



JOB CREATION JUST AHEAD: BUILDING ADAPTABLE LOCAL LABOUR MARKETS

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Nicole ALIX has been involved for 20 years in social services of general interest (DDG of UNIOPSS [social welfare], DG of Committee for the deontology of fund raising organizations, DG of "Maisons d'Isatis" [facilities for elderly persons]) and 15 years in Cr dit Coop ratif (Development Director). She is now a Board Member of Confrontations Europe, in charge of 'Social Economy' and the Secretary of the Board of Mont-Blanc Meetings.



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Michel ANGERS, born in Shawinigan, was elected as mayor for a first term on November 1st, 2009 and reelected on November 3rd, 2013. Very committed to the economic revitalization and diversification of the city, he is the spokesman for the Committee of economic diversification of Shawinigan and the vice-president of the P le d' conomie sociale Mauricie; he is also vice-president of the CLD Shawinigan and member of the executive committee of the Conf rence r gionale des  lus de la Mauricie. Finally, he is member of the Board of Directors of the Quebec Municipalities Union and is on its executive committee. Prior to entering politics, Mr. Angers occupied various positions. In 1980, he was hired at the Alcan aluminum plant in Shawinigan. From 1988 to 2009, he was active within the CSN labour union, as president of the local section, president of the central council of Shawinigan and president of the central council of the « C ur du Quebec » region. Finally, from 1997 to 2009, he was actively involved in the economic development of the Regional Development Council of Mauricie, in the CLD du Centre-de-la-Mauricie and as chairman for the Regional Council of Partners of Emploi-Qu bec Mauricie.



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John ATHERTON has been with Employment and Social Development Canada and founding departments since 1988. Over the years, he has held a number of challenging positions across the department in both program areas and strategic policy, including Director General, Horizontal Policy and Planning in Employment Programs and Policy Design and Senior Director, Labour Market Policy in Strategic Policy with responsibility for Employment Insurance policy. Currently John is Director General of Employment Programs and Partnerships, responsible for \$3 billion in employment programming. This

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Jonathan BARR joined the OECD in February 2012. His work has been focused on the Local Job Creation project and the OECD Skills Strategy. Prior to the OECD, Jonathan worked for the Ontario government in Canada, where he led numerous policy projects related to employment, skills, and early childhood education, including the development of a provincial skills strategy. Last summer, he also completed a temporary assignment at the Canadian Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium supporting work on Canada-EU negotiations for a new free trade agreement. Jonathan has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.



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Mike CAMPBELL is a local, national and international labour market expert with extensive experience of research and policy. Until 2011 he was Director of Research and Policy at the United Kingdom Commission for Employment and Skills (UKCES), advising Government on Skills and Employment Policy, and previously he was Professor of Economics and Public Policy at Leeds Metropolitan University where he established and directed the Policy Research Institute. He has Board level experience of working with business leaders, the skills 'industry' and government. He was advisor to the UK Leitch Review of Skills, and a member of the Migration Advisory Committee, the OECDs Skills Strategy Advisory Group, and the European Commission Expert Group on New Skills for New Jobs. He has worked with the OECD LEED programme for many years.

He has written many reports, articles and several books including: *Learn to Succeed: The Case for a Skills Revolution* (Longman). He is currently working on several employment and skills projects in the UK, for national, sector and local bodies, including as Programme Advisor for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on its 'Cities, Growth and Poverty' Programme, as well as for a number of international agencies, including the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation. He is also co-author, with Alison Partridge, of the new URBACT report 'More Jobs: Better Cities'. He is a member of the Leeds City Region LEP Employment and Skills Panel and Visiting Professor at Durham Business School. He was awarded the OBE for services to economic development in 2004.



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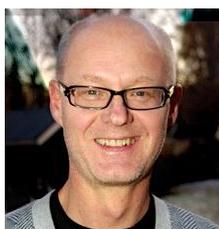
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Zoltan KAZATSAY was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1952. Graduated from the Technical University of Budapest as a civil engineer in 1978, he worked as a consultant specialized in motorway and airport developments. After 1989 at the Hungarian Ministry of Transport he was dealing with transport policy matters and project financing. As of 1997 as a Deputy Secretary of State he was in charge of transport policy issues and the accession negotiations with the EU in the transport sector. He was in charge of transport related pre-accession and Structural Fund governance and project management. In 2004, he joined the European Commission coordinating transport activities. As of 1 December 2011 he coordinates the management of the European Social Fund as Deputy Director-General of DG EMPL.



