

SPEAKERS' BIOS



Richard Howitt, MEP, European Parliament Rapporteur on Corporate Social Responsibility

Richard Howitt MEP represents European interests in a number of international CSR initiatives, and serves as a Friend of the OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises, a Member of the Governmental Advisory Group of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), an Ambassador for the International Integrated Reporting Committee and a member of the Public Policy Advisory Group of the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI).

Alongside his work on CSR, Richard is Spokesperson of the Socialist and Democrat Group in the European Parliament on Human Rights. Richard is also a leading member of the European Parliament's Committees on Foreign Affairs, and on Employment and Social Affairs.



Jan Peter Balkenende - Professor of Governance, Institutions and Internationalisation at Erasmus University Rotterdam, partner at Ernst & Young and former Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

From 1998 to 2002 Jan Peter Balkenende was a member of the House of Representatives of the States General for the CDA and financial spokesperson for the (Christian Democratic Alliance) CDA parliamentary party. He was leader of the parliamentary party from 1 October 2001.

On 22 July 2002, Professor Balkenende was appointed Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs in the first of four administrations to bear his name. His fourth term of office as Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs ran to 2010. During this period he also served as chair of the Innovation Platform. Under his leadership, many reforms in the fields of social security, pre-pension facilities, public health, and deregulation were achieved. He played a very active international role, in Europe (presidency of the European Council in the second half of 2004), in the G20 and in the UN (with a special emphasis on issues like sustainable development, Millennium Development Goals and the WTO).

Since 1 December 2010 he has been professor at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Since 1 April 2011 he has been partner at Ernst & Young. In this capacity he is responsible for international affairs, corporate responsibility and advisory activities on public-private issues.

Jan Peter Balkenende studied economic and social history (M.A., 1980) and public law (LL.M., 1982) at the Free University of Amsterdam (VU). He obtained his Ph.D. in law in 1992 at the same university with a thesis on government regulation and civil society organisations.



Lois Guthrie - IIRC Technical Director

Lois Guthrie is Executive Director of the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB) and Technical Director to the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) on secondment from Zurich Financial Services. She is responsible for CDSB's work to develop a framework for climate reporting in mainstream annual reports and for the development of technical aspects of IIRC's work. She joined the Carbon Disclosure Project in 2004 after a career in international taxation and social security at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Zurich Financial Services. She studied environmental policy at the Open University and holds an MSc in Responsibility and Business Practice.



Jean-Charles de Lasteyrie - FEE Vice-President and Chairman FEE Integrated Reporting Task Force (IRTF)

Jean-Charles de Lasteyrie is a graduate of ESCP Paris and holds a PhD in Tax Law. With René Ricol, they founded with Gilles de Courcel, the firm Ricol Lasteyrie in 1987. He has been elected to the Conseil Supérieur de l'Ordre des Experts Comptables from 2000 to 2004. During that period he was also President of the Club Fiscal des Experts Comptables and contributed to the 59th CPA convention in September 2004. He is Vice-President of FEE since 2009. He is founder member of the Association Professionnelle des Experts Indépendants (Apei) of which he has been elected President in May 2011.



Richard Scurr - Head of Group Finance Operations, HSBC Holdings plc

Richard Scurr is Head of Group Finance Operations at HSBC Holdings plc. Having qualified as a chartered accountant, Richard worked in the profession in the Middle East and the Far East before joining HSBC in Hong Kong in 1981, one of only four accountants in the bank at the time. Since then, he has undertaken a wide range of roles both within and outside Finance, including Chief Accountant for the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Financial Controller Hong Kong and China and Chief Financial Officer for HSBC's short-lived joint venture with Merrill Lynch. Subsequently, he has worked at HSBC's Head Office where his responsibilities include editing the Group's external reporting documents. He is HSBC's representative on the IIRC integrated reporting pilot programme.



Mark Vaessen - Partner, KPMG LLP - Chair FEE Financial Reporting Policy Group

Mark Vaessen is a partner with KPMG LLP in the UK and is KPMG's global IFRS Network leader and heads up IFRS for KPMG Europe.

Mark Vaessen set up and led the KPMG International Financial Reporting Group, KPMG's London-based global centre of excellence on IFRS from 1997 to 2006, during the time that IFRS was first implemented by thousands of companies in the EU.

Mark is an IFRS advisor to several multinational clients. His professional activities include membership of advisory committees to the Dutch market regulator (AFM) and the South Korean Financial Supervisory Services (FSS). He is a member of the IFRS Advisory Council of the IFRS Foundation and a member of EFRAG's Disclosure Framework Advisory Panel. Previously Mark also worked on secondment to the European Commission (EC) where he worked on accounting and regulatory issues.

Mark holds a master degree in business economics from Tilburg University and is a member of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Registered Accountants (NIVRA) since 1991.



Olivier Boutellis-Taft - FEE CEO

Olivier Boutellis-Taft joined FEE in October 2006 as CEO. Prior to this, he benefited from a diversified professional experience, having been Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers, Director of the European Policy, lecturer on EU affairs at Toulouse Business School, public prosecutor in France and consultant serving in particular the banking and media industries.

Olivier also sits on the Boards of XBRL International and of La Sorbonne Business School. He obtained a Post-Graduate Degree in business law, a Master in European affairs and a Degree in business administration. He was also a Member of the Belgian Institut des Experts-Comptables et des Conseils Fiscaux (Institute of Certified Accountants and Tax Counsels).

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