Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as a Common Project: Short Biographies

**Wolfgang Ischinger** (Germany): Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Chairperson *primus inter pares* of the Panel

Ambassador Ischinger, a German career diplomat, has served as Ambassador to the United Kingdom (2006-2008) and the United States (2001-2006), and as Deputy Foreign Minister of Germany (1998-2001). In 2007, he represented the European Union in the Troika negotiations on the future of Kosovo. In 2014, he served as the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, promoting national dialogue in the Ukrainian crisis. He is a member of both the Trilateral Commission and the European Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on many non-profit boards, including SIPRI/Stockholm, CER/London, and SWP/Berlin. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Tuebingen in Germany.

**Dora Bakoyannis** (Greece): Member of Greek Parliament, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office (2009)

Dora Bakoyannis was Minister of Foreign Affairs (2006-2009), the highest position ever held by a woman in the Greek Cabinet. She was also Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE in 2009. Previously, she was the Mayor of Athens (2003-2006), the first female mayor in the city's history so far, and the first woman to serve as mayor of a city hosting the Olympic Games. She was appointed Minister for Culture in December 1992 and Under-Secretary of State in October 1990. Dora Bakoyannis served as Chief of Staff for the New Democracy leader Konstantinos Mitsotakis from 1984 until 1989. In 1977, she entered the Ministry of Economic Coordination working for the Department of European Economic Community (EEC) Affairs.

**Tahsin Burcuoğlu** (Turkey): Former Ambassador

Tahsin Burcuoğlu has a distinguished career in the Turkish foreign service that has included important functions such as Ambassador to Greece and France. He has served as Secretary General of the Turkish National Security Council, which is chaired by the President and reviews issues relevant to national, European and global security. He also headed the Turkish National Security Council’s Secretariat, which carries out detailed analyses for the formulation of security policy decisions and directions.

**Ivo H. Daalder** (United States): President of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Former Ambassador

Ivo H. Daalder is president of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. Prior to joining the Council in July 2013, Daalder served as the Ambassador to the NATO for more than four years. Daalder also served on the National Security Council staff as director for European Affairs from 1995-97. Before his appointment as Ambassador to NATO by President Obama in 2009, Daalder was a senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution, specializing in American foreign policy, European security and transatlantic relations, and national security affairs. Prior to joining Brookings in 1998, he was an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy and director of research at its Center for International and Security Studies. Ivo Daalder is a widely-published author.

**Oleksandr Chalyi** (Ukraine): Former First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, President of Grant Thornton

Ambassador Chalyi currently serves as the president of Grant Thornton. As a Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Ukraine (2006-2008), State Secretary for European integration issues (2001-
2004), and first Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (1998-2001), he was responsible for legal settlement and implementation of key issues in Ukrainian foreign policy and economic diplomacy. He has over 35 years of experience in legal and advisory practices and specializes in providing services related to international and corporate law. He has received a number of national and international awards. Ambassador Chalyi has numerous publications on issues of international law, economic and energy diplomacy.

Vaira Vike-Freiberga (Latvia): Former President, President of the Club de Madrid

Dr Vike-Freiberga has served as President of Latvia (1999 to 2007) and as Vice Chair of the European Council’s Reflection Group on the Future of Europe 2020-2030 (2008-2010). Dr Vike-Freiberga was a member of the Council of Women World Leaders and was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to his team of global political leaders in 2005. She pursued a professorial career at the Department of Psychology of the University of Montreal (1965-1998). Among others, she serves as Chair of the European Commission’s High Level Group on Media Freedom and Pluralism, Co-Chair of the European Council on Foreign Relations Steering Group for the European Foreign Policy Scorecard, and as a board member of the International Centre for Democratic Transition.

Jean-Marie Guéhenno (France): President of International Crisis Group, Former UN Under-Secretary-General

Jean-Marie Guéhenno is President and CEO of the International Crisis Group since 2014. He chaired a commission to review the French defense and national security white paper established by President François Hollande. In 2012, he was appointed Deputy Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the Arab League for Syria. He has also served as United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (2000-2008). As a former French diplomat, he held the position of Chairman of the Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale between 1998 and 2000, served as director of the French policy planning staff and as Ambassador to the Western European Union. Mr Guéhenno has been active on several boards, including the board of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, of which he became chairman in 2010.