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This is achieved through a Community Training Centre offering certification at FETAC levels three to five on the QQI framework on a variety of courses, together with Leaving Certificate Applied (practical based version of final state exam); a Local Training Initiative with FETAC level three certification (QQI) and a Youthreach programme offering Junior Certificate. They also operate a number of community based programmes that support young people to remain in school and engage in their communities. The organisation has close links with schools and School Completion Programmes and supports iScoil where students who have lapsed at school or at risk of disengaging from mainstream school are supported to return to education www.iscoil.ie.



Patricia KEMPF is currently Head of Societal Affairs at Swedbank. She was hired in fall of 2009 in order to initiate and lead Swedbank's prioritized societal engagement “Young Jobs” – a project that helps unemployed youngsters from all around the country access qualified internships. The focus of her agenda is Diversity, Labour Market and Housing for a young generation. Patricia Kempff has an HR-education and more than 15 years' experience in project management and communication.



Line KJELDEN has worked as employment policy adviser within the Municipality of Skive since 2009. She works mainly with policy implementation, project management and information activities within such areas as education and employment for young people, rehabilitation policies, recruitment, European labour market issues (EURES) and EU financed projects. Line has worked with employment matters since 1991, when she joined the Danish Public Employment Service. In 2006 she held a temporary assignment with the National Labour Market Authority in Copenhagen as national coordinator for all EURES activities in Denmark. Line holds a MA in translation and interpretation of French and English from the University of Aarhus.



Andreas KRÜGER was born in Berlin in 1965. Following an apprenticeship for cabinet and boat making in Hamburg, he studied environmental design, economy and communications in Berkeley, Goettingen and Berlin. He holds a diploma in communications (University of the Arts Berlin). After working in agencies, media companies and in his own consultancy firm he became managing partner of Modulor Projekt (today: Belius) for the purpose of creating a new urban area for the creative class at Moritzplatz in Berlin. Alongside this work, he co-initiated or supported work and social innovations like Betahaus (Coworking), Prinzessinnengarten (Urban Farming) and interacting educational formats. Today, Andreas Krüger works with politicians, local administrations, users and investors when it comes to the development of inner city

areas in terms of creative content, good citizenship, participation and sustainability. Honorary positions he holds include Chairman of the Board Belius Foundation, Member of the Full Assembly at the Chamber of Commerce Berlin, Cross Innovation Board Berlin, Steering Committee of "Initiative Stadt Neudenken" ('initiative city new thinking') Berlin, Moderator of the Round Table for Public Real Estate Policy in the Berlin Senate Parliament, Musicboard Berlin, board member - property and real estate policy, and Entrepreneurship Summit Berlin. He also regularly speaks on panels and workshops for social entrepreneurship.



Simon LAMECH is an Economist, working at the Danish Labour Market Authority on evidence based policy. He is a project manager on large randomized controlled trials (RCTs), a teacher for the Employment Ministry's course in development of evidence based policy, and a Danish Delegate at OECD LEED. A large part of his job is working with consultancy firms/researchers related to projects and analysis, ensuring that projects are done on time, and that results are disseminated to the minister, the employment regions and the national employment counsel.



Denis LEAMY, a graduate of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth began his career in 1989 as a Youth Worker in Tallaght, West Dublin. He has a wide portfolio of experience managing Youth and Family support projects and European projects in Dublin and Kilkenny. He joined Pobal in 2001 and worked as a Liaison Officer with the RAPID programme. In 2005, he became Programme Manager for the Rural Social Scheme, Enhancing Disability Services programme, Community Based CCTV and The Inter-Agency Fund for the Traveller Community. He took up his position as CEO of Pobal in May 2008. Pobal was established in 1992 by the Irish Government in agreement with the European Commission to manage an EU grant for local development. Today, it manages 16 programmes on behalf of the Irish Government and the EU. The main objective of Pobal is the delivery and management of programmes which promote social inclusion, reconciliation and equality

through integrated social and economic development within communities.



