

## BIOGRAPHIES OF PARTICIPANTS

### COMMUNICATING EUROPE SEMINAR: CZECH PERSPECTIVES ON ENLARGEMENT

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**Arta Dade** MP is Deputy Chair of the Standing Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Policy. Arta Dade served as Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2002 and as Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports from 2002 to 2004. She is also a member of the Albanian Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, and a member of the Democracy and Human Rights Committee. She is the International Secretary of the Socialist Party of Albania, which she joined in 1991, becoming a member of its Presidency in 1992. She was a University Professor, at the English Department of the Foreign Languages Faculty of Tirana University, until 1997 when she entered Parliament.

**Borjan Jovanovski** is a leading Macedonian journalist. He is editor and presenter of the TV show “Evrozoom” - “Zoom on Europe” a top-rated programme which is shown on two TV channels in Macedonia. “Evrozoom” aims to open the eyes of the Macedonian audience to the wider European scene. He has worked as a journalist at A1 TV (the first private and independent TV station in Macedonia), reporting on topics related to the stability of the region of South East Europe since 1995. Borjan Jovanovski was permanent Brussels correspondent for A1 TV from 1996 to 2000. He has also served as press adviser to the late President Boris Trajkovski. He is currently leading on the initiative to foster co-operation between top TV journalists in South East Europe on stories about European integration.

**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.

**Hristina Koneska-Beroska** is currently Acting Head of Unit for Information and Publications at the Secretariat for European Affairs of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia. She is responsible for the communication with the public with regards to EU-related issues. This includes implementation of the national communication strategy on EU accession from 2007 to 2010. In addition, Hristina Koneska-Beroska is a co-ordinator for the programme of capacity-building funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office aimed at strengthening the work of communication units within Macedonian Government ministries in providing information about the EU integration. She is currently responsible for the development of a briefing note system which should enable the administration to speak in a unified voice on EU-related issues.

Previously she worked as a Project Coordinator for IFES (International Foundation for Electoral Systems), in a USAID funded project providing technical assistance for elections. She also worked for a local non-governmental organisation Centre for Civic Initiative-Prilep.

**Srdan Majstorović** is Deputy Director of the European Integration Office of Serbia. He has also served as Head of the Department for Communications and Relations with EU institutions. In 2003/04 he attended a post-graduate course on European integration and regionalism that was organised by Karl-Franzens-University Graz, the European Academy, Bolzano and the Luxembourg European Institute for Public Administration. He is the author of numerous articles, and also a TV show, dealing with European integration issues.

**Vladimir Milić** is Deputy Director and Senior TV Editor at the independent Mreza Production group in Belgrade. He is the editor and anchor of the weekly magazine "TV Mreza", broadcasted by the Serbian public TV service, RTS. He is the author of many TV features on domestic political and social issues. He has won awards for his work in domestic and international TV festivals. Before joining Mreza, when it was founded in 1997, he was Editor of documentary programmes at NTV Studio B from March to October that year. He was editor of "No Comment" on BKTV from 1994 to 1996. He was editor and anchor of news bulletins and author of documentary programs at NTV Studio B between 1992 and 1993. He studied sociology at the Faculty of Philosophy in Belgrade from 1984 to 1990.

**Hedvig Morvai-Horvat** has been Executive Director for the European Fund for the Balkans since 2007. Prior to this, she was director of the Citizens' Pact for South Eastern Europe, a regional initiative focused on cross border and regional cooperation of local communities and NGOs in South East Europe. She began her civil activism in 1997, as a founder and vice president of the Hungarian Student Association of Vojvodina, later coordinating the Carpathian Information Exchange Network – AGORA and engaged in the EXIT festival team. In 2006 she was awarded the Winning Freedom Award by the Belgrade-based Maja Marsicevic – Tasic Foundation.

**Irena Mijanović** is Deputy Head of the Section for EU Accession in Montenegro's Secretariat for European Integration, in Podgorica. Among her duties is the co-ordination and supervision of the EU association and accession process. From 2005 until March 2007 she worked freelance in the field of communications for BearingPoint/USAID, the Deposit Protection Fund and Pirella Company. For three years, Irena Mijanović was the Public Education & Information Co-ordinator for the BearingPoint/USAID Montenegro Economic Reform Project. Irena Mijanović worked as a journalist for Radio Montenegro for two decades; between 1982 and 2002, and in 2002 she worked for the daily, Pobjeda. Irena Mijanović holds a BSc in Economics from the University of Montenegro.

**Aleksandar Pejović** is Director of the EU Directorate of the Montenegrin Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has also been a Counsellor in the Multilateral Department, where he was Head of the UN Unit and of the Regional Initiatives Unit. He also worked in the Bilateral Department (Western Europe), and in Montenegro's Mission to Slovenia. He joined the Ministry in 2000. Aleksandar Pejović has a MA in Political Science and Public Administration from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**Adnan Rondić** is the editor and presenter of a documentary programme and a special news programme at the independent TV station, NTV Hayat in Sarajevo. He has worked there since February 1992 as journalist, presenter and editor. He was the author and the host of the political talk-show Step ("Korak"), which ran for 8 years until December 2007. The programme hosted around 1,500 interviewees including senior Bosnian and foreign officials, representatives of the international community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, religious officials, and regular Bosnian citizens. From 1995 and 2000, he was the chief executive editor of the news service on NTV Hayat. In addition, he has

also been working as a reporter for Voice of America since 2001. He graduated from the Department of Classical Journalism and the Department of Business Communication at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo. Currently, he is enrolled in the post-graduate programme Diplomacy in the Contemporary World at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo.

