

## BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS, MODERATORS AND PANELLISTS

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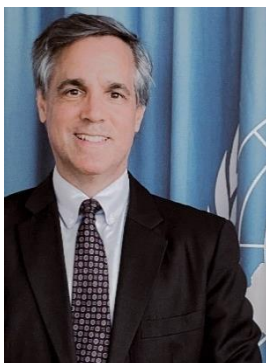
### OPENING SESSION



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Gesa Bräutigam** is the Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE. During the span of her long diplomatic career, she has also served as, among others, Political Counsellor at the German Permanent Delegation to NATO in Brussels (2005-2007), Member of Cabinet of the German Foreign Minister at the German Federal Foreign Office (2007-2011), Minister Counsellor at the Political Department of the German Embassy in Washington DC (2011-2014), and Head of the EU-Coordination Group at the German Federal Foreign Office (2014-2019). She holds a University Degree (Staatsexamen) in History and English from Eberhard-Karls-Universität in Tübingen.



**Mr. Besfort Lamallari** has been Deputy Minister of Interior since October 9, 2017. He completed his university studies in Law at the University of Tirana in 2009. In 2013 he graduated from the University of Oxford in the Master of Science program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. He has previously pursued postgraduate studies in Italy LL.M "International Cooperation against Transnational Organized Crime". He has been trained by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and the Academy of Political Studies - Council of Europe Program. Mr. Lamallari comes from an intensive scientific research experience, from which stands out his role as an independent researcher and author of a series of studies in the field of organized crime, radicalism and terrorism.



**Mr. John Brandolino** is Director of the UNODC Division for Treaty Affairs (2015-), where he oversees UN-mandated policy processes related to drug and crime issues and technical assistance centers related to addressing corruption, organized crime, money laundering, cybercrime and terrorism. He previously held positions in the U.S. State Department's Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL); the American Bar Association/CEELI Criminal Law Reform Project; the Multinational Force and Observers; UNDP in Poland; UNICRI; U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives; as well as a private Washington DC law firm. Mr. Brandolino holds a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School and is a graduate of Providence College. He is admitted to the Bars of Massachusetts and Washington DC.



**H.E. Ambassador Mr. Håkan Jevrell** is currently serving as the Swedish government's Special envoy on organized crime. Between 2018 and 2020 he served as the Swedish Representative to Taiwan and before that he was the Swedish Ambassador to Singapore and Brunei for five years. From 2007 to 2012 he served as State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence in Stockholm. Prior to the Ministry of Defence, he was as a political advisor at the Prime Minister's office. Jevrell holds a law degree, LL.M., and has served as prosecutor in Stockholm. He also holds a lieutenant's commission in the Swedish Navy.



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Alena Kupchyna** is the OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats. Ambassador Kupchyna previously served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus and Ambassador of Belarus to Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia and as Permanent Representative to the UN, OSCE and other IOs in Vienna. She also served as Director of the Department for Humanitarian, Ecological, Scientific and Technical Co-operation, Director of Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights, Head of the International Treaties Division, Deputy Director, Legal Department (MFA). She graduated from the Law Department of Belarusian State University with distinction, followed post-graduate studies at the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Belarusian Academy of Sciences and holds a Doctorate of Law.

#### PANEL I.



**H.E. Ambassador Mr. Alessandro Azzoni** is the Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE in Vienna since July 2016. Ambassador Azzoni joined the Diplomatic Service in 1991. Throughout his career he has held many important positions abroad and in Rome. He was Consul in Barcelona, Spain (1994-1998), Deputy Head of Mission in Dakar, Senegal, (1998-2001), Chief of Staff of the Directorate General for Multilateral Political Affairs, of the Italian MFA (2001-2004), Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organizations in Vienna, Austria (2004-2008), Deputy Head of Mission in Ankara, Turkey (2008-2012), Head of European Foreign and Security Policy Division, Directorate General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian MFA (2012-2016).