Yves LETERME was appointed Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD on 8 December 2011. He is in charge of Social Affairs, Education, Governance and Entrepreneurship. Before joining the OECD, Yves Leterme held a variety of political posts in Belgium at all levels and in all areas of government. After starting his career as an alderman in his home town of Ypres, he became a Deputy in the Chamber of Representatives, Group Chairman, National Secretary and Chairman of the CD&V party, Minister-President of the Flemish Government, Federal Senator, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of the Budget and Mobility, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister. Yves Leterme is currently Minister of State and a municipal councillor in Ypres. At a professional level, Yves Leterme has worked, inter alia, as a deputy auditor at the Belgian Court of Audit and an administrator at the

European Parliament. Yves Leterme, who was born on 6 October 1960, has a degree in Law and Political Science from the University of Ghent.



Anna LILJESTRÖM has been employed at the Educational Centre of the Gothenburg Region Association of Local Authorities (GR), a co-operative organisation uniting thirteen municipalities in western Sweden, since 2012. Her work is focused on drop out prevention, and she is currently project manager for sections of the innovation hub "PlugInnovation," a subproject within the Plug In project. PlugInnovation is a digital platform which aims at bringing together statistics, relevant research and literature, and methods developed within the project, in connection with dropout prevention. Annas background is in teaching and research. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia, GA, USA in the field of Educational Psychology, with a focus on education in connection with class, race and gender, and qualitative research methods.



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Guillermo MONTT is an analyst at OECD's Employment, Labour and Social Affairs directorate through work on Skills, Youth and the Programme for International Assessment for Adult Competencies (PIAAC). He previously worked as an analyst in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), also at the OECD. A Chilean national, he holds a PhD. in Sociology from the University of Notre Dame in the United States.



Jerry MURPHY works with Pobal as Executive Director for Programmes. Pobal is an agency funded by the Irish Government to manage social inclusion, equality, local development and reconciliation programmes. Jerry is responsible for Pobal's work on programme design, for establishing and implementing systems to monitor programme effectiveness and impact and for developing new company business functions.



Corinne NATIVEL is a Senior Lecturer in Anglo-American and European Studies at the University Paris East-Créteil. She holds a PhD in social sciences from the University of Birmingham (UK) and has conducted research in the field of comparative social policy and local labour market governance for many years. Previous employers include the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Besançon as well as the OECD's LEED Programme. As an academic, she has maintained a close co-operation with the LEED Programme working on several projects, including the recent study on the local implementation of Youth Guarantees.



Frank NEFFKE is a researcher at the Harvard Kennedy School and takes part in the Growth Lab program of the Center for International Development (CID). His work focuses on the role of skills and capabilities in the economy. One of the central findings is that diversification into new activities follows predictable patterns that derive from how similar activities are in terms of the capabilities they require. This similarity affects diversification processes throughout the economy, ranging from individual career paths and corporate diversification strategies, to structural change in regional and national economies. Before joining the CID, Frank worked as an assistant professor at the Erasmus School of Economics in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He holds a Ph. D. in Economic Geography from Utrecht University and Master degrees in Econometrics and Philosophy from the University of Amsterdam.



Lars NIKLASSON is Associate Professor of Political Science and Department Chair at Linköping University, Sweden. He has previously taught at the universities of Uppsala, Sweden and Pittsburgh, USA. Before joining Linköping University he was a consultant for Ramböll Management Consulting and the Technopolis Group, specialising in regional development policy and innovation policy. Previously he was an evaluator for the Swedish Agency for Public Management (Statskontoret) and managed projects for the Ministries of Finance, Industry, Education and others, especially in areas related to regional development (skills development, entrepreneurship, infrastructure) and the joining-up of public resources through partnership. He has held positions at the Ministries of Industry and Education and has been the director of education and research policy at SACO, the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations. His current research interest is comparative political economy, with a focus on the European Union and the World Trade Organization. He is an advisor to Region Skåne on the merger of regions in southern Sweden and does research on the challenges faced by Swedish regions.



