

INSTITUTIONAL RAPPORTEURS

Topic I: The internal market and the digital economy



Piedade Costa de Oliveira

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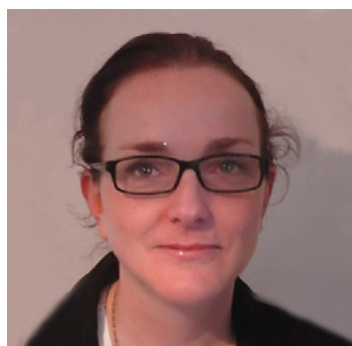
Following that she was in charge of Transparency and Data Protection and, subsequently, of interinstitutional relations concerning legislative and other activities in the Institutions Team; Since 2015 she deals with horizontal questions concerning the implementation of the Digital Single Market Strategy as well as a number of files concerning the Digital Single Market such as, Digital contracts, ePrivacy, Web accessibility, Cybersecurity, Free Flow of Data.

Before joining the Commission, Piedade worked in the EUIPO (ex-OHIM) and, before that, in the Council.

Following an EU Fellowship at the University of São Paulo – Brazil in 2014, Piedade continues giving lectures there on "laws and regulations for interconnected objects (Internet of Things)".

She graduated in law from the "Université Catholique de Louvain" (Belgium).

Topic II: Taxation, State aid and distortions of competition



Julia Rapp

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She now works as a case manager in the State aid unit that deals with cases on tax planning practices. As such, she handles and manages a number of high-profile cases.

Before joining the Commission in 2008, Julia worked as a lecturer on EU law and EU competition law at the University of Leiden, the Netherlands. From 2002 to 2004, she worked in the American law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Julia is a lawyer and graduated from the University of Konstanz in Germany.



Ramona Ianus

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In 2016, Ramona went to Bucharest to be the legal adviser of the Deputy Prime Minister, Costin Borc, Minister of Economy.

She now works in DG Competition in the state aid coordination unit providing support to other state aid units and ensuring coherence between the different sectors. She is responsible for the international aspects of state aid and the interlinks between state aid and arbitration.

Ramona is a lawyer and graduated from the University of Bucharest in Romania and from Pantheon Sorbonne Paris I University. She holds a master of European law from the College of Europe (Bruges).

Topic III: The external dimension of the EU policies: horizontal issues; trade and investment; immigration and asylum



Freddy Drexler

Freddy Drexler is the Jurisconsult of the European Parliament, Director General of its Legal Service. He joined the administration of the European Parliament in 1992; first as administrator in the Directorate-General of Committees and Inter-parliamentary Delegations, then in the Directorate-General responsible for the Presidency.

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In 2002 he became advisor to the Deputy Secretary General; in 2004, advisor to the Director General in charge of internal policies; and in 2007, advisor to the President of the European Parliament. He later headed the secretariat of the governing bodies of the Parliament, before becoming Head of Cabinet for the current Secretary General in 2009. He joined the Legal Service in 2012 as Director for Legislative Affairs.

In his current role as Jurisconsult, which he was appointed to in November 2013, he plays a key role by advising Parliament on legal issues and representing it in legal proceedings. The Legal Service, in its advisory role, assists the President, Parliament's political bodies and its Secretariat. It delivers frank, objective and comprehensive legal advice on a completely independent basis, and furthermore represents the European Parliament in front of the European Courts.

Freddy Drexler is a Graduate of the Institute of Political Studies and a holder of a DEA (Diplôme d'Études Approfondies) in Law from Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg.

He also has a first-class honours Higher Diploma in European Studies from the College of Europe, Bruges.



Hubert Legal

Born 1954 in Nantes (France). Studies at the Ecole Normale Supérieure (1974-1979) and at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (1986-1988). Member of the Conseil d'Etat (France) since 1988: Auditor, then Maître des Requêtes (1991), then Conseiller d'Etat (2005).

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Commissaire du Gouvernement (public rapporteur) with the Litigation Section between 1991 and 1993.

Chargé de mission with the Legal Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 1989 and 1993.

Legal Counsellor of the French Permanent Representation to the United Nations (New York) between 1993 and 1997.