**Mr. Federico Cafiero De Raho** has been the Italian national Anti-Mafia and Counter-Terrorism Public Prosecutor since November 2017. A magistrate since 1977, first served as Public Prosecutor at the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Milan and, since 1984, at the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Naples. He has been part of the Anti-Mafia District Direction of Naples since the 1990s. He was Assistant Prosecutor in Naples from 2006 to March 13, 2013, when the CSM (Supreme Council of Magistrature) appointed him Public Prosecutor of the Republic in Reggio Calabria. In his roles, he has personally conducted and coordinated numerous judicial trials and investigations against criminal organizations such as “Camorra”, “Clan dei Casalesi” (which led to the famous “Spartacus Process”), “Ndrangheta”, as well as the gangs from Caserta and Benevento.



**Ms. Floriana Sipala** is Head of the Organised Crime and Drugs Policy Unit, in the Law Enforcement and Security Department of the Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs. The Unit deals also with anti-corruption policy, firearms and trafficking in human beings. She joined the European Commission 20 years ago, to work in the area of Justice and Home Affairs policy, thus giving her contribution to the development of a new and challenging policy for the EU. Prior to her current assignment, she worked on migration and asylum matters, on enlargement policy and on institutional matters, at the time of the drafting of the Constitutional Treaty and the negotiation of the Lisbon Treaty. She also worked in the Cabinet of the first Vice-President Margot Wallström, responsible for Inter-Institutional issues and Communication.



**H.E. Ambassador Mr. Azzeddine Farhane** is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco to Austria, Slovakia and Slovenia (2019-). He is also accredited as Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the OSCE, United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna since 2019. Previously, Ambassador Farhane has been the Deputy Permanent Ambassador to United Nations office in Geneva (2002-2006), Director General of United Nations and International Organizations Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco (2009-2016), Sherpa of Morocco for the Nuclear Security Summit held in Seoul (2012), The Hague (2014), Washington (2016). Thus, Ambassador Farhane has wide experience from issues such as human rights, security, disarmament and non-proliferation. He holds degrees from the High Institute of Journalism in Morocco, Hassan II University in Casablanca (Political Science), and The Hague Academy of International Law.



**Mr. Don Luigi Ciotti** is President of Libera, which he established in 1995 to coordinate efforts by Italian organizations against organized crime. Father Luigi has been strongly involved in social work as well as the fight against illegality and organized crime since 1966, when he founded *Gruppo Abele Onlus* (Abels Group). He is also the founder of the magazine *Narcomafie*, which was transformed into *Lavialibera* in 2019. He holds degrees in Education Sciences (University of Bologna); Law (University of Foggia); Communication Sciences (University of Milan); Psychology (University of Parma); Sociology and Social Service Management (University of Pisa). He has authored several books, with the latest being "L'amore non basta" (2020).

## PANEL II.



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite** is the EU Permanent Representative to the OSCE. Prior to that, Rasa served for a year as Head of Mission for the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in Iraq. Previously Rasa worked for ten years in various capacities at the OSCE, including as Director of the Transnational Threats Department and Deputy Director for Policy Support Service of the Conflict Prevention Center. She has also Rasa worked in various capacities at the European Union as well as the Lithuanian Foreign Ministry. Rasa holds a Master's degree in International Relations and European Studies and a Master of Philosophy in Political Science, both from the Central European University. She has contributed to a number of publications on EU foreign and security policy and the OSCE, including two co-authored books.



**H.E. Ambassador Mr. Mohamed Mezghani** is Ambassador of Tunisia to Austria, Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia. Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. He has also, among several other diplomatic positions, served as General Director of Political and Economic Affairs and Cooperation with Europe in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016-), Member of the Minister of Foreign Affairs' Cabinet (2016), and Ambassador of Tunisia to Spain (2013-2016). From 2016 to 2018 Ambassador Mezghani was the president of the Tunisian delegation of high level dialogue between Tunisia and European Union on money laundering and financing of terrorism. He graduated from the National Institute of Administration (ENA) in 1987 with the high rank of Counsellor of Public Services and he has studied, in 1998, at the Brussels' Institute of European Studies.





**H.E. Ambassador Mr. Mohamed H. El-Molla** is Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna. Previous positions include Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (2019-2020), Diplomatic Negotiator for Egypt on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (2017-2020), Counsellor of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs (2017-2018), and Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN and other IOs in Geneva (2013-2017). He holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from the American University in Cairo and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Ain Shams University.



