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Speaker and Panellist Biographies

Marc Pissens



Marc Pissens is President of Securitas Transport Aviation Security A.B. worldwide, representing today more than 10,000 security employees at 86 airports and exceeding € 300 mio Euro sales in Europe. He is the founding father of Securitas-Securair in Belgium.

As the Head of the Benelux divisions of Securitas A.B., he acted as CEO for Securitas in Belgium and in The Netherlands - including the security programs established for 122 airports throughout Europe - and as President of Globe Aviation, a subsidiary of Securitas A.B., providing aviation security at more than 46 airports in the US.

Soon after he started his career in the security industry, he was appointed President of CoESS, the Confederation of European Security Services. He was the founding father and current President of EASA, the European Aviation Security Association. He is also Vice-President and Honorary President of APEG-BVBO, the Belgian association of private security services. Furthermore, he is member of the Airports Council International (ACI), of the European Security Transport Association (ESTA), of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), of the European Association of Airport and Seaport Police (EAASP), and of the International Air Carrier Association (IACA).

Marc Pissens is co-initiator of the legislative environment of private security services in Belgium and was the initiator for establishing standards and elaborating rules and regulations for the private security industry in Europe.

Thomas Parker



During his ten years at Interel, Thomas Parker has helped develop the company into one of the leading Public Relations and Public Affairs consultancies in Brussels. He is presently responsible for managing Interel's leading European Affairs team, Interel Cabinet Stewart. He works on a range of high-profile accounts, where an intimate understanding of the EU's political and regulatory

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environment and key-decision makers is essential. He also has extensive experience in the field of EU private security policy and working with the wider Brussels stakeholder community, notably the EU media and crisis communication.

He is Vice Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce's EU Committee and Chairman of its Environment and Energy Taskforce. He lectures regularly on lobbying and EU affairs, is on the editorial board of a number of leading publications reporting on the EU and is a member of the Society of European Public Affairs Professionals (SEAP). He is also fellow of the Royal Society of Arts Manufacturers and Commerce (RSA).

Prior to joining Interel, Thomas Parker worked for two years at a leading international consultancy, specialising in health and environmental policy and a leading UK law firm. He has a Degree in Chemistry, with a specialisation in the biochemical environment, and a Postgraduate diploma in Law from Nottingham Law School.

Srečko Jarc

Srečko Jarc, MSc., is Director-General of the Police and Security Directorate at the Slovenian Ministry of the Interior.

He finished police academy in 1984 and started working as a police officer in Ljubljana, eventually attaining the position of Police Chief at one of Ljubljana's largest police stations. In 1987, he graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Ljubljana, and in 2006 he obtained a Master's Degree in Law.

Since 2003 he has worked at the Ministry of the Interior. His first position at the Ministry was as an Undersecretary in the office responsible for preparing legislation on public order and private and police security. In 2005, he became Director-General of the Police and Security Directorate.

During his time at the Ministry, he has worked to develop guidelines for the qualification of both police officers and private security guards. He has also written numerous articles on subjects concerning police and private security matters, which have been published in various professional magazines and journals.

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Gilles de Kerchove



Gilles de Kerchove (° 1956) is EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator. He holds a Law Degree from the Catholic University of Louvain and obtained a Master of Laws at the Yale Law School in New Haven, USA (LL.M., 1984 - Belgian American Educational Foundation Fellow).

Currently he holds a position as Director for Justice and Home Affairs at the EU Council Secretariat, European Law Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Professor at the Free University of Brussels, European Law Professor at the University Faculty Saint Louis (Brussels) and Lecturer at the 'Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA)' in Strasbourg.

From 1999-2000 he was Deputy Secretary of the Convention which drafted the Charter of the fundamental rights of the European Union. From 1993-1995 he was Chef de Cabinet of the deputy Prime-Minister, Minister of Justice and Minister of Economic Affairs. From 1989-1992 he was Chef de Cabinet of the deputy Prime-Minister of the Federal Government, Minister of Justice and Minister of Small and Medium-sized enterprises. From 1979-1983 he was a Teaching Assistant at the Catholic University of Louvain Law School. In 1985 he was Administrator in the European Commission (DG Competition). From 1986-1988 he was Secretary of the Government of the Walloon Region, Chef de Cabinet of the President of the Government. Mr. de Kerchove has published a number of books on European law.

Marc Cools



Marc Cools (° 1962) holds a PhD in Criminology (Free University of Brussels), a Master's Degree in Business Administration (IPO Management School), a Certificate of International Management in the Telecommunications Industry (London Business School), a Certificate of International Fraud Examiner (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners) and an official recognition as Certified Fraud Auditor (Institute of Fraud Auditors).

He lectured at the Antwerp Police Academy and at the School for Criminology of the Justice Department. He was advisor to the former Belgian Justice Minister, Mr. Verwilghen.

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Currently, he is CEO of Forensic Advice & International Research sprl and Member of the Board at Securitas Training sa and at the Criminological Society of Brussels asbl.