Rocío NOGALES has been the Managing Director of the EMES European Research Network since 2004. She is in charge of preparing and coordinating international research projects, international research conferences, PhD Summer Schools and international partnerships. Her professional experience includes the cultural non-profit sector, where she managed a social enterprise initiative in a community arts centre in the US. She has done consultancy and advisory work for international organizations like the OECD and the UNDP on various topics related to social enterprises and social entrepreneurship. She is a member of the Experts' Group on Social Entrepreneurship from the European Commission (GECES).



Sten NORDIN has been the Mayor and Chairman of the Executive Board of the City of Stockholm since 2008. Additionally, he is also Chairman of the Stockholm International Fairs and a member of the Executive Board of the Swedish Transport Administration. Prior to becoming the Mayor of Stockholm, he was most recently a member of the Swedish Parliament. He was also Chairman of the Stockholm Regional Section of the Moderate Party from 2003-2011.



Antonella NOYA is a Senior Policy Analyst with the OECD LEED Programme, and the Manager of the OECD/LEED Forum on Social Innovations. She does international policy analysis and assessment in various areas including: the role of non-profit sector; social economy and social enterprises in economic development; the role of culture in local development; asset-building for low-income people; social innovation; social exclusion; community capacity building; corporate social responsibility towards local communities; women entrepreneurship and social impact measurement. She has authored and edited several OECD publications in those fields. In particular, she is the co-author of the OECD publication, *Social Enterprises*, the editor of OECD publications, including *The Changing Boundaries of Social Enterprises*, and the co-editor of *Entrepreneurship as a Catalyst*

for *Urban Regeneration*; *The Non-Profit Sector in a Changing Economy*; *Social Economy: Building Inclusive Economies*; and *Community Capacity Building: Creating a Better Future Together*. She is the author of the chapter on "Social entrepreneurship and social innovation" in the OECD publication *SMEs, Entrepreneurship and Innovation* and the co-editor of the CAS (Centre d'Analyse Strategique) and OECD publication on *L'entrepreneuriat social en France. Reflexions et bonnes pratiques* (June 2013). Antonella is a member of the French consultative committee on social impact investments and of the Italian consultative committee on social entrepreneurship. She represents OECD at the United Nation Inter-Agency task force on Social and Solidarity Economy.



Cecilia NYKVIST is CEO for Junior Achievement Sweden. Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization which offers hands-on, experiential programs teaching the key concepts of entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy in schools globally. Junior Achievement Sweden educates nearly 40 000 Swedish primary and upper secondary school students annually. Cecilia has also been CEO for the Swedish Freeschool's Association and has started several business before. She is of course a Junior Achievement Alumni.



Clas OLSSON is Deputy Director-General of Arbetsförmedlingen, the Swedish Public Employment Service, one of Sweden's largest authorities. Drawing from his experience as manager and special adviser at several authorities, institutions and organizations in Sweden, Olsson has great understanding of the Swedish society. He is also the author of many articles and an active participant in the national debate in Sweden. With a university degree in economics and postgraduate studies at Harvard, Olsson manages to communicate meaning and effects of macroeconomic figures and is often seen in Swedish media. Clas Olsson has extensive international experience and speaks English and French.



Denis PENNEL is a well-recognised expert of labour market at European and global level, based on his long term experience in the field of labour and industrial relations. He is the author of the book "Travailler pour Soi" ("Me, myself and I at Work") published in France by Seuil and is regularly invited as a speaker for forums, hearings or conferences. Denis Pennel was appointed as Managing Director of Ciett in 2005. In his role, he is in charge of executing the day-to-day activities of the Confederation and promoting the interests of the private employment services industry before international institutions, such as the European Union (EU), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Bank or the OECD. As former Corporate Communications Director of Manpower France (1998-2005), Denis Pennel brings to Ciett broad knowledge and experience in the private employment agency sector. Born in 1966, he graduated from the French Institute of Political Studies ("Sciences Po Paris") and subsequently started his career in Paris in 1989 within the Communication Group BDDP/TBWA as PR manager. In 1991, he moved to London to work as a consultant for Financial Dynamics, one of the largest specialist communications consultancies in the UK. In 1993, he came back to Paris to join the accounting and consulting firm Deloitte, as Head of Information and was recruited five years later by Manpower France. At the EU level, Denis Pennel is a Board member of ESCO, the European Commission project to set up a taxonomy on skills and competences. He was also appointed as a chair to several working groups managed by DG Employment and is a regular speaker/panellist during conferences organised at EU or global level. Denis Pennel is a member of several Brussels-based think tanks, including CEPS (Center for European Policies and Studies) and EPC (European Policy Center) for which he actively contribute to their activities. He has published many articles and opinion pieces related to the functioning of the labour market. He is a member of the Cercle de Lorraine business club (Belgique).