**Ms. Karin Sigstedt** is Assistant National Member for Sweden since June 2019. She has worked for the prosecution in Sweden since 1999, acting as Senior Prosecutor both at the Swedish Economic Crime Authority and the International Prosecution Office in Stockholm, where she has handled several cases involving both domestic and international organised crime groups. In recent years, she has been working as a Senior Legal Adviser, leading several projects for legal development and writing guidelines for prosecutors. As head of the Swedish judicial ARO and assessor for FATF, as well as steering group member and, in 2017, President of the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN), she has placed a lot of effort on asset recovery and the fight against money laundering. This and international cooperation was also her focus when she was seconded from Sweden in 2018/2019 to work as a Senior Adviser on Prosecution at the EUAM in Ukraine.

**Mr. John Howell** is an Advisor on economic crime, development finance and public sector reform in established, emerging and transit economies. Mr. Howell is a Specialist in FATF processes (capacity, mutual evaluations, delistings) and illicit flows policy (architectures, arrangements, instruments, M&E). He has formal training in IT systems analysis (Accenture) and banking (sovereign debt, regional development funding and privatisations). He is also a Founding Member of the UK National Audit Office Regulatory Reform Expert Panel and past/current adviser to several national and multilateral bodies (HMG, WB, EBRD, OECD, EC) on serious organised crime and policy governance.



**Mr. Alexander Resch** joined the General Secretariat of INTERPOL in 2017 and is working as specialized officer in the Financial Crime Unit. Mr. Resch is a police officer in the function of a chief superintendent at the Bavarian State Police Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. He has worked as law enforcer and investigator for more than 20 years and gathered broad experience in combatting and tackling various phenomena and types of crime. He was awarded with the degree “Master of Arts - Police Management” of the German Police University in Muenster. Since 2017 he is seconded to the General Secretariat of INTERPOL and working as specialized officer in the team of the Financial Crimes Unit, which is responsible for the broad field of financial and economic crime, including money laundering.

### PANEL III.



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Leena Al-Hadid** is currently the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the Republic of Austria, the Czech Republic and the Republic of Hungary, as well as the Permanent Representative to IO's and OSCE in Vienna. As of 2020, she joined the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ABDM) and the Advisory Board of the Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP). Ambassador Al-Hadid was the Chairperson of the IAEA's Board of Governors for 2018-2019 and is a member of the Mediterranean Women Mediators Network. She also served in various posts at the Jordanian Foreign Ministry, most recently as Director of International Relations and Organizations Department at the height of the Syrian refugee crisis.

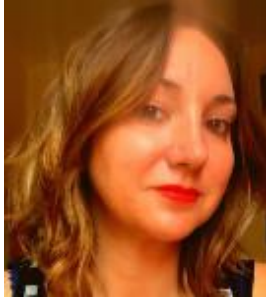


**Ms. Candice Welsch** is Deputy Director of the Division for Operations of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Previously, Ms. Welsch was the Chief of the Implementation Support Section of the Corruption and Economic Crime Branch; held positions in the Justice Section and the Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch of UNODC; worked as the senior legal officer to the judges of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, a UN-backed international war crimes tribunal; and was a federal prosecutor at the Department of Justice Canada where she prosecuted cases relating to drugs and organized crime. She holds Law degrees from Aix-Marseille University, McGill University, and University of London, as well as a BA in Politics from Queen's University.

**Mr. Apostolos Tzamalīs** is a Head Prosecutor at the Court of First Instance of Larisa and Greek Representative in the Permanent Conference of Organized Crime Prosecutors (2017-). He previously served as Anti-Corruption Prosecutor seconded in the Prosecutors Office at the Court of Appeal of Thessaloniki and as a Supervising Prosecutor at the Organized Crime Directorate of the Hellenic Police in Northern Greece. He has represented Greece in many international high-level meetings on combating transnational organized crime and terrorism. Prosecutor Tzamalīs also initiated and took part in the establishment of the first Joint Investigation Team (JIT) in Greece along with French authorities (2017) which resulted in the successful Operation "Caucasian Normandy", which dismantled a major criminal network from Georgia acting in Greece and France.



