

# Moderator - Mrs. Patrizia DI MAURO, UNIEP Secretary General



Patrizia di Mauro is Secretary General of UNIEP (European Association for Painting Contractors). She has been also Coordinator of Sectoral Policies in SMEunited (European Association of Crafts and SMEs) since 2017. After having worked for the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce, she managed different European sectoral and craft associations (European Bakers and Confectioners Confederation, European Builders Confederation), as well as the European Office for Craft and SMEs in the Standardization. From 2003 to 2008 she was head of the Brussels' office of the Italian Confederation for Craft and SMEs. She holds a degree in Political Science (University of Rome La Sapienza), a master degree in European Studies (ULB Brussels) and a master degree in Management and Marketing (ICHEC Brussels). She is sworn translator at the Brussels' Court of First Instance (EN-FR-ES-IT)

#### Mr. Domenico CAMPOGRANDE, FIEC General Director



He was born in Italy and lives in Brussels. Holds a Master degree in Economics from the University of Louvain-La-Neuve (Belgium). He started his career in the IT sector and joined FIEC (European Construction Industry Federation) in 1994. Within FIEC until 2007 he was responsible for Economic and Legal matters, from 2007 until 2019 Director for Social Affairs and since July 2019 he is the Director General of FIEC.

#### Mrs. Christel DAVIDSON, CEPE Managing Director



Christel Davidson joined CEPE in January 2020. She comes with some 20 years' experience in EU Affairs, primarily in sustainability.

Prior to CEPE, she worked for various trade associations, Small Business Standards, EuroCommerce and SMEunited (previously UEAPME), and the environmental NGO, including Birdlife International.

Christel holds a postgraduate DES in environmental sciences (ULB) and a university degree in Business Administration (ICHEC Brussels Management School).

### Mrs. Ann-Cathrin RÖNSCH, EBC Senior Policy Officer



Ann-Cathrin Roensch works as Senior Policy Officer at the European Builders Confederation (EBC), a European professional organisation representing national employer associations of micro, small and medium-sized construction enterprises. In this role, she covers all areas related to energy, environmental and economic issues, including energy efficiency in buildings, circular economy and public procurement. Prior to joining EBC, she worked in a German communication & public affairs agency on energy and environmental affairs as well as in the European Committee of the Regions. Ann-Cathrin holds an inter-university Master degree in Contemporary European Studies from the University of Bath (UK), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin (DE) as well as Universidad Carlos III de

# Mr. Roman HORVATH, EU Commission DG GROW



Roman Horváth is a policy officer at the DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission. He is part of the competitiveness construction team, dealing with skills, qualifications and occupational health and safety issues in the construction sector. Roman holds master's degrees in construction engineering and business management. After a short university career at the Slovak University of Technology, he was working eight years at the Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic, dealing with EU affaires and EU funded infrastructural projects. In 2007, he joined the European Commission and in 2014 he became part of its competitiveness construction team.

# Mr. Josip MIHALIC, Director of Office for Cohesion policy Slovenia



Josip Mihalic is the Director of the Cohesion policy office of the Slovenian government. He has an extensive Social Science background and more than 15 years of experience in the field of European Cohesion Policy. He is currently in charge of preparing necessary documents for post 2020 investment opportunities in Slovenia.

# Mr. Bojan SUVOROV, HoU for Smart Specialization Strategy Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy Slovenia



Bojan Suvorov has a master's degree in mechanical engineering and is former director of the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy. Prior to that, he was Secretary of State for Local Government in Regional Policy. He was also involved in the implementation of European cohesion policies through cross-border programs, the INTERREG Community Initiative.

### Mr. Jan BAUER, Company owner and German UNIEP Member



Jan Bauer was born in 1964, on June 14th, at Troisdorf, Germany. A trained painter since 1986, he got his master professional in 1991. In 2012 he took over the painters business from his parents. Since then, he is also appointed expert for painting and decorating. Today Jan Bauer heads the painters guild in North Rhine and is the President of the Association of Painting Decorating and Building Protection, the aggregation of painter's guilds in Germany.



### Moderator - Mr. André MERTENS, UNIEP Vice-President



Painter since 45 years, Mr. Mertens has a large experience in the sector. He has been President of Confederatie Bouw Antwerp, Vlaamse Schilders and Nationale Schilders and is currently a jury member in 3 schools.

Mr. André Mertens has been Vice President of UNIEP, the international association for Painting Contractors for several years. On the other hand is also Treasurer and Co-founder of EPP (European painting Partners), The European network of Painting/Decorating services' providers and Products' Manufacturers.

### Mrs. Ines Jeschke, Painting Professor at SBG Dresden



Ms Ines Jeschke is a Master Painter appointed and affirmed expert for the painting and varnishing trade by the Dresden Chamber of Crafts. She started her painting career in the father's painting company where she worked for 7 years. Thanks to her studies in Business and Management, she has been involved also in the commercial side of the painting trade with the role of technical advisor and sales manager for a manufacturer of paints, varnishes and plasters within the RELIUS - BASF Group. Since 2010, she is the head of the Dresden Master Painting School at SBG Dresden mbH and a lecturer in the areas of business administration, human resources, marketing and communication. She is also a member of the board and deputy master of the Guild of Dresden of Painting and Painting Crafts. As part of the EUROPA-MEISTER project consortium, she has been deeply involved in the draft of the innovative European Meisterbrief as one of the main project's result.

#### Ms. Lina Küng, young Master Painter



Lina Küng started her education at the Rudolf-Steiner school in Vienna. During her eleven years there, she gained extensive insights into different professions and the artistic aspect, which she has always really liked. In order to learn new techniques and to further develop her skills, she attended the Masterclass for Painting and related trades at the HTL Baden this year. Amongst other things her interest in calligraphy was really supported, and she could contribute to a few font templates for the e-learning script of the Europa-Meister. International exchange with people and cultures of other countries has also always played a big role for her, and in the past she has been on exchange/internship in Spain and Russia. This year, she got the opportunity to take part in the 21st International Traditional Humanitarian Painting Campaign in Slovenia and also in the short-term joint staff training event of the Erasmus+ project "EUROPA-MEISTER" in Baden (AT).

#### Mr. Moritz Kachel, young Master Painter



Moritz Kachel is Meister of painting in Germany and is working in the company of his grandfather. Differently than thought, Moritz started his second career as a painter trainee in 2016 in his grandfather's company. Before that time, he finished his officer license in the German air force and went out after 4 years as a lieutenant. In combination to his apprenticeship, Moritz Kachel started to study Handworks management in Hannover, Germany. This study is specialized for hand workers who will work in higher position and is focused on economics. This should help him to manage all risks and problems of the daily business in his company. All in all, Moritz passed his exams and became a Meister in the beginning of 2019. Since then he is working with his grandfather and his mom as a junior manager and trainee teacher. Currently he is doing his bachelor thesis to become a bachelor.

#### Mr. Peter Gorecan, young Master Painter



Since his childhood Peter has regularly helped his father with his painting work and attended school in addition. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics (EF) in Ljubljana (SI). During his studies, he tried several kind of works both in and outside the painting sector. He wanted to match his passion in painting with the knowledge gained at the Faculty of Economics and he addressed to decorative techniques. He attended some trainings abroad, especially in Italy, and in Slovenia, and he obtained the title of master painter. In addition to his regular work, he is active in the Club of Young Entrepreneurs of Kranj, and every year he is joining the organizing committee of the international painting campaign in Slovenia. He is part to the current craftsman of the year in Slovenia, especially thanks to the decorative techniques.

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