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**FORUM**

**Megatrends in Construction**  
**The three R's: Renovation-Resource Efficiency-  
Recycling**

**Wednesday 16 October 2013**

**BIOGRAPHIES of the SPEAKERS**



**Jean-Paul Gauzès, President of the European Parliament Gypsum Forum, EPP France**

Graduate of the Institute of Political Studies (1967). Degree in economics (1968). Higher degree (DES) in public law (1969). Diploma to practise as a lawyer (1972).

Assistant lecturer at the Toulouse University for Social Sciences (1969-1972). Head of the Universities Section, Department for Administrative Training, Ministry for Education (1972-1979). Lawyer in the Council of State and at the Court of Cassation (1980-1994). Lawyer practising in Paris (1973-1979 and 1994-1998). Legal and tax adviser in a bank (1998-2007).

Mayor of Sainte-Agathe-d'Almermont (since 1983). Member of Haute-Normandie Regional Council (since 1993).

Knight of the Order of Academic Palms (1985). Knight of the National Order of Merit (1987). Knight of the Legion of Honour (2004)



**Julie Girling, Speaker and Vice-President of the European Parliament Gypsum Forum, ECR, UK**

BA (Hons.). Graduate trainee, Ford Motor Company (1979-1982). Buyer and Merchandise Controller, Argos Catalogue Group (1982-1988). Marketing Manager, Dixon's Stores Group (1988-1990). Marketing and Buying Manager, Boots/Halfords (1991-1993). Freelance trainer (1995-2009).

On Cotswold District Council: Member (1999-2009); Leader (2003-2006). On Gloucestershire County Council: Member (2000-2009); Lead Cabinet Member (2006-2009). Member, South West Regional Assembly (2003-2006).



### **Paul Rübzig, Speaker and Vice-President of the European Parliament Gypsum Forum, EPP, Austria**

Farm machinery design at Styria polytechnic (1967-1972). Studied economics in Linz (1972-1978). Doctorate, Linz University Institute for Auditing, Trusteeship and Accountancy (1978-1984). Managing director of the Rübzig Schmied company.

Member, Upper Austria Regional Assembly (1991-1996). Chairman, EU Integration Committee.

Member of the Nationalrat (1996).

- Member of the European Parliament (since 1996). Member of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee, Substitute member of the Committee on Budgets. EPP small business spokesperson on the WTO Steering Committee. Member of the Delegation for relations with Switzerland, Norway, to the EU-Iceland Joint Parliamentary Committee and to the European Economic Area Joint Parliamentary Committee (Arctic Council and EFTA). Substitute member of the Delegation for relations with the Arab Peninsula (Gulf Cooperation Council).
- President, SME Circle (1999-2000).
- Co-President (2000-2001) and President (2001-2003) of the European Business Federation (SME-Union).
- President of SME Global (since 2003). Board member, Upper Austria Business Promotion Institute (1991-1996).
- Vice-President, Upper Austria Chamber of Commerce (1996-2000).
- President of EUCUSA (2000-2002). Industry Committee Vice-Chair, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (2000-2010), Member of the Industry Committee, Austrian Chamber of Commerce (since 2010).
- Chair of the STOA (Science and Technology Options Assessment) Committee.
- Honorary citizen of Sanford (USA).



### **Heide Rühle, Speaker and Vice-president of the European Parliament Gypsum Forum, Green, Germany**

Studied psychology at Tübingen.

Chairwoman of the Greens in Baden-Württemberg (1987-1990). Speaker (chairwoman) of the Federal Executive (1990-1991). Political affairs officer in the Federal Executive of the Greens and of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (1991-1998), member of the Greens' party council in Baden-Württemberg (since 2003).

Member of the European Parliament (since 1999). Member of the German Association for Nature and Environmental Protection (BUND). Member of the United Services Trade Union (ver.di). Member of Europa-Union Deutschland.



**Mr. William Neale, Member of the Cabinet Commissioner Potocnik, Dg Environment**

William Neale is a Member of Cabinet (private office) of Janez Potočnik, the European Commissioner for Environment, where he covers relations with the European Parliament, Council and other institutions. He advises the Commissioner on resource efficiency, sustainable production and consumption, environmental technologies, eco-innovation, waste policy, industry & entrepreneurship, science, research & innovation, the digital agenda and taxation & customs.

He was also in the Potočnik cabinet during the first mandate (Science & Research) and previously worked for 7 years as an official in the Enterprise and Industry Directorate General and for 13 years in the private sector in banking, retail and management consultancy. He has degrees in history and economics, and a masters in political science.



**Carlo Pettinelli, Director, DG Enterprise, Sustainable Growth and EU 2020.**

Carlo Pettinelli is an official of the European Commission.

He holds a University degree (*Laurea*) in Economy and Business Administration and is a Chartered Accountant (*Dottore Commercialista*), Certified Professional Auditor (*Revisore contabile*) and Certified Forensic Auditor.

After several years of professional experience in the private sector, in Italy and abroad, he joined the European Court of Auditors in 1994.

In 1998 he moved to the European Commission where, dealing with different tasks, he worked in the Directorates-General for Competition, Audit, Education & Culture and Employment & Social Affairs, where he has been appointed Director.