He is Professor of Criminology at the Universities of Brussels and Ghent. He also teaches a specialist course on Security Management at the Beograd University (Serbia) and is a visiting lecturer at the Nyenrode University (The Netherlands).

Sergio Carrera

Sergio Carrera is Head of Justice and Home Affairs Section and Research Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). He is also an external expert on 'Freedom, Security and Justice' for the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Parliament (DG IPOL). He is PhD candidate at the Faculty of Law of the University of Maastricht, where previously, he obtained an LL.M. on 'European, International and Comparative Law'. He is involved in the management and coordination of various trans-European and international projects such as CHALLENGE (The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security), a five-year research project funded by DG Research of the European Commission.

His latest publications include: Carrera, S. and F. Geyer, 'The Reform Treaty and Justice and Home Affairs - Implications for the common Area of Freedom, Security and Justice', in Guild, E. and Geyer, F. (eds), 'Security versus Justice? Police and Judicial Cooperation in the European Union', Ashgate: Aldershot, 2008, pp. 289 - 307; Carrera, S., FRONTEX and the EU's Integrated Border Management Strategy, Lodge, J. (ed.), 'Are You Who You Say You Are? The EU and Biometric Borders', Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers, 2007, pp. 67-100; Carrera, S., D. Bigo, E. Guild and R. Walker, 'The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security: Mid-term Report on the Results of the CHALLENGE Project', CHALLENGE Paper No. 4, February 2007; Carrera S. & T. Balzacq (eds.), 'Security versus Freedom: A challenge for Europe's future?' Ashgate Publishing: Hampshire, 2006.

Magnus Ovilius

Magnus Ovilius is Head of Sector, Preparedness and Crisis Management (DG Justice Freedom and Security, European Commission) since 2006. He holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Lund in Sweden.

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He completed his Military Training and his Officers' Training and was promoted to First Lieutenant (Swedish Armed Forces).

He is responsible for the formulation, development, implementation and evaluation of EU counter-terrorism policies. He is also responsible for the overall coordination of Critical Infrastructure Protection measures across all Commission services and sectors (Maritime, Transport, Energy, ICT, Financial Services, Health, Chemical etc.), Law Enforcement led Crisis Management, JLS Crisis Room, Security Research Policy, G8 Roma/Lyon meetings, Defence-related aspects of counter-terrorism in particular Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear & Explosives issues, Management of the JLS Financial Programme "Prevention, Preparedness and Consequence Management of Terrorism and other Security-Related Risks". He represents DG JLS in Council, the European Parliament, Member States' Governments, 3rd Country Governments and other Commission services.

In 2003 he was Head of Operations and Coordinator of Cooperation (ad interim) & Head of Thematic Section & Environment Counsellor (European Commission's Delegation to Russia). In 2000 he was Head of Section "Public Administration, Judicial Reform, Environment and Policy Advise" and Environment Counsellor (European Commission's Delegation to Russia).

Roeland van Bockel

Roeland van Bockel is Senior Policy Advisor to the Netherlands Ministry of Transport and Public Works. Since 1984 he held various jobs in the field of international economic relations (East Asia, foreign direct investments, supply chain management, transport safety and military-industrial cooperation). He has coordinated and participated in a range of (European) studies, expert groups and projects related to logistics and transport security.

From 2004 -2008, he was a seconded national expert to the European Commission on supply chain security in Brussels, developing security legislation for intermodal transport within the EU internal market.

In 2007 he was appointed Convenor of the CEN TC 373 project team on supply chain security. TC 379 aims to develop possible supply chain security standards for all operators within the EU internal market.

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From June 2008 onwards he will serve as a Project Manager to the PLATINA Thematic Network on Inland Waterways Transport.

In 2004, he established the Foundation for Sustainable Distribution. In 2008 he joined the Board of Directors of the Transportation Security Research Center.

Koen Dassen

Since 2006, Koen Dassen is Minister Counsellor - Deputy of the Belgian Delegation to the Political and Security Committee of the European Council (PSC). The PSC monitors the international situation in the areas covered by the Common Foreign and Security Policy and contributes by delivering opinions to the Council of Ministers, either at its request or at its own initiative; it monitors the implementation of agreed policies and exercises 'political control and strategic direction' of EU crisis-management operations such as the civilian operations EUPOL in Palestine, RDCongo and Afghanistan, EUJUST LEX in Iraq, EUBAM Rafah, Security Sector Reform in Guinea-Bissau and EULEX in Kosovo.

Previous functions of Koen Dassen include Cabinet Director to the Governor of the Antwerp Province, 'Commissaire d'arrondissement' Sint-Niklaas, Director of the Coordination and Crisis Centre of the Federal Government, Ministry of Interior, Deputy member of the Belgian Parliament's Permanent Oversight Committee on the Police Forces, Cabinet Director to the Federal Minister of the Interior and Administrator-General of the Belgian Security/Intelligence Service (2002-2006). Koen Dassen is also a visiting lecturer at conferences and at Belgian universities on the topic of civilian and military security, and First Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve.

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