Gabriella PERSSON TURDELL is an experienced manager within the Swedish Public Employment Service. She is currently Employment Office Manager at the Ljusdal branch of the Swedish PES, a small mid-Sweden municipality. Gabriella has worked in many different areas of the Employment Service during the past 20 years and is very interested in development and collaboration issues.



Janine PITT was appointed to the position of Minister-Counsellor (Employment) in July 2013. Prior to her appointment, Janine held senior positions within the Employment, Education and Workplace Relations portfolio including legislation and policy development, national procurement arrangements. Janine's career has seen her deliver new policy focused on regional assistance and the development of innovative, place-based strategies tailored to the individual circumstances of particular economic areas. She has managed national Work Experience programs, complex jobseeker activation and compliance activities, initiated reform to the national employment contract management framework and sought to develop and promote talent along the way. She has also worked in Ministerial Offices in our Parliament House in Canberra. Immediately prior to commencing in her current role Janine was the State Manager for New South Wales (NSW) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Commonwealth).



Ilona RAUGZE completed her studies at the University of Latvia obtaining a Bachelor's degree in political science in 2002. In 2003 she graduated from the Central European University and received a Master's degree in political science and political economy of post-communist transition countries. Since 2003 she has been working at the Ministry of Regional Development and Local Governments (currently the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development). She has taken different administrative roles related to the regional development policy field. Since May 2012, she has been a Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia. She is responsible for leading and coordinating the work of the regional development sector on the issues of regional policy, development and supervision of local governments, territorial development (including spatial) planning. The main responsibilities of her sector are elaboration and coordination of regional policy of Latvia, programming EU funds' support for regional development, developing the system of local self-governments, providing methodological guidance for regions and local municipalities in development planning process, and representation of national position at the EU level on the issues of territorial cohesion and urban development. Ms. Raugze has been an active participant of the EU level intergovernmental work on territorial development issues and during the past 5 years and has become an international expert on regional development issues in the framework of a number of capacity-building projects.



Ariane RODERT is the Vice-President Group III of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the EESC representative in the European Commission high level expert group on social business (GECES). As a Swedish member of the EESC she represents Forum for Voluntary Social Work and Famna. Ariane's key area of expertise in the EESC and at European level is social enterprise and social economy for which she has drafted key opinions. She holds a Master of Science degree in Business and Economics from the University of Stockholm.



Christina ROSENGREN GUSTAVSSON has been employed at the Swedish Public Employment Service (PES) since 1978. She is a senior advisor at the head office responsible for the coordination of the cooperation with the Swedish Prison and Probation Service. This cooperation consists of employment officers working in the prisons as well as in the probation offices. She is also responsible for coordination of Krami which is cooperation between municipalities, the probation and the employment service in 21 cities in Sweden. Christina's background is a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Lund in Sweden. She has been working in many different positions and areas in the Public Employment Service in Sweden as well as in different international projects.



Tania SARMIENTO is an International Adviser at the Public Employment Service, Sweden. She works primarily with EU-affairs and WAPES.



Janne SAVOLAINEN is a Planning officer at the Ministry of Employment and the Economy. She has worked intensively with the Finnish Youth Guarantee since the national Youth Guarantee working group began to design the program in 2011. She works with issues regarding youth employment and lifelong learning.



Frank SCHOCKAERT studied languages (Dutch, English) at the University of Ghent (combined with the teacher course). In 1999 he started working for VDAB Sint-Niklaas: the first 12 years he initiated and monitored a variety of projects for job seekers (including vocational trainings, counselling) as a function of the labour market's needs. These projects all were outsourced which means that networking was an important part of the job. For the last few years, he has been part of the team of provincial experts client processes for East-Flanders. His main areas of work are supporting VDAB counsellors, facilitating the transition between education and the labour market and managing the guide lines regarding counselling, orientation and education for the province.

