



# Long Term Investment and Reindustrialisation Intergroup

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WHAT PLACE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE NEXT MFF?

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE SPEAKERS



## **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 ALDE (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe) within the European Parliament, he got elected President of the ALDE French delegation in 2017.

Particularly involved in infrastructure financing, he was rapporteur on the Connecting Europe Facility as well as 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.



## **Christian TRIDON – President of STRRES (French association of repair and structural reinforcement contractors).**

Christian Tridon, an engineer by training, has dedicated his life to the field of civil engineering (engineering and construction). After 15 years in the company Spie-Batignolles, where he participated in the construction of many works (underground works, car parks, works of art), he created, on his own initiative, a dozen companies (engineering and works) employing about 200 people. All these companies had a similar activity: the rehabilitation and maintenance of civil engineering structures and more particularly bridges.

After having sold all these companies, he devoted himself entirely to the professional associations (STRRES and other associations) whose common objective is the diagnostic and maintenance of structures. He has also been deeply involved in the field of engineering and technician training in the field of structural diagnostic of civil engineering works.

As President of STRRES, he has been at the origin of the creation of the FIEC Working Group "Infrastructure Maintenance". This group currently brings together 6 countries including France. The main objective is to make all European countries aware of the urgent need for maintenance work on the road network bridges.



**Rudolf NIESSLER – Director for Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programme Implementation IV, DG REGIO, European Commission**

Rudolf Niessler was born in Austria. He studied economics and informatics at the Vienna University and holds a PhD in economics. After qualifying he worked in economic research in Vienna. In 1991 he moved to the Federal Chancellery and then to the OECD in Paris where he was councillor for trade and environment. In 1997 he joined the European Commission where he served in several functions, i.p.as Director for policy coordination and policy development. On 1 October 2016 he took up duty as Director for the competence centre for Smart and Sustainable Growth and Programmes Implementation in Southern Europe. This covers the implementation of

Cohesion Policy in Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Spain and Portugal.



**Siobhan MCKELVEY – Member of the Executive Committee, European Union Road Federation**

Siobhan McKelvey graduated from University in Hull with a degree in Business, with a Marketing specialisation. After four years at Colas Roads, where she was a Product Manager, Siobhan joined Nynas in 1993 as Marketing Communications Manager for Nynas Bitumen in the UK. In 2001 she moved to Brussels, to role of Marketing & Communications Manager for Nynas Bitumen Europe. In 2006 she became the Marketing Manager for Nynas Bitumen and in 2013 was appointed Marketing Director. On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, she became Director General of Eurobitume.

Actively involved with a number of industry bodies, organisations and associations, elected President of IBEF (International Bitumen Emulsion Federation) in February 2015 and in June 2015 elected as President of Eurobitume. She has previously been a Director of the Road User Alliance (RUA) in the UK and also a member representative on the Marketing Committee of the Asphalt Institute (AI) in the United States.



**Fulvia RAFFAELLI – Head of Unit, Unit “Clean Technologies and Products”, DG GROW, European Commission**

Fulvia Raffaelli, is the Head of GROW Unit ‘Clean Products and Technologies’. She joined the Commission in 2002 as responsible for Waste management and Recycling related issues in DG ENTR. From March 2005, she worked on REACH first as policy advisor on the legislative process, then as responsible for the implementation of the Authorisation and Restriction processes and for the first REACH review. In 2012, she became Deputy Head of GROW Strategic Policy Unit in particular in charge of Relations with the Council and implementation of COSME (SMEs supporting programme). Since 2015, she is leading the Commission’s unit in charge of the competitiveness aspects of Circular Economy, Energy efficiency and Climate related policies. The implementation of the Ecodesign Directive, the Construction Products

Regulation and the Construction 2020 strategy are also part of her portfolio.

Born in 1969 in Italy, Fulvia Raffaelli has studied in Italy, Belgium and France and is graduated in Contemporary History, European Political Affairs and Political Science.



**Gautier CHATELUS – Deputy Head of the Infrastructure & Transportation Department, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations**

Gautier Chatelus has been deputy director for Infrastructure and transportation at Caisse des Dépôts since 2015. He currently sits on the boards of GRTgaz, Axegaz Services and AREMA (Marseille Stadium).