Carlo Pettinelli joined the Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry in February 2011. Since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 he is responsible for "Sustainable Growth and EU 2020" (Directorate ENTR.B). He is in charge of the Construction Industry, Ecodesign legislation and Mobility industries (motor vehicles) as well as of Innovation policy for enterprises, the analysis of competitiveness for enterprises and the coordination of EU policies for standardisation, among other sectors.



### **Prof. Dr.-Ing Gerd Simsch**

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1992: Degree in civil engineering at the Technical University of Darmstadt

1994: PhD at the Technical University of Darmstadt

1992-1994: Assistant at the Concrete Institute at the Technical University of Darmstadt

1994: Joined Bilfinger SE

1996-2000: Head of project and contract management at the new ICE track Cologne-Rhine/Main project, section B

2000-2003: Head of the technical service at the project airrail in Frankfurt

2003-2008: Head of Group Technology of Bilfinger SE

Since 2006: Member of NABau (DIN)

Since 2008: Chairman of NABau (DIN)

2008-2010: Member of the executive Board of Bilfinger Hochbau GmbH

2008-2012: Chairman of the Board of the Buildings Technology center of Bilfinger Hochbau GmbH

Since 2010: Managing Director of Bauperformance GmbH

Since 2013: Member of the DIN Steering Committee

Since 2013: Professor of sustainable reconstruction at the Technical University of Darmstadt



### **Univ. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Karsten Ulrich Tichelmann**

Studies of civil engineering at the Technical University of Darmstadt

Promotion to Dr.-Ing. in the field of "structural behaviour of hybrid systems in lightweight construction" at the Technical University of Munich

Director of the VHT - Versuchsanstalt für Holz- und Trockenbau, Darmstadt

Director of the ITL - Institut für Trocken- und Leichtbau (Institute for Drywall- and Lightweight-Construction)

Partner of science & engineering company TSB Ingenieurgesellschaft TICHELMANN & BARILLAS, Darmstadt and Wuppertal

Professor of the institute for structural design & building physics at the Technical University of Darmstadt

Numerous textbook publications at home and abroad, member of various national and international committees, board member of "Bundesstiftung Baukultur" (Federal foundation for building culture).



## Thierry Roche, Architect

« Mixing quality of life and building quality, all included in a sustainability approach », this is the leitmotiv of Thierry Roche, founder and CEO of "Thierry Roche & Associates" architectural agency. He is the designer of the first French Passivhaus residential project (2009), of the first offices building positive in energy in France (2010) and also the first State building producing more energy than consumed (2013).

Thierry Roche has a DPLG Architect degree and received the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand prize of Architecture (ex-Grand prize of Rome) in 1989. He has also a specialization in urbanism.

He has received famous awards during the past 20 years:

- 2013 : Silver Pyramide, Trophy from the association of Alpes' developers for his project « Le Symphonie » (building of 132 dwellings and 7 commercial units) in Savoie (France)
- 2012 : Prizewinner of the « Off du Développement Durable » (Paris-France)
- 2011 : Silver medal of the national trophy from "Low carbon real estate association"
- 2010 : Gold medal from "Vivrelec Trophy" for a project in Pusignan (France)
- 2009 : Prizewinner of Wood project contest in Rhône-Alpes with the project « Les Hauts de Feuilly » achieving Passivhaus standard

Thierry Roche is the co-founder and co-manager of the "Solere" association, first French multi-professional environmental building knowledge center, located in the building called « La Cité de l'Environnement » (The Environmental community). The association gathers architects, houses developers, thermal engineers, medical experts,... around sustainable construction projects.

He is also member of the Architecture Academy of Lyon (France), the association A.M.O. (Architect-building owner relationship) and the Eco-energy cluster in Rhône-Alpes, the development committee of Grand Lyon (Urban area community)...



## Jose Blanco

Jose Blanco founded his first association when he was 17 years old, and since then always has been involved in associations, institutions and all sorts of working groups.

He studied philosophy, with a strong focus on Communication theory, and many fields related with communication: copywriting, journalist for specialized media and international agencies, photojournalism, radio, on-line media,....

After working as communication and marketing manager for a European multibrand dealer of machinery for construction and demolition he established his own Association Management Company, Rabuso, in 2006.

Jose Blanco has been involved with the Demolition and other related industries since 2001. In 2010 he became the Secretary General of the European Demolition Association and also chairs this same position on the recently founded European Decontamination Institute.





### **Jean-Yves Burgy, Manager Recovering SARL**

Jean-Yves BURGy, who has a Master in physics and chemistry and an Executive MBA of the school of management of Lyon, has been working in the field of environment for more than 15 years. During his career he had the opportunity to deal with various subjects: water treatment, waste treatment, recovered material, eco-design products. He took over different positions from commercial engineer to public affair director. All these experiences enable him to develop a real expertise in environmental issues not only from a technical aspect but also from a business view.

Convinced that the access to natural resources will become more and more difficult with a sky rocketing demand, he thinks that the transformation of wastes into an alternative raw material will be part of the solution.

In 2009, he founded RECOVERING, a consulting agency specialized in the field of valorization of industrial and building materials wastes, with the aim to create a circular economy whilst mitigating the adverse effects on environment and health. Its main customers are from the building sector and waste management activities, private or public organizations.

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