**Goran Rotim** is a senior journalist at Croatian public TV (HTV). He was Deputy Editor in Chief of HTV News Programmes, where as a senior manager, he was responsible for 320 journalists, and more than 20 shows, from 2004 to 2007. He was also co-editor of the main news programme “Dnevnik” from 2006 to 2007. He has made documentary films; “*Hungary - a Stew for Europe,*” and “*Czech-the Process,*” and he is co-author of the film “*Austria - the Secret of the Danube Mainstream.*” From 1994/96 he was editor and anchor of daily news-magazine “Slikom na sliku,” which featured foreign TV coverage and views of Croatia. In 1991/92 he was a war reporter in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Outside television, he is Secretary General of the Atlantic business Group, where he is responsible for external and internal communications and PR since 2007. From 2000 to 2001 he was a Spokesman at the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and from 1999 to 2000 he was Consul-Counsellor at the Croatian Consulate-General in Subotica, Serbia – his town of birth.

**Agneza Rusi** is Director of the EU Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje. She is currently Deputy Chief Negotiator for visa *liberalisation* with the EU. She was Head of the negotiation team on visa *facilitation* with the EU. Agneza Rusi entered the diplomatic service in 1996. She served as Second Secretary in the Macedonian Mission to the EU in Brussels from 1999 to 2003, and as Deputy Head of the EU Department in Skopje from 2003 to 2006. She graduated at the Faculty of Economics in Skopje and holds an MA in International Politics from CERIS in Brussels.

**Monika Stafa** is a journalist and anchor-woman at the national Top TV Channel in Tirana. She works as a reporter on the weekly show “Exclusive”. She is the author of reportages and documentaries covering sensitive social, historic and cultural topics, including historical-investigative documentaries on Albanians working against deportation of the Jewish community during the Second World War. Her documentaries also cover contemporary psychological issues arising during the transition period, and questions of spiritual development of life in Albania today. Monika Stafa is also an advisor at the Institute of Doctrine and Ideas in Paris. She was involved in setting-up of the international conference in Paris in January 2008 dedicated to the history of Jews in the Balkan Peninsula. Her own presentation was entitled: “*Besa- a code of honour,*” focussing on Albania in the period 1933-1944. She is also a full time contributor to the daily newspaper, “Shqip”, writing columns on cultural and historical questions. Monika Stafa’s doctoral thesis on “Questions of Saint Naum” was published in April 2008.

**Edin Šehić** is Head of EU Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

**Bojana Stanišić** is Executive Director and one of the founders of NGO “Center for Euro-Atlantic Politics” in Podgorica. She is also a journalist and news editor on TV “Vijesti” and she is editor and presenter of the TV show, “Euroscope”, which reports on the European integration of Montenegro. She worked as the local producer of the documentary film “Wild Beauty” co-produced by ESI and the Austrian production company Pre TV. It is part of a series of ten documentaries on South East Europe. Bojana Stanišić worked previously as a journalist on the daily newspaper “Dan” for five years covering topics connected to the process of the European integrations. She edited the “Dan in Europe” pages. She also works as a Montenegrin contributor for the BIRN (Balkan Investigative Reporting Network) and for international on-line publication Balkan Insight. In May 2007 she was awarded a Balkan Fellowship for Journalistic Excellence. She studied at the University of Montenegro and took the advanced level BIRN journalism training programme.

**Zoran Tešanović** is currently proprietor and the Management Advisor of the “DAK” company in Istocno (East) Sarajevo. He was the Deputy Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina for seven years until January 2008. He was Minister of Sports and Youth in the Government of Republika Srpska, from 2001 to 2003. He worked as Vice-President of the Association of Employers of Republika Srpska from 1998 to 2001. He was an associate member of the staff of the Fund for Employment, Training and Public Works, Banja Luka, operating under the Urgent Demobilization and Integration Project, from 1997-1999. He worked as an interpreter, at the International Press Center in Istocno Sarajevo, from July 1992-1997. He worked as an electrical engineer for two ORACLE database software projects in Sarajevo from 1990 to April 1992. He studied at the Department of Informatics in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, in Sarajevo, from 1984-1990.

**Boris Vujčić** is Croatia’s Deputy Chief EU negotiator, and Deputy Governor of the Croatian National Bank. Boris Vujčić’s fields of expertise are macroeconomics, international finance and labour economics. Boris Vujčić has also been external collaborator for the International Labour Organization (ILO) and a consultant to the European Commission. He is also a Professor at the University of Zagreb, where he was awarded his three economics degrees; BA, MA, and Ph.D.