



## Long Term Investment and Reindustrialisation Intergroup

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### **Dominique RIQUET – MEP, Chairman of the Long-Term Investment Intergroup**

Elected at the European Parliament in 2014 for a second mandate, Dominique Riquet is the first Vice-Chair of the transport and tourism committee and a member of the industry, research and energy committee.

As a member of the UDI (Union des Démocrates et Indépendants) in France, he joined the ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe) within the European

Parliament. Particularly involved in infrastructure financing, he was rapporteur on the Connecting Europe Facility and he is currently rapporteur for opinion on the European Fund for Strategic Investments ("Juncker Plan"). In the meantime, he has become the founder and chairman of the intergroup on long-term investment and reindustrialisation (#Invest4Future). Prior to that, he was Regional Councillor for the Nord Pas-de-Calais region (1992-2009) and he also served for ten years as the mayor of Valenciennes (2002-2012) following Jean-Louis Borloo. Born in 1946, Dominique Riquet holds a degree in general medicine and a degree in urological surgery.



### **Lowri EVANS - Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs**

Lowri Evans has been Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs since 2015. She previously was Director General of DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries between 2010 and 2015. Between 1978 and 1983, Ms Evans worked in Audit and accountancy with Deloitte Haskins & Sells. In 1983 she joined the European Commission as an Administrator in DG Financial Control. In 1987 she became a Case officer in DG Competition. Between 1993 and 1994 she was a Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Flynn. In 1995 she was appointed Head of unit in DG Employment.

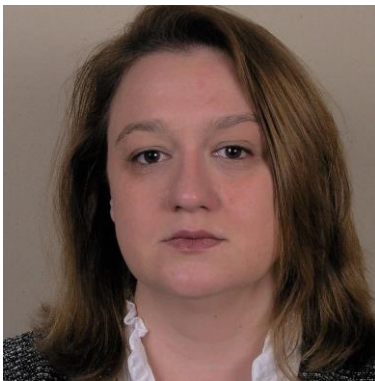
In 2000 she joined DG Competition, where she was subsequently appointed Director, then Deputy Director-General in 2006.

Lowri Evans holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Liverpool University and is a trained Chartered Accountant.



**Burkard SCHMITT – Director for Security and Defence, AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)**

Burkard Schmitt has been the Security and Defence Director of ASD since 2014. Previously he worked as defence expert for the European Commission (DG MARKT) from 2006 to 2014. In 1998 he joined the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) in Paris, where he became Assistant Director in 2002. From 1995 to 1998, he worked as a consultant for the SPD parliamentary group (on EU affairs and defence cooperation) and for GES Kassel (on business start-up programmes in former Yugoslavia and Palestine). Burkard Schmitt holds a PhD in Contemporary History from the University of Erlangen/Nürnberg and a maîtrise d'Histoire from the University of Bordeaux.



**Gergana KARADJOVA – PSC Ambassador/ Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the Political and Security Committee**

Gergana Karadjova joined the Diplomatic Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria in 1999 and served in the field of European integration, pre and accession negotiations of Bulgaria to the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and Justice and Home Affairs (JHA), both in the Minister of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Sofia and in the diplomatic chancellery at the Embassy in Paris (2002-2005). From 2008 to 2015, Gergana Karadjova assumed functions related to the CFSP and CSDP for

Bulgaria in the EU both in the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU (2008-2012) and in the MFA (2012 -2015) where she was appointed European Correspondent of the MFA, Director for CSFP/CSDP and Deputy Director General for Political Affairs. Gergana Karadjova assumed the functions as PSC Ambassador of Bulgaria from November 2015.

Gergana Karadjova graduated from the Lycée français de Sofia «Alphonse de Lamartine» in 1994. She has master's degrees in International Relations (1999), and Law (2006) from Sofia University « St. Climent Ohridski » and also a master in French literature. Mrs. Karadjova specialised in European studies in Paris and Strasbourg (2000) and in the European Security and Defense Policy. She was awarded by the MFA and the Ministry of Interior for contributing to the accession negotiations with the EU.

Gergana Karadjova is married with one daughter. She is interested in classic and contemporary literature, literary critics and art and architecture. She enjoys reading, drawing and painting.



### **Lola MERVEILLE – Bpifrance Permanent Representative to the European Institutions**

Lola Merveille is Bpifrance representative to the EU Institutions in Brussels, the French public business bank supporting enterprises' access to funding from start-up through to stock market flotation.

Prior to that, she was new project and investors relations managers at CDC Enterprises, the French public private equity management company. She previously served as Policy Officer at the Caisse des Dépôts liaison Office to the EU (Brussels) where she was in charge of financial regulation issues and EU funding program. She started her career as a junior consultant in public affairs (Anthenor, Paris), communication planning (Publicis) and as a journalist for various French daily newspapers (Le Figaro, Le Point). Lola graduated in 2009 from Grenoble Institute of Political Sciences ("Sciences

Po," France). She holds a Master in "International affairs and European Law" (Sciences Po Grenoble, 2009) and an International certificate of Corporate Finance, HEC Paris (2016).



### **Frédéric MAURO – Associate researcher with the Group for research and information on peace and security (GRIP)**

Frédéric Mauro is a Lawyer at the bar of Paris and at the bar of Brussels, established in Brussels. He is specialized in defence matters and legal questions related to the Common Security and Defence Policy such as the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) about which he coined the term 'sleeping beauty' in a study published in 2015. He has conducted a report for the European Parliament in 2016 on the 'Future of European

Defence Research' and another one in 2017 on 'PESCO: state of play and national perspectives'. He also wrote in 2017 a preliminary study for the European Commission on the budgetary aspects of the European Defence Industry Development Programme (EDIDP).

Frédéric Mauro is also an associated researcher at the 'Groupe d'études et d'informations pour la paix et la sécurité' (GRIP), a Belgian think tank.