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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Ivars Belte is the Chairman of the Board at Latvian Television, the country's public broadcaster. From 2011 to 2013 he occupied the position of the CEO at advertising sales house Video International in Ukraine. In years 2007-2011 Mr. Belte was the executive director of Baltic Media Alliance – a major Russian language media holding company in the Baltic States, representing main Russian TV channels, newspaper and internet.

Mr. Belte also worked as Sales Director at Modern Times Group MTG, TV3 Latvia, broadcast group in Baltics, and as Managing Director at AS DIENA, the largest morning newspaper in Latvia.



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Jean-François Furnémont is since June 2014 a Founding Partner of Wagner-Hatfield, an independent consultancy specializing in public affairs, policy, regulation and strategy. He is an expert for the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the International Organisation of la Francophonie. From 2003 to 2014, he was the Director General of the CSA (Belgian National Regulatory Authority), and from 2008 to 2014 he was involved in the Board of

EPRA (European Platform of Regulatory Authorities), first as vice-Chairman and then as Chairman.

In years 2011-2013 Mr. Furnémont was also the Manager of the CSA's two-year presidency of the REFRAM (Réseau francophone des régulateurs des médias). A former freelance journalist, Mr. Furnémont also served as a Member of the Board of RTBF (Belgian public service broadcaster) and of its advertising sales house RMB.



David Lewis

David Lewis is Head of Member Relations at the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), and manager of the EBU Partnership Programme. Since 1996 he has held a number of other positions in the organization, including Head of Communications, Spokesman and Assistant Director General. From 1992-1995 he worked in Geneva as an editor/writer and World AIDS Day Coordinator for WHO's Global Programme on AIDS (1992-1995).

Before then he was a correspondent and editor for Reuters news agency in London, Bonn, Vienna and Budapest (1980-1991). He has an M.A. in Modern Languages from Cambridge University and a Diploma in Journalism Studies from University College Cardiff. Mr. Lewis often travels in Eastern Europe on business.



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Nicholas Nugent is an independent media consultant and trainer in broadcasting and journalism, with expertise on public service broadcasting, media and governance, post-conflict reconstruction, information in support of development, newsrooms and newsgathering, and design, management and evaluation of broadcasting projects. He is currently working on an EU project on investigative journalism.

Mr Nugent has worked as a consultant and trainer in all three South Caucasus countries, including with the public broadcasters in Georgia and Azerbaijan for OSCE/EU in years 2007-2010, and in Bosnia Hercegovina for the EU in years 2009-2010. He also worked in Nigeria with the DFID Demanding Change team in 2004; in Afghanistan for the European Commission in 2003-2004; in the Solomon Islands with AusAID on media in 2006; in Indonesia for the World Bank on community radio in 2005-2007. He also did a Feasibility study for BBC World Service Trust/UNDP on restoring broadcasting in independent East Timor in 1999. Before that, Mr. Nugent was a producer, reporter and editor with the BBC for over 20 years.