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Martina SCHÖNBORN-WALDORF is the head of the Regional Agency for Labour Market Politics in cooperation with the City of Bonn and the Rhine-Sieg District. She has twenty years of extensive experiences with issues of employment and labour market development. With the regional agency, she supports all regional activities connected with developing and implementing the European Social Fund programs in close agreement with the Labour Ministry of North-Rhine-Westphalia. She is the project manager of the "Alliance for Professionals Bonn/Rhine-Sieg" and with that an expert in networking with different local, regional and national stakeholder and authorities in economic and employment politics. She has been a member of the OECD LEED Forum since 2009.



Jens SIBBERSEN is currently the Manager of the Career Centre at the Jobcentre Copenhagen in the Municipality of Copenhagen, Denmark. He has career and experience in political and administrative work within the employment field in the public sector in central administration and local government and was instrumental in the design and implementation of Youth Employment Policy. At present he has a strong focus on performance management and how to frame innovation within the public sector. His current role as Manager of the Career Centre focuses on unemployed academics of all ages with a strong focus on

graduates and long term unemployed and bridge building to educational institutions and companies with a growth potential and good employment perspectives. Jens has extensive international experience providing consultancy services in the labour market field within the EU and the ILO; he is at present involved in the design and testing of active labour market measures in Azerbaijan for the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population. He has a Master of Law and Master of Public Administration.



Noel Zanoxolo SICWEBU worked as an educator and lecturer of economics before he joined the South African Department of Education, where he worked as a specialist focusing on teacher training or educator development. He joined the Department of Labour in 2005, as a Director of National Skills Development Strategy. His responsibilities in this portfolio included leading the development process of National Skills Development legislation and implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Skills Strategy. This included planning and evaluation of poverty alleviation projects. In 2010 he was appointed in the Public Employment Services with focus on legislation development. He was later directly tasked with managing the programme - Work seeker services, at Chief Director level. During this time he led projects that include development of the employment services system

of South Africa (ESSA) and registration and placement of work seekers in employment and self-employment. In the past few years, he developed close relations with the Swedish Public Employment Services and SIDA, which enabled training and development of a number of South African public employment services staff through SIDA coordinated programmes. Noel has a Master's degree in Education, from the university of South Africa, a Masters in Business Administration, and is currently enrolled for Phd studies towards Dlit et Phil.



Sally SINCLAIR is the CEO of the National Employment Services Association, the peak body for the Australian employment and related services industry. Sally has been instrumental in informing key stakeholders on addressing Australia's employment and inclusion challenges including strengthening the integration of employment, education and training, and increasing employment of disadvantaged job seekers including Indigenous job seekers, people with disabilities, long term unemployed, youth and mature aged. Sally has extensive expertise in the design, development and delivery of employment and related services. Her experience spans the not for profit and for profit sectors, as well as numerous government appointments. Among her expert roles, Sally is a member of the Welfare System Reference Group and the Civil Society 20 (C20) Steering Committee, and co-chairs the C20 Inclusive Growth and Employment Working Group. Sally is also a

Board member of the OECD LEED Programme's Forum on Partnerships and Local Governance and is an expert advisor to the OECD LEED Programme's Employment and Skills Strategies in Southeast Asia (ESSSA) initiative. Sally holds a BSc (Hons) from the University of Melbourne, majoring in neuropsychology.



Lisa SIPARI works at the Educational Centre of the Gothenburg Region Association of Local Authorities (GR), a co-operative organisation uniting thirteen municipalities in western Sweden. Lisa's main focus is on managing projects focusing on school development, leadership development and organizational development. Lisa is project manager for the "Innovation Hub", which aims at bringing together statistics, relevant research and literature, and methods developed within the project, in connection with dropout prevention. Lisa has previously worked as development leader of the school in a local authority close to Gothenburg.



Maria STOCKHAUS is Deputy Mayor in the Municipality of Sollentuna and Chair of Education Committee at Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions.