**Dr. Tanja Tamminen** is President of the Board of the Research Initiative on Organized Crime (RIOCI). She is an expert in Eastern and South-eastern Europe and is Adjunct Professor at the University of Turku (Finland) and Research Fellow at the Leibniz-Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) in Regensburg, Germany. She has served in the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX Kosovo) and most recently in the EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine) as the Head of the Planning, Coordination and Cooperation Department. She holds a Docteur en Science Politique from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, and recently published [\*The CSDP Handbook on Advisory Support to Tackling Organised Crime\*](#).



**Ms. Giulia Baruzzo** is a senior official of the International Department and member of the National Secretariat at Libera. She is the Program Co-ordinator of the European Desk and Co-Founder of the network CHANCE - Civil Hub Against organised Crime in Europe. At Libera, she is currently coordinating two projects: 'HEAL – enHancing rEcovery and integrAtion through networking, empLoyment training and psychological support for women victims of trafficking' (EU-funded) and 'RISE-ALB - strengthening social entrepreneurship in Albania'. She holds a degree in International/Global Studies from Università degli Studi di Trieste.

#### PANEL IV.



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Faouzia Mebarki** is the Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations in Vienna (2016-). Her assignments have included positions as Designated Ambassador to Austria and Slovakia, and Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna (2016); Chief of Staff of the Minister of Maghreb Affairs, African Union and League of Arab States (2015), and Director of Central and Eastern European Countries (2014). Ambassador Mebarki holds a Diploma from the Algerian National School of Administration (Diplomatic Section) and a Diploma from the Pedro Gual Institute of Diplomatic Studies in Caracas, Venezuela.



**Dr. Federico Varese** is Professor of Criminology at the University of Oxford and a Senior Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford. His main area of research is the study of organised crime, and he has published widely on issues such as the Russian mafia, Soviet criminal history, migration of mafia groups, and Somali piracy. Currently, he is involved in a research project on the governance dimension of organised gangs in the UK, on cybercrime markets, and on the Russian mafia. Professor Varese holds degrees from Bologna University, Cambridge University and Oxford University. He was a Prize Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford, and a visiting professor at Yale University and City University of Hong Kong.



**Mr. Virgil Spiridon** serves as Head of Operations of the Cybercrime Programme Office based in Bucharest, responsible for managing the cybercrime projects on capacity building of the Council of Europe. He was the head of the Romanian National Cyber Crime Unit from 2003 to 2012, where he created and developed the Cybercrime Unit in Romania and established the cybercrime strategy for the Romanian National Police. He is also former Deputy Chief of the Romanian National Police. Mr. Spiridon was the driver of the EMPACT projects on Cybercrime and Credit card fraud and was involved in drafting the study on good practices in the Specialized Cybercrime Unit in the IPA project coordinated by the Council of Europe.



**Mr. Tim Cools** is involved in cyber detection & response (Blue Teaming) within Ordina NV, which includes drawing up incident response plans and setting up computer incident response teams (CSIRT). Mr. Cools worked at the Royal Gendarmerie since 1998 and after that at the Federal police. In 2010 he became a digital investigator at the Belgian Federal Computer Crime Unit (FCCU). During the last 2 years he was mainly occupied with setting up and following up new processes and procedures for a new "Internet Investigations" team in the judicial department of the Federal Police. Mr. Cools left the Federal Police to start a new career in the private sector in 2018.





**Ms. Allison Peters** is Deputy Director of the National Security Program at the Washington, DC-based think tank Third Way, where she helps to lead the organization's Cyber Enforcement Initiative, dedicated to strengthening governments' ability to identify and bring to justice cybercriminals. Ms. Peters previously served as a Consultant Advisor to the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, consultant to the OSCE's Anti-Terrorism Unit, Director of Policy and Security Programs at Inclusive Security, as well as a senior foreign policy and national security advisor in the US Senate. She holds an MA in International Security Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a BA in Political Science and Psychology from Rutgers University.



