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COVID-19 pandemic”**

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Online: Via Zoom

Opening session
Welcoming remarks

Moderator: Ambassador Adam Hałaciński - Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE

Ambassador Hałaciński is a Polish diplomat who was ambassador to Sweden from 2010 to 2014 and is currently serving as permanent representative to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (since 2020).



In 1989, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. Between 1993 and 1999 he was posted at the Permanent Representation to the OSCE in Vienna, including during the 1998 Polish Chairmanship. After the posting he worked at the Department of Central and Southern Europe and, as director, at the Department of Western Europe.

Following his work as deputy ambassador to Austria (2002–2007), he was deputy director of the Department of Europe, then head of the Department of Central and Southern Europe. From 2010 to 2014 Hałaciński served as ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden. Between 2015 and 2016 he was the Minister's Plenipotentiary for the Preparation of the 2016 NATO Summit.

Ambassador Hałaciński graduated in German studies at the University of Warsaw. He also studied at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

Ms. Helga Maria Schmid - OSCE Secretary General

Ms. Maria Schmid was appointed to the post of Secretary General of the OSCE in December 2020 for a three-year term.

She first joined the diplomatic service as Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs (1990–1991). Since then she has held several prominent diplomatic positions during her career.

Early on, she was Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and Head of Cabinet to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer; and just prior to her appointment as OSCE Secretary General, she was Secretary General for the European External Action Service.

From 2011 to 2016, she was the Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs for the European External Action Service. Preceding that, she was the Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

Ms. Schmid has an MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980–1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and the Sorbonne in Paris. Her mother tongue is German and she speaks fluent English and French.



H.E. Mariusz Jerzy Golecki - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

H.E. Mariusz Jerzy Golecki holds the position of Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Economic and Development and Technology in Poland.

He is also Professor and Director of Laboratory of Cognitive Research for Law at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Lodz, (LL.D. Lodz, Ph.D. Lodz, LL.M. Cambridge.).

Prior to his current appointment, he served for three years as the Deputy Chairman of the Polish Delegation to the UNCITRAL WG V.

From 2016 to 2017, he was a member of the General Tax Law Codification Commission in Poland and the Director of the International & European Law Department in the Office of General Counsel to the Republic of Poland and Director of the Legal Department in Ministry of Finance, Republic of Poland, in 2016.

Since 2011, H.E. Mariusz Jerzy Golecki is a member of the Editorial Board of the Economic Analysis of Law in European Legal Scholarship, edited by Springer.

He holds a degree in Civil Law from the University of Warsaw in 1998 and a degree in Common Law from the University of Cambridge, Trinity College in 2001.



Session I

“Supporting sustainable economic recovery and growth through the promotion of investment, entrepreneurship and business development”

Moderator: Ms. Viktorija Trimbel - Managing partner at Quantum Capital, Member at the Task Force to advise the Prime Minister of Lithuania on EU RRF and structural reforms, Lithuania

Ms. Viktorija Trimbel has over 28 years of excellent track-record in strategic management, governance and M&A, leading and managing highly complex business and public projects.

Currently she leads strategic advisory boutique Quantum Capital, serves as independent director on a few corporate boards, heads the Policy Group (Lithuania) at the Baltic Corporate Governance Institute as well as advises the Prime Minister of Lithuania on EU RRF deployment and key structural reforms.

Ms. Trimbel became the first-ever female Governor 2020-2021 of Rotary International in Lithuania D1462 and serves on the global Membership Committee.

With the team at Helmet-Based Ventilation initiative, she has been co-listed as the finalist for the Global Lithuanian Leaders Award 2020 (Global Experience Against Pandemic Challenges) and Women Tech Network Global Awards 2020 (Women-Led Startup of the Year), also included among Top-100 Women in Tech in Europe 2012, received the National Rotary Award (2019) and the Paul Harris Fellow award (2015).



Mr. Musa Demir



**Deputy Director General, General
Directorate for Exports, Ministry
of Trade, Turkey**

Mr. Musa Demir is the Deputy DG of Exports at the Ministry of Trade in Turkey. He started his career as deputy state budget expert at Ministry of Finance (1993), then as deputy foreign trade expert, foreign trade expert, head of section, head of department, head of finance department at Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade of Prime Ministry (1996-2011).