Référéndaire at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, Luxembourg (1997- 2001); then Judge of the Court of First Instance of the European Communities (2001- 2007). President of the Fourth Chamber of the Court of First Instance (2003-2007).

Rapporteur at the Litigation Section of the Conseil d'Etat (France), from September 2007 to March 2008.

Director in the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union, Directorate 1A in charge of Coreper 1 matters (Internal Market, Environment, Transport), from April 2008 to January 2011.

Legal Counsel of the European Council and of the Council, Director General of the Legal Service, from February 2011 to date.

Member of the Société française de droit international (SFDI).



Anders Neergaard

Experience professionnelle

Chef d'unité, Unité Relations extérieures, Service juridique du Parlement européen

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Professional experience

Head of Unit in the Legal Service of the European Parliament

Anders Neergaard entered the Legal Service in 1996 and is since 1 May 2014 the Head of unit for the Unit for external relations.

The main task is to lead a team of legal experts, providing the parliamentary committees with legal advice in the field of external relations and representing Parliament in Court. The responsibility includes legal assistance to the Committee on foreign affairs, the Committee on International Trade and the Committee on Development as well as the subcommittee on Human Rights and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence. The unit also assists all the delegations of the European Parliament. Of the cases before the Courts may be mentioned in particular Opinion 2/15 concerning the Free Trade Agreement between EU and Singapore.

Until 30 April 2014, Mr Neergaard worked as a legal expert in the Unit Economic and scientific policies, which provides legal advice to a series of parliamentary committees with responsibilities in a various policy matters and represents the Parliament in Court in those fields. His specific responsibility was the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), which is responsible for legislation in the fields of financial services, economic policy coordination, statistics and taxation as well as for competition policy. A central task was to provide support to Parliament in the negotiations in view of agreements between Council and Parliament in the legislative procedures. Mr Neergaard also specialized in issues related to delegated acts and implementing acts (in the past Comitology). Earlier he worked in the Unit Contractual and financial law and in the Unit Parliamentary issues and Members' rights in the Legal service.

Prior to entering the services of the European Parliament, Mr Neergaard worked a brief period as Lawyer Linguist at the Court of Justice of the European Communities.

His career however began as a Judge in the General Courts of Sweden, a career which he left as Hovrättsassessor. Before entering this career he had fulfilled the law practice as Tingsnotarie (referendar) at a General Court in Sweden.

Education

Master in European Law, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium, (Promotion Stefan Zweig 1993-1994). Thesis: Intellectual property, the free movement of goods and competition law in the EEA.

Master in Law, Juris Kandidatexamen, 1989, University of Lund, Sweden

Publications and seminars

"Democracy and economic governance in the European Union - seen in the light of the role of the European Parliament", contribution to "Democracy and Economic Governance within the European Union" under the coordination of Mr. Gregorio GARZÓN CLARIANA, Professor of Public International Law, Jean Monnet ad personam Chair and former Jurisconsult of the European Parliament, Marcial Pons, Madrid/Barcelona/Buenos Aires/São Paolo, 2015 part of the series "Càtedra Jean Monnet Prof. Garzon Clariana".

"La prolifération d'instruments non prévus par les Traités - Insuffisance des Traités ou manque de discipline des Institutions et États membres ? » in Mélanges en l'honneur de Christian Pennera, Jurisconsulte du Parlement européen « Une vie vouée à l'histoire et au droit européens ».

"European Supervisory Authorities - a new model for the exercise of powers in the European Union?" published in the Revue européenne de Droit bancaire et financier/Eurédia, Éditions Bruylant, issue 2009.4.

"La comitologie et la légitimité démocratique de la Communauté européenne" in the "Liber Amicorum en l'honneur de Gregorio Garzón Clariana, le Jurisconsulte du Parlement européen "Au service du droit communautaire"", 2006.

Several speeches on the European Parliament and legal issues related to its activities, both internally within the European Parliament and in seminars organised by external institutes specialising in European Affairs, such as EIPA in Maastricht, Netherlands, and ERA in Trier, Germany.



Alvaro De Elera

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Member of the Legal Service of the Council since 2008, where he has been dealing with Internal Market, Ecofin and External Relations.

Advisor in the Private Office of the Secretary General of the Council.

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