Denis STOKKINK is a trained economist with a comparatively broad and rich professional experience. His position as consultant for the Belgian Secretary of Labor allowed him to actively participate in the Belgian presidency of the European Union in 2001. Since 2003 he is the president of the European Think Tank Pour la Solidarité. He also is administrator of numerous social economy organizations in Europe and provides essential knowledge on socio-economic European politics to several Belgian and French training organisms. Pour la Solidarité (PLS) is a European non-governmental organisation, constituted as a think tank. It provides information and support to European citizens, economic and social organizations and public authorities. In constant relation with the European Institutions, Pour la Solidarité is a place for thoughts and actions. This organisation aims to

develop solidarity - all forms of solidarity - through a specific demarche, which is to create networks of competences, or European poles of "linking", between the 5 majors key actors of the society namely companies, public authorities, trade unions, associations representing civil society and universities. Pour la Solidarité has a strong experience in European affairs and relies on a large network of partner organisations on local bases as well as on a transnational level.



Robert STRAUSS entered the European Commission in 1985. He spent the next 15 years in DG Industry/Enterprise working in the areas of steel, chemicals, cars and trade negotiations and joined DG Employment in 2001 as head of the Knowledge Society unit. From 2004 until 2010, Robert was Head of Unit for Employment Strategy and, since 1st January 2011, is Head of Unit for Employment Analysis providing analytical input into the employment related aspects of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Current priorities include the appropriate labour market measures for exit from the global crisis and ensuring job-rich recovery and growth and the employment aspects of the move to a low carbon economy.



Jon STRATH is a Policy Officer at Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Unit C3 – Skills, Mobility and Employment services, European Commission. He manages the Commission's PARES initiative – Partnership between employment services – with the aim to encourage an EU-level strategic dialogue between Employment Services on policy implementation and delivery issues. His previous experiences include coordination of the Swedish Public Employment Service's collaboration with stakeholders for the provision of complementary employment services to jobseekers.



Jan-Eric SUNDGREN joined the Volvo Group in 2006 as executive vice president for public and environmental affairs and is since spring of 2013 Senior Adviser to the CEO. He holds a PhD in Materials Physics and a Professorship in Thin Film Physics from Linköping University. Prior to joining the Volvo Group he was President of Chalmers University of Technology between 1998 and 2006. He is also a board member Hogia AB and chairman of the board for the Swedish Technical Research Institute SP.



Elisabeth SVANTESSON has been Minister for Employment since 2013. She has a Licentiate in Economics from Örebro University. Elisabeth Svantesson has previously been chair of the Parliamentary Committee on the Labour Market Labour Market, Vice Chair of the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation and member of the Swedish National Audit Office Parliamentary Council.



Emily SVÅRD works as a youth employment strategist at the Swedish public employment service. As a youth employment strategist she has taken on a large role in managing various methodological issues and projects to support young people in Sweden. She represents the Employment Service in various official networks discussing youth issues in Sweden and abroad. She has been on expert missions to Cambodia, stationed in Phnom Penh to develop guidelines on how the National Employment Agency in Cambodia could improve their work with young people. Last year she was asked to moderate a WAPES workshop in

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John SWEENEY is a senior policy analyst with Ireland's National Economic and Social Council (NESC). He has lectured at third level, worked as a consultant and been centrally involved in action-research promoting local economic development. He has authored several major reports (including the 2006 NESC study, The Developmental Welfare State) and serves on several advisory bodies to Irish government departments.



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Tord TOPSHOLM is educated at the Royal Institute of Technology and has previously worked at EnterCard as Operations & IT Director for four years. Before that he spent nearly seven years at the British Telecom, the last four as Head of Product Management in London. He works has worked as the Head of Sales & Service at Swedbank since March of last year.