Mr. Demir also served as an advisor to the Minister, head of finance section and deputy DG of Exports at Ministry of Economy.

After graduation from International Relations Department of Ankara University Political Science Faculty, Mr. Demir continued with finance postgraduate at Gazi University Social Science Institute.

Mr. Giorgio Chiarion Casoni



**Director of Directorate L –
InvestEU and financial
institutions, DG Economic and
Financial Affairs, European
Commission**

Mr. Giorgio Chiarion Casoni developed his professional career at the European Commission where he managed financial programmes in support of SMEs before becoming responsible for coordination of the activities of the European Commission with the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Investment Fund, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other IFIs.

He is currently Director of InvestEU and financial institutions Directorate in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs.

He is responsible to establish and manage InvestEU, the Union's flagship investment programme under the current Multiannual Financial Framework. He manages the relationship with implementing partners, including the EIB Group and other multilateral development banks active in the EU as well as national and regional promotional banks and institutions.

Mr. Tornike Zirakishvili



**“Deputy CEO of Economic
Development Agency - Enterprise
Georgia”, Georgia**

Mr. Tornike Zirakishvili is the Deputy CEO of Enterprise Georgia – the country’s economic development agency, part of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia.

He supervises the agency’s efforts to promote export from the country, attract foreign direct investment into Georgia, build relations with international and donor organizations, as well as guide strategic development and communications.

Before his current assignment, he served as the Deputy Head of the Georgian National Tourism Administration (GNTA), and the Head of Convention and Exhibition Bureau of Georgia (part of GNTA). For several years, he has also worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Within his scope of work, he has been involved in development of several strategic documents, including, Foreign Direct Investment Attraction Strategy, National Tourism Strategy, Tourism Marketing and Branding Strategy, as well as Business Events Strategy. Overseeing the projects to create the country’s pilot Destination Management Organizations (DMO) and the first Convention Bureau.

Mr. Zirakishvili holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Management from University of West Georgia, and a Master’s degree in Business Management from Tbilisi Open University.

Mr. Piotr Arak



**Director of the Polish Economic
Institute, Poland**

Mr. Piotr Arak is director of the Polish Economic Institute. A social and economic analyst, he previously worked at Deloitte, Polityka Insight think-tank, the United Nations Development Programme, the Ministry of Administration and Digitalization, and the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

He graduated in social policy from the University of Warsaw, followed by further studies on using statistical methods in business and an MBA at the Warsaw School of Economics and Université du Québec à Montréal.

He has written numerous studies on economic policy, digitalization and health economics. His last book is “Pandemonics. Did the coronavirus end the neoliberal era?” (in Polish).

Prof. Luca Brusati



**Full Professor of Management,
Department of Economics and
Statistics, Udine University;
Senior Professor of Management,
Government, Health & Not for
Profit Division, Bocconi University
School of Management, Italy**

Prof. Luca Brusati holds a Ph.D. in Management from Bocconi University. He is currently Full Professor of Management with Udine University's Department of Economics and Statistics (Italy).

Over the years, he worked as a consultant, a trainer or an evaluator in thirty-two of the fifty-seven participating States of the OSCE. From 1999 to 2001, he served as a programme manager (P5) for the European Regional Office of the World Health Organization, and from 2004 to 2009 sat in the EU Advisory Committee of the Brussels-based European Health Management Association (EHMA).

He worked for the OSCE in 2010 and 2012 (design and delivery of two OSCE Central Asian Youth Network Seminars in Almaty) and in 2018 (workshop facilitation for the Administrative Committee on Management and Finance in Vienna and the IWG Scales of Contribution in Rome).

Prof. Brusati is currently special adviser for sustainability reporting of the Brussels-based European Federation of Accountants and Auditors (EFAA).

