kashahu was licensed as an Advocate by the Bar Association of Albania in May 2000. He was awarded his B.A. by the Jurisprudence Faculty, University of Tirana in 1999.

Joško Klisović is Secretary of the Croatian Negotiating Team for the negotiations on the accession of Croatia to the European Union, and Acting Director of the Directorate for Information and Education at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. He was Deputy Head of Croatia's NATO Mission in Brussels from 2004-2006. His previous jobs include: Head of the Political Analysis and Planning Department, Head of the Personnel Department, and Head of the Department for the UN and Human Rights. He was Counsellor at Croatia's UN Mission, from 1997-2001. Joško Klisović was head of the Task Force for coordinating Croatia's campaign for a non-permanent seat in the UN Security Council, and was Croatia's contact point on counter-terrorism for the UN Security Council. Joško Klisović carried out postgraduate studies in International Law at the School of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1999, from where he was also awarded a Bachelor of Law in 1992. He has a Master's Degree in International Relations at the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies in Malta.

Maja Kostić-Mandić is a member of the Montenegrin Parliament and the Director of the International Co-operation Department of the PZP, the Movement for Changes, the pro-reform opposition party in Montenegro led by Nebojša Medojević. Maja Kostić-Mandić is also a Law Professor at the University of Podgorica, where she lectures environmental and international law. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Belgrade and attended specialisation courses in Lausanne, London, Osaka and Budapest.

Nada Mihailović has been Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration of Montenegro since May 2007. She is responsible for co-ordination and preparation of the work on the EU action plan, for implementation of the programme for the fight against corruption and organised crime, and for co-operation with EU institutions and EU Members States. From 2004 to 2007 Nada Mihailović was Deputy Minister for International Economic Relations when she worked on the preparation of the export promotion and investment promotion strategies of Montenegro. Previously, she worked in the National Tourism Organisation of Montenegro from 1996 to 2003 as Product and Marketing Manager for the German, Austrian Czech, Slovak and Slovenian markets. Nada Mihailović has a degree from the International Economic Law Department at the University of Montenegro.

Tanja Mišćević is Director of the Serbian European Integration Office in Belgrade. Since 2001, she has also been the Director of the Department of European Studies of the G17 Institute in Belgrade. She initiated and organised the first programmes for training of civil servants on the functioning of the EU – the ABC of the European Union. Tanja Mišćević has

also lectured widely; as a Visiting Professor at the University of Bonn, at the Centre for European Integration, at the Diplomatic Academy of the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Montenegro in Podgorica. She also teaches EU Accession Policy at the Postgraduate Studies Centre at the Faculty of Political Sciences (FPS) in Belgrade, where she was also awarded her Ph.D.

Hedvig Morvai-Horvat is the Director of the newly established European Fund for the Balkans. It is an initiative of a number of European Foundations including the Robert Bosch Stiftung, the King Baudouin Foundation, the Compagnia di San Paolo and the ERSTE Foundation. The Fund is designed to help European foundations to become more actively involved in South East Europe and to prepare the countries of the region for their future in the EU. Previously, Hedvig Morvai-Horvat was the Director of the Citizen's Pact for South East Europe, a network of NGOs and municipalities throughout the region, aiming to contribute to the development of civil society and stability, in particular through the strengthening of cross-border co-operation and of partnerships between local government bodies and non-governmental organisations.

Aleksandar Pejović leads the EU Directorate of the Montenegrin Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He joined the Ministry in 2000, served as Counsellor in the Multilateral Department, in the Montenegrin Representation Mission in Slovenia and in the Bilateral Department (Western Europe). He also served as Head of the UN Unit and the Regional Initiatives Unit in the Multilateral Department. Aleksandar Pejović holds an MA in Political Science and Public Administration from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Neven Pelicarić is Assistant Minister at the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. He was previously Political Director – Division for Europe and the European Union, and from 2005-2006 he served as Ambassador-at-large. He was head of the Department for EU (Political) from 2004-2005. Ambassador Pelicarić is the head of the Working Group for Chapter XXXI on “Common Foreign, and Security Policy” as part of the EU accession process. He is co-editor of the book *Security Sector Reform in South East Europe – from a Necessary Remedy to a Global Concept*.

Zhana Popovska-Bozhinovska is a senior foreign affairs journalist at the daily *Dnevnik*, the most prominent and influential newspaper in Macedonia. She specializes in EU affairs, and is editor of the paper's weekly EU page, covering all the issues relating to Macedonia's EU integration. She covers the NATO-Macedonia agenda, and she also was heavily involved in reporting the Kosovo crisis in 1999, and the 2001 crisis in Macedonia. Zhana Popovska-Bozhinovska also travels extensively to report from NATO and EU Summits, and to cover international visits by Macedonian Government leaders. She worked from 1991-2000 at *Nova Makedonija*, at that time the biggest selling newspaper in Macedonia, in the Foreign Affairs Department. She has a degree in economics from the University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje.

Darija Ramljak is Assistant Director at the Directorate for European Integration at the BiH Council of Ministers and Head of the Department for Integration Strategy. She is also a member of the negotiating team for the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

Agnesa Rusi is Director of the EU Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje. She has been head of the negotiation team on visa *facilitation* with the EU and currently is Deputy Chief Negotiator for visa *liberalisation* with the EU. Agnesa Rusi entered the diplomatic service in 1996. She served as Second Secretary in the Macedonian Mission to the

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Tritan Shehu is Deputy Chairman of the New Democratic Party, and Chairman of Parliamentary Commission for Social Affairs, Health and Labour. He was Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister 1996-97, and Health Minister from 1992-94. He was leader of the Democratic Party of Albania from 1995-7. Tritan Shehu is also Pro Rector of the University, Nostra Signora del Buon Consiglio in Tirana. For 20 years he has been President of the Anesthesia and Intensive Care Society of Albania. He was also appointed Chair of the Department of Anesthesia and Intensive Care at the University of Tirana where he qualified as a doctor. He has a diploma in health management from University of Saint Geovani Laterano in Rome.

Osman Topčagić is the Director of the Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia-Herzegovina. He is the most senior civil servant in charge of European integration in Sarajevo. From 2002 to 2003, Osman Topčagić was Minister-Counsellor at the Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the EU and to NATO in Brussels. He has also served as Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Kingdom.

Ana Vukadinović has been Head of the Secretariat for European Integration in Podgorica since December 2006. She is responsible for the co-ordination and supervision of the EU association and accession process, preparing the key documents, co-ordinating inter-ministry preparations for the negotiations, and monitoring the process of implementation, co-operation with EU institutions and Member States. Previously she worked as an adviser in the Foreign Ministry from 1999 to 2000, and she worked for media organisations including ZDF, BBC, Reuters and the OSCE in 1998-99. Ana Vukadinović was awarded a MSc in International Business Management by the School of Management at the University of Surrey in 2005, and a BSc in Financial and Bank Management by the Economics Faculty at the University of Montenegro in 1999.