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Simona BONAFE, MEP, Vice-Chair of Long-term Investment Intergroup

Simona Bonafè ran as head of list of the Italian Democratic Party (PD) for the European Parliament election in May 2014 and was elected, for her first mandate, with the highest number of preferential votes among Italian MEPs. In the European Parliament she is a member of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats (S&D) and sits as Member in the Committee for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI), and as Substitute Member in the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE). She is also a Member of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China (D-CN) and of the Delegation for relations with the United States, Substitute (D-US). She is vice-chair and co-founder of the Long Term Investment Intergroup. She is the European Parliament Rapporteur for the revision of the four directives contained in the Circular Economy Package. MEP Bonafè was elected to the Italian Lower Chamber in 2013, sitting in the Committee for Economic Activities and Trade. Prior to that, for over 10 years she was engaged in local politics in Tuscany, where she served as Municipal Council Member for Environment.



Gerassimos THOMAS, Deputy Director-General for Energy, European Commission & Chairman of the EFSI Steering Board

Mr. Gerassimos is Deputy-Director in DG Energy and Chairman of the EFSI Steering Board. Mr. Thomas has been Director at European Investment Bank since January 1, 2012. He served as the Head of the Cabinet of Commissioner Joaquin Almunia from 2006 to 2009, as the Deputy Spokesman for European Commission's President Romano Prodi from 2003 to 2004, and as Spokesman of Commissioner Pedro Solbes for Economic and Monetary affairs from 1999 to 2004. Mr. Thomas was involved in reform policy from 1995 to 1997, international financial issues from 1993 to 1995, regional policy from 1992 to 1993 and financial integration issues from 1990 to 1992. Previously, Mr. Thomas was at a Japanese Investment bank in London from 1987 to 1990. He has studied Economics, Business administration and International relations in Athens, London and Brussels.



Jo LEINEN, MEP, Member of the Long-term Investment Intergroup

Jo Leinen has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1999. From 2004 to 2009 he was President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and from 2009 to 2011 he chaired the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. Mr Leinen has been the Chairman of the Delegation for the relations with China since 2014, and is a full member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, a substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee as well as of the Committee for Foreign Affairs. He is also a full Member of the European Parliament's Working Group on EU-UN relations and a substitute Member of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly. In the year 2000, he took part in the Convention for the Elaboration of a Charter of Fundamental Rights for the EU. Before becoming an MEP, Jo Leinen

was Minister for the Environment in the State Government of Saarland, Germany from 1985-1994. Furthermore, Jo Leinen has been a very active member of pro-European civil society organisations. After being President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) from 1997 to 2005 he was appointed the organization's Honorary President. Leinen also served as Vice President of the European Movement International (EMI) from 2003 to 2011, before becoming its current President in November 2011.



Adrian JOYCE, Renovate Europe Campaign Director

An Irish national, Adrian has more than fifteen years of experience as a practising architect. In 2003, he joined the Brussels-based Secretariat of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), of which he became Director in 2010. Adrian is Secretary General of EuroACE and Campaign Director of the Renovate Europe Campaign since August 2011.



Panama BARTHOLOMY, Director, Investor Confidence Project Europe

Panama manages the Investor Confidence Project Europe, a project of the Environmental Defense Fund. Panama Bartholomy was recently the Deputy Director of the CEC's Efficiency and Renewables Division. He spent four years as an advisor for Chairmen Douglas and Pfannenstiel, where he led efforts on their behalf on the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, clean energy workforce development, land use, renewable energy, and green building for the Division of the State Architect where he started and then ran the Sustainable Schools program. Bartholomy holds an M.S. in Community Development from the University of California, Davis, and a B.S. in Restorative Development from Humboldt State University.



Luca BERTALOT, Secretary General of the European Mortgage Federation - European Covered Bond Council

Luca Bertalot is secretary general of the European Mortgage Federation - European Covered Bond Council (EMF-ECBC), representing the interests of EU mortgage lenders and the covered bond community in discussions with the European Institutions and stakeholders in general on all issues relating to the retail and funding sides of the mortgage business. Luca joined the EMF-ECBC in 2006, becoming head of the ECBC in 2007 and was appointed secretary general in June 2014. Before this, he worked as a financial analyst in Italy and Australia. Luca holds a degree in economics and financial markets from the University of Rome, Tor Vergata. He also studied at the University of Mannheim, Germany, and at the Wharton School - University of Pennsylvania, in the United States.



Markus SCHÖNBORN, Vice-President, Director Product Management Residential Housing, KfW bankengruppe

Markus Schönborn is a trained banker. In his professional career, real estate financing has played a central role since 1994. Since 2007, he has been responsible as Team Leader for the development and management of housing development programs in KfW Kommunal- und Privatkundenbank / Kreditinstitut.



Jessica STROMBACK, Chair, Joule Assets Europe; Chair, Smart Energy Demand Coalition

As Chair of the Joule Assets Europe financial fund, Jessica Stromback oversees the creation of the European project investment portfolio within the energy efficiency and Demand Response industries. She is also launching the SEAF project evaluation tool for the evaluation of financial returns of these projects in Europe. Jessica Stromback is also founder and Executive Director of the Smart Energy Demand Coalition (SEDC). As Director she actively works with European policy makers and industry representatives to enable demand side participation throughout European energy markets, through information, dynamic pricing, automation, and demand response.