Session II

“Fostering good governance and anti-corruption to strengthen sustainable economic recovery and growth”

Moderator: Dr. Gudrun Kugler, Rapporteur of the OSCE PA General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

Mag. Dr. Gudrun Kugler, Mts majored in Law as well as Theological Studies and holds a PhD in International Law with a focus on international criminal law.

She currently serves as a member of the Austrian Parliament for the Austrian People’s Party, and is the human rights spokesperson and the spokesperson for displaced people of her party. Dr. Kugler is the vice chair of the human rights committee, the equality committee and the ombudsman board committee of the Austrian Parliament. In the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, she is the vice chair of the committee on migration, the rapporteur of the committee on economic affairs, science, technology and environment and the vice president of the EPP and likeminded groups at the OSCE PA.



Dr. Kugler has extensive experience at the international institutions, where she served as Member of the Advisory Panel in the EU-Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA). From 2010-2012, as director of World Youth Alliance – Europe from 2001-2004 and as keynote-speaker at different EU and OSCE panels.

Before her election to the Austria Parliament, Dr. Kugler was a member of Vienna's Regional Parliament, where she covered especially human rights, European affairs and integration. Gudrun Kugler has published several books and was a visiting professor at the International Theological Institute in Austria.

Ms. Adea Pirdeni



**Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Justice, Albania**

Ms. Adea Pirdeni has an extensive 13-year experience in academia as a lecturer of the Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, with special focus on Constitutional Law and EU Law.

She has also had a vast professional engagement as a legal expert in a number of projects implemented by national institutes and organizations, as well as international partners, dedicated in strengthening the state-building processes and rule of law in Albania.

As of September 2020, she serves as Deputy Minister of Justice of Albania covering the fight against corruption and the strategic framework in the field of justice. She is also a part of the Negotiating Group for Albania's Accession to the EU as Negotiator for Chapter 23 on the “Judiciary, Anticorruption and Fundamental Rights”.

Prof. Anita Ramasastry



**Special Representative of the
OSCE Chairman-in-Office
on Combating Corruption**

Prof. Anita Ramasastry, a U.S and Irish citizen, is the Henry M. Jackson Professor of Law and the Director of the Sustainable International Development Graduate Program at the University of Washington School of Law. She is an expert in the fields of anti-corruption, commercial law, sustainable development and business and human rights.

She is one of the leading academics and a pioneer in the field of business and human rights and the linkages between corruption and human rights.

She currently serves as a member and the immediate past chair of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, having been appointed as rapporteur by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2016. She leads the Working Group's thematic work on corruption.

From 2009 to 2012, Ramasastry served as a senior advisor in the International Trade Administration of the US Department of Commerce where she led a special initiative focused on anti-corruption and international trade, with engagement with APEC, the G20, the OECD, and in other multilateral fora. As of 2019, Ramasastry is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Transparency and Anti-Corruption.

Ms. Gretta Fenner



**Managing Director at the
Basel Institute on
Governance, Switzerland**

Ms. Gretta Fenner is the Managing Director of the Basel Institute on Governance and Director of its International Centre for Asset Recovery. Before joining the Basel Institute, Gretta worked at the OECD in Paris as the organisation's manager for anti-corruption programmes in the Asia-Pacific region, where she played a key role in establishing the ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia-Pacific.

She has advised a wide range of governments, donors, international organisations and multinational corporations on governance and anti-corruption topics, as well as organisational change, development processes and policy design.

Ms. Fenner is a political scientist by training and holds bachelor and master degrees from the Otto-Suhr-Institute at the Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, and the Paris Institute for Political Science (Sciences Po Paris), France. In 2010, she completed an MBA at the Curtin University Graduate School of Business, Australia.

Ms Laura Oana Stefan



**Executive Director, Expert
Forum, Romania**

Ms. Laura Oana Stefan is the Executive Director of Expert Forum and the Chairperson of the Regional Anti-corruption Initiative. She has served as a director in the Romanian Ministry of Justice between 2005 and 2007.

After leaving the public sector, Ms. Stefan became an international expert on rule of law, anti-corruption and judicial reform working with the European Commission, the World Bank, the Council of Europe and UNDP. Ms. Stefan graduated from the Bucharest School of Law and the Master program of the Cambridge University.