Barbara Haering (Switzerland): Director of econcept Inc., Former Member of Parliament

Dr Haering was a member of the Swiss Parliament from 1990 to 2007. In this capacity, she chaired the Committee on Science, Education and Culture and the Defense Committee, and was Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE. She is the Director of econcept Inc., a private think tank and consultant specializing in strategic planning, evaluation and project management. She is Co-Chair of the European Research and Innovation Area Board (appointed in 2012 by the European Commission). She also chairs the board of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Public Administration in Lausanne and presides over the Council of Foundation of the Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining.

Sergi Kapanadze (Georgia): Director of Georgia’s Reforms Associates, Former Deputy Foreign Minister

Dr Kapanadze served as Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia from 2011 to 2012. He is the director of the think tank Georgia’s Reforms Associates (GRASS). He also serves as Dean of the School of Governance at Caucasus University and as Associate Professor of International Relations at the Tbilisi State University. Previously, he was Director of the Department of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2008-2011), where he served in various positions starting 2005. In 2006, he served as Senior Advisor in the Analytical Group of the Administration of the President of Georgia. He also worked as Policy Analyst at the International Security Department of the National Security Council of Georgia (2004-2005).
Sergey A. Karaganov (Russia): Honorary Chairman of the Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy

A Russian political scientist, Dr. Karaganov also serves as Dean of the School of International Economics and Foreign Affairs of the National Research University - Higher School of Economics. He is the author of numerous publications on the subjects of economics, foreign policy, arms control, national security strategy, and Russia's foreign and military policy. Previous positions include: Member of the Presidential Council (1993-1998); Adviser to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Presidential Executive Office (2001-2007); Member of the Academic Council of the MFA of Russia (since 1991); and Member of the Academic and Advisory Council, Russian Security Council (since 1993). He was one of the founders of the Institute of Europe of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Malcolm Rifkind (United Kingdom): Member of Parliament, Former Foreign Secretary

Sir Malcolm Rifkind is a UK Member of Parliament for Kensington. He served in various roles as a Cabinet Minister under prime ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major, including as Foreign Secretary (1995–1997), Secretary of State for Defence (1992–1995), Secretary of State for Transport (1990-1992), and Secretary of State for Scotland (1986–1990). In 1997 he was knighted in recognition of his public service. He served as the Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and Welfare Reform until December 2005. He is currently a member of the Top Level Group of UK Parliamentarians for Multilateral Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation and is a member of the Executive Board for the European Leadership Network.

Adam Daniel Rotfeld (Poland): Professor at Warsaw University, Former Foreign Minister


Teija Tiilikainen (Finland): Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Former State Secretary

Dr. Tiilikainen served as State Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. She has extensive experience in foreign policy issues, including the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the European security policy system. She has held research positions at the University of Turku, Åbo Akademi University, National Defence College, and the University of Helsinki. She has published widely.

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev (Kazakhstan): Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister of Kazakhstan; Former Under-Secretary-General of the UN and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Dr. Tokayev has been chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan since October 2013. He served as Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Conference on Disarmament from 2011 to 2013. He has a wealth of experience at senior government level. He served as Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2007-2011) during which he was elected Vice-President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE (2008). He has served as secretary of State (2002-2003), Prime Minister of Kazakhstan (1999-2002), and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1994-1999, 2002-2007). Dr Tokayev is a
Fellow of the World Academy of Art and Science, Honorary Professor and Doctor of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, as well as a member of its Board of Trustees, and Dean Emeritus of the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

**Ivo Visković (Serbia): Professor, Former Ambassador**

Ivo Visković currently serves as Professor at the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Belgrade. Ambassador Visković served as Serbian Ambassador to Germany from 2009-2013. He has also served as Ambassador of Serbia and Montenegro in Slovenia (2001-2004). In 2007, he became a member of the Council for Foreign Policy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Chairman of the Forum for International Relations. Prior to this, he lectured at the University of Belgrade in the Faculty of Political Sciences from 1979, where he was the Head of the Department of International Studies (2000-2009). From 2005 to 2009 he was in charge of the “Seminar for international relations and foreign policy” at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgrade.