

Speakers

Liliana Maria Rodrigues, Member of the European Parliament



Ms Liliana Rodrigues is a Portuguese Member of the European Parliament, part of the group of Socialists and Democrats. Besides her political activities, she is Professor at the 'Competence Centre of Social Sciences' at the University of Madeira (UMa) and also conducts research in the 'Research Centre in Education' at the same university. Ms Rodrigues' professional background is strongly linked to qualifications, training and employment. To mention only a few of her

commitments, she was Coordinator for ERASMUS at the Department of Education of UMa and she participated in numerous international conferences, such as the World Forum of Vocational and Technological Education in 2009, at the invitation of the Brazilian government.

Michel Servoz, Director-General for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility, European Commission

Michel Servoz is Director-General of Directorate-General "Employment, Social Affairs, Skills & Labour Mobility" since 2014. During more than 30 years of service at the European Commission, he pursued his career in the departments for external relations and trade and was amongst others responsible for the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs and the economic recovery plan as Director in the Secretariat General. Before embracing his European career, he was Law Professor and Judge in Lyon, then served as Deputy Secretary General of the Court of cassation in Paris.



Prof. Dr. Klaus Wolter, Director Swiss Coordination Center for Research in Education

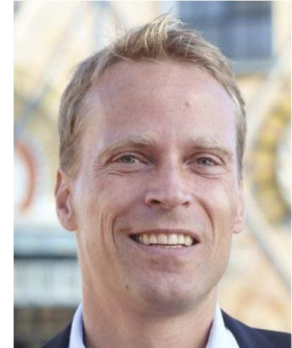


Klaus Stefan Wolter is Professor of economics at the University of Bern, head of the Centre for Research in Economics of Education and managing director of the Swiss Coordination Centre for Research in Education (SCCRE). He is chairing the Group of National Experts on VET (Vocational Education and Training) of the OECD in Paris, where he also represents Switzerland in the Education Policy Committee since 2000. Since 1999, he is Governing Board Member of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI). Elected by the Swiss government, he was founding President of the Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (2005-2011). Mandated by the

Swiss Federal and Cantonal governments, he and his team (SCCRE) evaluate the Swiss education system every four years, the last evaluation being published in the 2014 Swiss Education Report.

Alexander von Maillot de la Treille, CEO Nestlé Belgilux

Mr. Alexander von Maillot de la Treille has been appointed Chief Executive Director of Nestlé Belgilux in October 2013. He started his career at Nestlé in January 1996 and has held various functions across Europe. From 2010 to September 2013, he was Business Executive Manager Confectionery Nestlé France. Before, he worked as Business Executive Manager Coffee & Berages Nestlé Cesko & Slovensko. At the beginning of his career, he was Marketing and Sales Director, Inhouse Consultant and Field Sales Director for Nestlé Germany. Alexander von Maillot de la Treille speaks German, English, French, Dutch and Italian.

**Moderator****René Hoeltschi, EU & Benelux Correspondent, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Brussels Office, Dr. lic. Oec.**

René Hoeltschi has been the economic and business correspondent for the Swiss daily *Neue Zürcher Zeitung (NZZ)* in Brussels since 1999. Before assuming this position, he was based in Vienna and covered the economic transition of Central and Eastern Europe. He has been working for NZZ since 1988. Prior to becoming a journalist, he was a researcher at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. He studied economics at the University of St. Gallen.