**Ms. Chandana
Ravindranath**



**Director for Anticorruption
at the National Security
Council, United States of
America**

Ms. Chandana Ravindranath is the Director for Anticorruption at the National Security Council (NSC) where she supports the Biden-Harris Administration's priority on countering corruption including leading the U.S. interagency in the drafting, publication, and implementation of the first-ever U.S. Strategy on Countering Corruption.

She is on detail to the NSC from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where she served as the Director for Financial Transparency and Regulatory Policy, managing a team focused on financial transparency issues, including human rights and corruption, financial inclusion, remittances, beneficial ownership, digital assets, innovation, cyber, cross-border payments, information sharing, data privacy, correspondent banking, and public-private partnerships with civil society and financial institutions.

Previously at Treasury, she was part of the initial team building and implementing the Global Magnitsky sanctions program and was a member of the core team for the Financial Action Task Force Mutual Evaluation of the United States.

Prior to joining Treasury, Chandana was an associate at a law firm in New York City.

Session III

“Supporting sustainable economic recovery and growth through the promotion of transport and trade facilitation”

Moderator: Mr. Marek Wąsiński - Head of the world economy team, Polish Economic Institute

Mr. Marek Wąsiński has led the world economy team in the Polish Economic Institute since 2020. He has many years' experience in analytical and research work, e.g. for the Polish Institute of International Affairs or Polityka Insight think-tank.

His expertise focus on international economic relations, primarily trade issues, as well as investments or climate policy. He participated in several UN climate summits. The author and co-author of various publications on the EU's commercial policy, negotiations of international agreements, the US–China trade dispute and climate policy.



A graduate from the Warsaw School of Economics, the University of Warsaw and a Fulbright fellow at the Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Slavica Kutirov



**Director General, Ministry of
Finance, Customs
Administration, North
Macedonia**

Ms. Slavica Kutirov serves as the Director General of Customs Administration at the Ministry of Finance in North Macedonia, as of July 2021.

Prior to her current appointment, she was the Assistant Director at the Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration, Sector for Information and Communication Technologies.

Mr. Kutirov was engaged in a various professional activities such as: Member of the Working Group of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia on establishing an Integrated Risk Analysis System of the inspection bodies for control of goods in the Republic of North Macedonia and Member of the Working Group of the European Commission for the Establishment of the Single Window Concept in the EU.

Mr. Kutirov holds a PhD degree in Ss. Cyril and Methodius at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technologies in University of Skopje.

Mr. Evgeniy V. Antipov



**Deputy Director General,
Head of the Road Transport
Department, Association of
International Road Carriers,
the Russian Federation**

Mr. Evgeniy V. Antipov serves as Deputy Director General, Head of the Road Transport Department, Association of International Road Carriers (ASMAP), in the Russian Federation.

He is responsible for including the promotion of interests of the Russian road transport companies, development of new international road transport routes and participation in the drafting of regulatory acts in the field of road transport.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Head of the Road Transport Department, at the association of the international automobile carriers

From 2008 to 2015, he served as the Head of the International Road Transport Control Department, at the Federal Service for Supervision in the Sphere of Transport in the Russian Federation.

Mr. Shahin Ismayilov



**Head of the International Co-
operation Department,
Ministry of Digital
Development and Transport,
Azerbaijan**

Mr. Shahin Ismayilov currently serves as Head of International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Previously, Mr. Ismayilov served as Deputy Head of International Cooperation Department at the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies and Deputy Head of Department of Transport Policy and Economy at the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Before joining the Ministry in 2006, he worked as a lawyer in private sector.

Mr. Ismayilov studied International Law at the National Academy of Aviation and holds an Executive Master's degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University, Maxwell School.

**Ambassador Romana
Vlahutin**



**Ambassador at Large/Special
Envoy for Connectivity in the
European External Action
Service**

Ambassador Romana Vlahutin is a career diplomat. Before joining Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1999 she worked as an analyst for the Bassiouni UN Commission for former Yugoslavia, the UN Tribunal (ICTY) in The Hague and the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington DC.