**Ms. Silvia Berladski Baruch** is the Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel (2016-). Ms. Baruch joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel in 1993, and has previously served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel to Poland (1996-2000), Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel to Greece (2002-2007), and Head of the Public Affairs Department at the Embassy of Israel to the Netherlands (2010-2014). She has also worked in several Ministry of Foreign Affairs Departments, including the Cultural Division, Department for Inter-Religious Affairs, and Department for European Organizations. She holds a B.Sc in Physics from Tel Aviv University and an Executive MBA from Hebrew University.

**Mr. Richard D. Green** is a U.S. prosecutor specializing in cybercrime and currently serving as a Transnational Organized Cybercrime Liaison Prosecutor to Europol and Eurojust. Mr. Green is a member of a network of U.S. prosecutors known as the International Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Advisors or ICHIPs. He has been a prosecutor since 1985 and has been prosecuting crimes targeting computers, as well as crimes enabled by computer technology, since 1995. Prior to his overseas appointment, Mr. Green was a U.S. federal prosecutor with the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section (CCIPS) of the United States Department of Justice for 14 years, where he prosecuted cases through trial and appeal. Prior to that, Mr. Green was a federal prosecutor with the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) of the United States Department of Justice for over 9 years. In addition to his work at Eurojust and Europol, Mr. Green chairs the G7 High Tech Crime Subgroup.

**Mr. Konstantin Komarda** is Head of the Unit on Cybercrime and Hi-Tech Crime Investigations, Main Investigations Directorate, Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation.

**Ms. Mariam Nemsadze** is Consultant of the International Agreements Division, Department of International Law and Cooperation, Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.



**Ms. Amy Hogan-Burney** is the General Manager of Microsoft's Digital Crimes Unit (DCU), where she leads a global team of attorneys, investigators, engineers and analysts who work together in an ongoing effort to fight cybercrime. Before joining the DCU, Ms. Hogan led the Privacy Compliance team during the implementation of the EU's GDPR, and before that, she was part of the Law Enforcement and National Security (LENS) Global Fulfillment team. Prior to joining Microsoft, Ms. Hogan was an attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation. She received her Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering from the Catholic University School of Engineering and her Juris Doctor from the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University.

**Mr. Alvaro De Lossada Torres-Quevedo** is Head of the Logical Security Unit within the Central Cybersecurity Brigade of the Spanish National Police. His previous experience includes a leadership role in the area of specialized and violent crime at the level of Las Palmas region. He also held a number of operational investigative roles in forensics and counterterrorism. Mr. De Lossada Torres-Quevedo was a Ministry of Interior Attaché in the Embassy of Spain in Israel, and he also has experience in the OSCE Mission in Skopje and in coordinating the participation of the Spanish National Police in Peacekeeping Operations. His education background includes Police Sciences and an MA in Cybercrime.

#### CLOSING REMARKS



**H.E. Ambassador Ms. Tuula Yrjölä** is Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General of the OSCE since 18 July 2020. At the same time she serves as Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat since February 2020. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat she was Ambassador for Democratic and Effective Societies at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in Helsinki. Ambassador Yrjölä's previous experience with the OSCE comes from Tajikistan, where she was Head of the Programme Office in Dushanbe in 2016-2018. With over 30 years of experience in the Finnish diplomatic service, thirteen of that on Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia, she has previously served as Roving Ambassador to Central Asia and Ambassador of Finland to Egypt and Sudan. Other postings include Kyiv and New York.



**Ms. Inid Milo** has been Head of the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship 2020 Task Force since April 2019. She joined the diplomatic service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Albania in 2004 as a Desk Officer for OSCE matters. Her previous positions include First Secretary at the Albanian Permanent Mission in UN-Geneva (2009-2012), Political Counsellor at the Albanian Permanent Delegation to NATO (2012-2014), and Counsellor/Number Two at the Albanian Embassy in Berlin (2014-2018). In February 2018 she moved to Tirana where she became NATO Director and Security Policies at the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs until April 2019 when she assumed her current position. She holds a Masters Degree (M.Phil.) from the University of Vienna (2002).