He began his career in 1993 with INRETS, where he carried out numerous studies on the major European and Mediterranean transport networks for the European Commission and the French Ministry of Transport. After working at the Ministry of Public Works, where he was responsible for European transport network matters, he joined the forward planning division of the Ministry of Finance as officer in charge of public works, transport and energy, with particular responsibility for evaluation of public investments and investments of public enterprises in the network sectors. Between 2003 and 2009, he worked for Total, where he occupied the positions of officer in charge of gas and electricity development in Asia and vice president for the Middle East, with responsibility for activity in Abu Dhabi. He has been investment director then head of CDC Infra management between 2009 and 2015. An alumnus of the Ecole Polytechnique, he is a Ponts et Chaussées civil engineer.



**Koene TALSMA – Member of the Taskforce De Bouwagenda and Chairman of the Roadmap Bridges and Locks (The Netherlands)**

Koene Talsma (64) is member of the Dutch Taskforce De Bouwagenda (Construction Agenda). This Taskforce was erected by the Dutch Government in March 2017 with the assignment to create breakthroughs in the Dutch construction sector in order to meet the Paris goals for 2050: a fully sustainable building environment. And these goals can only be met when the Dutch construction sector introduces some step changes when it comes to innovation and productivity. Within the Taskforce, Koene Talsma is responsible for Road Map 1 “Sustainable Bridges & Locks” and for “Innovative tender procedures”.

Koene Talsma started his career as a civil engineer in the field of geotechnics. After some years working inland and abroad he joined Twijnstra Gudde as a professional project manager. In 1990 he took a management position within NBM-Amstelland, currently Royal BAM Group. In the last stage of his career he was Member of the Board of the Dura Vermeer Group being responsible for all infrastructural projects.

Next to his career in all kind of industrial and infrastructural projects in a variety of contracts (Traditional, Alliances, D&C, DBFM, Turn key), he joined several committees to improve and modernize the Dutch construction sector. His dream is that the construction sector is perceived as a modern, innovative and sexy sector creating a sustainable and attractive building environment.





**Etienne WILLAME – Director General, Wallonia Infrastructures SPW**

Etienne Willame graduated in Civil Constructions Engineering and Business Administration. He also obtained a Public Management Executive Master and received further university trainings, notably in Public Finance. In the early 1990s, he started his career in the Walloon Ministry of Equipment and Transports. In charge of the management and steering of road and large-scale infrastructure projects, he coordinated the implementation of major projects regarding the European highway network, including several bridges and tunnels.

In the early 2000s, Etienne Willame became Director of the Walloon Center of information and traffic management. There he developed several projects in the fields of security, road operations, accidents and crisis management. During the 2004-2009 legislature, he joined the Walloon Ministry of Public Works as Investments, road safety and mobility Advisor. In 2010, he was appointed General Inspector of the Mobility Strategy Department of the Public Service of Wallonia. He managed the development of the general guidelines on people and goods mobility in the Walloon territory. In parallel, he assumed several functions in Walloon autonomous ports.

At the end of 2013, he was appointed Managing Director of the Roads and Buildings Directorate-General in the Public Service of Wallonia. Since then, he has managed that organization which gathers 1750 collaborators, covers the whole roads sector and is also active in the deployment of fibre optic networks, sports facilities and public buildings.



**Herald Ruijters – Director for Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport, DG MOVE, European Commission**

Since 1st February 2017, Mr Ruijters is the Director responsible for Directorate B - Investment, Innovative & Sustainable Transport in DG Mobility and Transport, while at the same time continuing as Head of Unit responsible for the Trans European Network (TEN-T). He assumed the role of Head of Unit in 2009 and has been directly involved in developing the TEN-T Guidelines.

He was previously working in the same DG from 2005 to 2009, in order to promote the implementation of TEN-T projects in cooperation with the European Coordinators, and for the development of road safety policy, from 1997 to 2005. Before coming to the Commission, he held various positions in The Netherlands related to transport.

Mr Ruijters holds degrees from Nijmegen and Amsterdam Universities in both French literature and European Studies, and was post-graduated at the Centre Européen Universitaire in Nancy, in European Law, and in Business Studies at the University in Leuven.