As a Croatian diplomat she served in embassies in Washington (Head of Political Section) and Belgrade (Deputy Ambassador), and as the Head of Strategic Analysis and Policy Planning at the MFA in Zagreb (2000-2004). She also served as a Political Director of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (2006-2007). From 2010-2014 she was the Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of Croatia. Most recently she was posted as the EU Ambassador to Albania (2014-2018). As of 1 March 2019 she has been appointed Ambassador at Large / Special Envoy for Connectivity in the European External Action Service.

Ambassador VLAHUTIN is a graduate of Zagreb University (Faculty of Philosophy) and Harvard University (J.F.Kennedy School of Government). She is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Abay Turikpenbaev



**Chairman of the Executive
Board of the Port of Aktau,
Kazakhstan**

Mr. Abay Turikpenbaev serves as Chairman of the Board (President) of the Aktau Sea Port since 2017.

He has a degree in mechanical engineering and management from Kazan Chemical-Technological Institute named after S.M. Kirov. He has working experience in mechanical engineering positions at plants as well as managing positions at oil and gas companies, refineries, marine companies, sea ports.

Mr. Turikpenbaev is interested in logistic chains development, eco improvement procedures and infrastructure.

Session IV

“The importance of human capital development for economic security, competitiveness, and inclusive growth in the post-pandemic era”

Moderator: Ambassador Silapberdi Nurberdiev - Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the OSCE

Ambassador Silapberdi Nurberdiev graduated Magtymguly Turkmen State University, economist (International Economy) in 1998. From 2000 to 2008, he held various positions in various structures of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan. From 2008 to 2011 he served as First Secretary, Counsellor of the Embassy of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh).

Since 2011, he Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to the Republic of Austria and Head of the Delegation of Turkmenistan to the OSCE. Fluent in Russian and English. Married, has three children.



Dr. Marthese Portelli



**CEO of the Malta Chamber
of Commerce, Malta**

Dr. Portelli is a law graduate from the University of Malta, having specialized in applied business law and IT. Throughout her 27 years of working experience, she occupied several managerial posts – Chief Operations Manager, Chief Projects Manager, Commercial & Compliance Manager as well as Group Business Development Manager.

During her 7-year tenure as Member of Parliament, she was tasked with various responsibilities during which she garnered significant experience and expertise in policy formulation on various pillars, which are crucial for economic growth, competitiveness, attractiveness, well-being, environment, social justice and sustainability.

Since 2020, she focused primarily on a growth strategy for Alta Consulta and in the second quarter she also took on a one-year Director General role with the Malta Developers Association to work on a sustainable vision for the industry. She has also Co-Chaired the Intelligent Planning Committee Forum together with Profs Alex Torpiano.

Since 1st May 2021 she took on the role as CEO of The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry and directorship within the Malta Business Bureau and Education Malta. She is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Malta.

Mr. Kari Puumalainen



**Principal and Director at the
Ylä-Savo Municipal
Federation of Education /
Ylä-Savo Vocational College,
Finland**

Mr. Kari Puumalainen is the director and principal of Ylä-Savo Municipal Federation of Education. He has worked over 25 years in different positions in the development and management of vocational education.

He has worked as the development director in the regional development company one of his responsibilities was to activate public and private organisations to use of different Structural funds programmes in the Region of Ylä-Savo. He has also been a national representative of Finland in EfVET (European Forum of Vocational and Technical and Vocational Education and Training). He is also elected to vice-president of The Finnish Association for the Development of Vocational Education and Training (AMKE).

Mr. Puumalainen has a master's degree in philosophy (M.Sc.) from the University of Eastern Finland, a Major in computer science, business economics and vocational education. His special interests are knowledge management and process management and the role of VET in regional development and support of the business environment.

Mr. Richard Grieveson



**Deputy Director at the
Vienna Institute for
International Economic
Studies (wiiw), Austria**

Mr. Richard Grieveson is Deputy Director at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw) and Research Associate at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He specialises in the economies of Central, East and Southeast Europe, with a particular focus on Turkey and the Western Balkans.

