

CURRICULUM VITAE ANDREAS SCHIEDER



Andreas Schieder is a member of the European Parliament and the Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation. Before that, he served as parliamentary leader of the Social Democratic Party in the Austrian Parliament. He was also state secretary in the Ministry of Finance from 2008 to 2013. Andreas Schieder holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Vienna.

Since 2019 Member of European Parliament and Head of SPÖ Delegation

From 2013-2019 Member of Parliament and SPÖ Group Leader

From 2006-2008 and 2017-2019 Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Austrian Parliament

2008-2013 State Secretary in the Federal Chancellery and Ministry of Finance

1997-2006 City Councillor Vienna

1997-1999 President of the European Young Socialists

1994-1998 IUSY Vice-president

CURRICULUM VITAE GUNTER PAULI



In 1979 he graduated as “Licencié en Sciences Economiques” from Loyola's University (today University of Antwerp) in Belgium and obtained his masters in business administration from INSEAD in 1982 at Fontainebleau, France thanks to a scholarship from the Rotary International Foundation. During the time he was studying, he held the most diverse jobs in order “to sustain family, education and to save money, which permitted extensive traveling during the summer holidays”. In 1978 he was elected as national president of the students’ union AIESEC.

He was the founder and Chairman of PPA Holding and of more than 10 other companies, founder and CEO of the European Service Industries Forum (ESIF), Secretary General of the European Business Press Federation (UPEFE), founder and president of the Foundation “Mozarteum Belgicum”, Chairman and President of Ecover, and advisor to the Rector of the United Nations University in Tokyo (Japan).

His entrepreneurial activities span business, culture, science, politics and the environment. Under his leadership, Ecover pioneered an ecological factory in 1992, featured on CNN Prime Time News. He founded the "Zero Emissions Research and Initiatives" (ZERI) at the United Nations University in Tokyo, and subsequently established The Global ZERI Network as a foundation, redesigning production and consumption into clusters of industries inspired by natural systems.

He is dedicated to design and implement a society and industries, which respond to people’s needs using what is locally available. His visionary approach supported by dozens of projects on the ground landed him an invitation to present his cases at the World Expo 2000 in Germany. There he constructed the largest bamboo pavilion in modern days presenting 7 breakthrough initiatives. It became the most popular pavilion with 6.4 million visitors. Unfortunately, the pavilion was destroyed after the Expo. However the original built in Manizales, Colombia still stands as a symbol for the Coffee Region.

His latest initiatives include the design of a solution for the plastic soup floating in the oceans and the creation of a protective zone with islands to avert rising sea levels. He is actively involved to ensure that the largest herd of rhinos (2,400 in Kaziranga National Park in India) will be free of poachers thanks to an intensive economic and community development program in coordination with organic tea plantations.

He has been visiting lecturer and professor at universities in on all continents, and Member of the Board of NGOs and private companies in Asia, USA and Latin America. He has advised governments, entrepreneurs and industry leaders on how to implement breakthrough innovations that permits society to better respond to the basic needs of all, starting with water, food, housing, health and energy. He works with what is locally available, focuses on the generation of value.

He is a Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Sciences (San Francisco, USA), a creative Member of the Club of Budapest (Hungary), Member of the Club of Rome, moderated the Roundtable of Nobel Science Laureates hosted by HM King of Jordan State and obtained a Doctorate from the Italian Government in systems design. He has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Pécs, Hungary.

Gunter has published 20 books (written 16 - edited 4), which have been printed in +30 languages and 365 fables bringing science and emotions to children. Over 17 million copies have been distributed worldwide. One of his fables "The Strongest Tree" is available in over 100 languages. His latest book published in April 2015 "**The Blue Economy 2.0: 200 projects implemented, \$4 billion invested and 3 million jobs created**" is the new reality inspired the vision of his Report to the Club of Rome presented on November 2, 2009. His next book "**From Deep Ecology to Blue Economy: 21 Principles of the New Business Model**" will be forthcoming in the Fall of 2016.

CURRICULUM VITAE SUNITA NARAIN



Ms **Sunita Narain** is a Delhi-based environmentalist and author. She is currently the Director General of Center for Science and Environment (CSE) and Editor of the fortnightly magazine, Down To Earth.

Ms Narain plays an active role in policy formulation on issues of environment and development in India and globally. She was a member of the Indian Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change and has been awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian honour. In 2005, the Centre for Science and Environment, under her leadership was also awarded the Stockholm Water Prize.

In 2016, Time Magazine listed her as one of the 100 most influential in the world. Ms Narain's work is to research the interface between food and the environment. Her interest is to ensure that countries in the Southern world do not adopt highly chemical intensive agricultural systems as they do not have the capacity to mitigate and manage the toxic fallout on the environment and human health.

CURRICULUM VITAE CAROLINA URRUTIA VASQUEZ



Carolina Urrutia Vásquez is the District Secretary for the Environment in the Mayor's Office of Bogotá.

She has almost 20 years of experience in environmental issues, and has specialised skills in strategic communication, public policy and management.

Carolina Urrutia Vásquez previously directed Parques Cómo Vamos, an alliance between NGOs and academia to evaluate and advocate for Colombia's National Park System.

She was also the Incidence Director at Transforma, directed Semana Sostenible at Publicaciones Semana for four years and led the environmental unit at Colombia's National Planning Department between 2010 and 2012.

Her other past posts include positions at Mexico's Environment Ministry, Colombia's Defense Ministry and Colombia's Green Party.

She has consulted on the linkages between the environment and poverty for the World Bank and UNDP, among other organizations.

She holds an MA in Political Science from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico and Master's in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School.

CURRICULUM VITAE PAUL MAGNETTE



Paul Magnette is a Belgian politician. He is currently the mayor of Charleroi and President of the Belgian Socialist Party.

He studied political science at ULB – Free University of Brussels (1989-1994) and at Cambridge University (1994-1995). He was a researcher at the FNRS - Scientific Research Fund (1995-2001) and obtained a PhD in 1999 with a dissertation *Citoyenneté et construction européenne*. His research interest is on institutional policies, the European Union, and theories of democracy. In 2000, together with Éric Remacle, he was awarded the Exceptional Francqui Prize for European Research.

In 2001, he was appointed professor of political science at ULB and Director of the Institute of European Studies. He also teaches at the Paris Institute of Political Studies and has been a visiting professor at several European and North American universities. He is the author of numerous publications and is the recipient of several scientific awards. He is also a member of the Royal Academy of Belgium.

On 20 July 2007, Magnette became minister for Health, Social Action and Equal Opportunity of the Walloon government. On 21 December 2007, he became minister for Climate and Energy. From 6 December 2011 until 17 January 2013, he was minister for Public Enterprises, Scientific Policy and Development Cooperation.

Following the regional elections in 2014, he was elected Minister-President of the Walloon government. He won renown notably through his opposition to the CETA free-trade agreement.

CURRICULUM VITAE BEATRIZ RIOS



Beatriz Ríos is Brussels-based freelance reporter, broadcast journalist and events moderator with five years of experience in EU affairs. Now, Beatriz is covering the EU for the Luxembourg Times & EL MUNDO, she is also correspondent for the regional TV TeleMadrid and a regular contributor to international media outlets.

Beatriz is fluent in French, English and Spanish.