Thomas TOWNSEND is the founder and president of Townsend-Danis Advantage, specialized in assisting organizations develop and successfully implement strategy in complex policy environments. He is a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Public Management and Policy, University of Ottawa. Immediately preceding his retirement from the Public Service Mr. Townsend was the Executive Head (Assistant Deputy Minister) of the Policy Research Initiative (PRI) now called Horizons Canada. Horizons Canada supports the Canadian Government with forward scanning, medium term analysis and research on emerging issues. Mr. Townsend has also worked with the Canadian Mission to the European Union exchanging policy advice with the European Commission and EU member states in areas related to health, labour market, social affairs and education. In

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Ann VAN DEN CRUYCE has been head of the division of Labour Market Policy within the department of Work and Social Economy of the Flemish Government since 2001. She works in close cooperation with the Flemish ministers responsible for Work and Social Economy and different agencies (among them PES Flanders) in order to prepare or adjust policy initiatives. She is Belgian and has a background in applied research and statistical, staff and management functions within the Flemish government. Prior to joining the Flemish government she worked as a researcher for the Research Institute for Labour and Society.

She holds a MA in Commercial and Financial Sciences from the Flemish Economical High School (now called High School – University Brussels).



Eeva VESTLUND has been the Office Manager of the Public Employment Office Stockholm City since 2012. She has responsibility for allocation of resources and budget; operational planning and follow-up; development and implementation of strategies; local action plans; management of local managers and 130 staff; as well as regional and local internal and external cooperation. Eeva is also experienced in regional and national management.



Mats WADMAN was appointed as a director at the Public Employment Service in Sweden 1 December 2013. He is head of the Analysis Division. Before joining the public employment service Mats Wadman was Deputy Director General at Statistics Sweden. Earlier was a director at the Ministry of Labour where he was head of the unit for labour market research and head of the division for labour market policy. He joined the ministry of Labour in 1987 as Administrative Officer, having worked in the Public Employment Service since 1974 at different levels in many areas. He has a degree in economics from the University of Stockholm.



Thomas WENGHOLM is a lawyer who has worked in several governments such as County Administrative Boards in Gothenburg, where he was born, and in Gävle, some 150 kilometers north of Stockholm, The Companies Registration Board, The Railway Security Board, The Swedish Social Insurance Agency and The Swedish Employment Service. His first three years were at the legal unit and since the last five years he has worked with the labour market programmes. His specialities (although he's not sure anyone can call himself a specialist in these matters) are the the Youth Job Programme, the financial supports when

travelling to an interview or when getting a job or participating in different programmes outside their home counties. He is also responsible for the rules and practice of the Programme Start Your Own Business.



Karl WENBERG is associate professor at the Stockholm School of Economics and vice president at the Ratio Institute. His research on entrepreneurship have received numerous international awards. His latest book "Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship" (Edward Elgar) investigates the conditions for growth-oriented entrepreneurship. He is active as an advisor for international organizations and corporations.



Simon WILLIS is CEO of the Young Foundation. Simon grew up in Australia and worked with the CND, the Quakers and Amnesty International before studying PPE at Oxford. Simon spent several years as the Director of a large disability charity, and worked at the DWP and HM Treasury as head of financial crime. While spending the last decade building and leading a global social innovation group at Cisco Systems, Simon started several non-profits including ones focused on urban sustainability and social innovation. He has also worked closely with a number of governments on their citizen engagement and large-scale open innovation strategies.



Stacey J YOUNG, PhD, is the Co-CEO and Academy Director at the Rebellion Gallery and Art Academy of Toronto, Canada. Stacey Young has worked for 20 years in research, policy and program design in higher education with a focus on the needs of students in with financial need. Stacey spent several years working either with or at Pathways to Education Canada, an internationally recognized after-school program that increases the likelihood and capacity of at-risk kids' completing high school, enrolling in post-secondary education and more fully realizing their potential as graduates and citizens. Stacey also worked for the provincial government for a decade, where she designed and worked with colleges and universities to increase the participation rate of under-represented students in the PSE system. She has recently chosen to shift attention to her local

community and the educational, recreational and child-care needs of children in the Leslieville neighborhood by opening an art academy that specializes in complementing the more formal arts curriculum in the school system. While at Pathways, as National Director of Research and Evaluation at Pathways to Education Canada, Stacey redesigned the evaluation mechanisms of the program and conducted and/or led a number of research and evaluation projects that resulted in a greater understanding of the variability of the communities in which Pathways programs were located, as well as helped redesign some of the program elements to match that variability. Until recently, Stacey holds the designation as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Adult and Higher Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Higher Education at the University of Toronto.