In addition, he works on economic history and European integration. Previously he worked as a Director in the Emerging Europe Sovereigns team at Fitch Ratings and Regional Manager in the Europe team at the Economist Intelligence Unit.

Mr. Grieveson holds degrees from the universities of Cambridge, Vienna and Birkbeck.

Mr. Balázs Égert



**Head of the Quantification
of Reforms Unit within the
OECD Economics
Department, OECD**

Mr. Balázs Égert is the Head of the quantification of reforms unit within the OECD Economics Department. He previously worked as a Senior Economist at the OECD.

From 2003 to 2007, he worked at the Austrian Central Bank. He was Visiting Researcher at the South African Reserve Bank (2007), Bruegel (2006), CESifo (2006), the Czech National Bank (2006), the central bank of Hungary (2005), the Bank of Finland/BOFIT (2004/2005) and the Bank of Estonia (2002).

Mr. Égert earned his PhD at the University of Paris X-Nanterre (2002).

Prof. Christopher Warhurst



**Director of the Institute for
Employment Research,
University of Warwick,
United Kingdom**

Professor Chris Warhurst is an internationally recognised expert on job quality and skills.

He is Co-Chair of the ERSC-funded Renewing Work Advisory Group of Experts (ReWAGE), a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and an Associate Research Fellow of SKOPE at the University of Oxford.

His current research includes a pan-EU project examining the future of work and welfare in a digital age (Beyond 4.0) and developing a classification of green occupations (GreenSOC) for Skills Development Scotland. He has published 17 books including: *The Skills That Matter* (Palgrave), *Are bad jobs inevitable?* (Palgrave) and *The Oxford Handbook of Skills and Training* (Oxford University Press). His latest book, *The Oxford Handbook of Job Quality*, will be published in 2022.

He has been an expert advisor to the UK, Australian and Scottish Governments and the OECD. He is currently a member of the Education and Labour Market Research Group of the Scottish Qualifications Authority and the UK Government's Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation.

Concluding Session

Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani - Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ambassador Hasani assumed the duties of Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities on 1st October 2021.

Before joining the OSCE, Ambassador Hasani has been Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. In 2019, as part of OSCE Troika, he was Chair of the Mediterranean Contact Group, before he became Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council during the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship in 2020. This year, Ambassador Hasani assumed the position of the Chairperson of Asian Partners for Cooperation Group.

He has extensive experience in international security and has contributed to shape the security and defence policy package of the Republic of Albania. For 17 years, he served in the Albanian Ministry of Defence in various management roles, including as Secretary General (2017-2018), Director General for Defence Policy (2015-2017), Director of NATO and Foreign Relations (2013-2014), Director of Euro-Atlantic Integration (2013-2014) as well as Director of Press and Information, Policy and Media and Legal Affairs. Prior to his career at the Ministry of Defence, he worked as a journalist and editor for several newspapers and TV stations in Albania.

Ambassador Hasani holds degrees in Law, Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tirana, a master's degree in International Relations from the King's College London, and is a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies.



Mr. Grzegorz Słomkowski – Member of the Management Board of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency, Poland

Mr. Grzegorz Słomkowski has been a Member of the Management Board of Polish Investment and Trade Agency since 2019. He is responsible for FDI investments and operations of the Agency.

He has over twenty years of experience in financial and general management, which he gained while working in both international and Polish companies.

For eight years, Grzegorz was the Chairman of the Council of the Association of Importers and Manufacturers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment - "ZIPSEE CYFROWA POLSKA" - a non-profit employers' organization associating the largest RTV and IT companies operating in Poland.

For four years, he was the President of the Management Board of a company that distributes Clearplex industrial foils from the American MADICO group.



Grzegorz Słomkowski graduated from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of Warsaw University of Technology, Executive MBA in Business from the Business School of Warsaw University of Technology / London Business School / HEC Paris / NHH (Bergen), the Faculty of Management and Marketing of the University of Warsaw, MBA studies from the University of Illinois, the Academy of Psychological Leadership at the Warsaw University of Technology.