

Giuseppe Porcaro (IT)



Giuseppe Porcaro leads the outreach activities of the European think tank Bruegel. Giuseppe's research interests lie with issues related to technological changes and how they affect policymaking and democracy, as well as to narratives about European futures and their policy implications in the current global geopolitical context. He is also a science-fiction writer, and author of a novel about Europe and the future of democracy.

Tinatin Tsertsvadze (GE)



Tinatin Tsertsvadze (b. 1982, Georgia) is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Open Society Foundations. She graduated in Tbilisi, from The University of Georgia, with a master's degree in European studies. Tinatin moved to Brussels in 2007 to work on European integration. Since then, she has devoted her career to the EU foreign policy with a focus on human rights, civil society empowerment, justice, gender equality and democracy. Tinatin Tsertsvadze has worked at European think-tanks and civil society organizations. She was lately selected to be one of the [14 Prominent and Promising Women](#) in the EU.

Latifa Oulkhour (FR)



Latifa Oulkhour is CEO of *~ le mouvement*, an organization that brings together 135,000 citizens across France. They work for a more just, democratic and ecological society. To do so, they rely on a vigorous citizen movement, online and on the ground. Before that, she was editor and director of Bondy Blog, France's first pure player, created after the banlieue riots in 2005. As a journalist, Latifa Oulkhour mainly followed political current affairs. Amongst others, she reported closely on the 2016 US elections.

Anuna De Wever (BE)



Climate activist Anuna De Wever has been working full-time as a trade and investment policy campaign officer at the headquarters of umbrella organisation Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe in Brussels since October 2022. She spearheaded Youth For Climate in Belgium and called for school strikes in 2019 following Greta Thunberg. Together with Kyra Gantois, she won the 69th Free Word Ark Prize in 2019 for their actions.

Stefaan De Rynck (BE)



Stefaan De Rynck heads the European Commission's Representation in Belgium, creating a bridge between the EU's executive power and Belgian politics and society. His experience in EU affairs and public policies covers transport, sustainable urban development, regulation of financial services and of the single market. From 2016 until 2021, he was a senior advisor for the Brexit negotiations conducted by Michel Barnier. De Rynck teaches on EU governance at the University of Leuven (KUL).

Oleksandra Matviichuk (UA)



Alexandra Matviichuk is a Ukrainian human rights lawyer. She heads the non-profit organization Centre for Civil Liberties that was one of the three laureates of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. In a video message on the occasion of Europe Day she will reflect on the role the EU has played in Ukraine.

Shada Islam (BE)



Shada Islam is a Brussels-based commentator on Asia and on EU affairs. In 2017, *Politico* listed Islam among 20 women who are driving Europe's major political debates. *Politico* designated Islam as "the ultimate insider outsider." Islam was born in Lahore in Pakistan. She moved to Brussels as a student. Islam graduated in journalism and social communication from the *Université libre de Bruxelles*. After graduating Islam joined the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, where she was a Europe correspondent for more than 20 years. In February 2022, Islam took the position of editor of the *EUobserver* magazine publication. In 2007, Islam joined the European Policy Centre think tank in Brussels, where she worked on migration and Asia. Islam took the job of Director of Europe and Geopolitics at the think tank Friends of Europe, where she stayed for nine years. After leaving Friends of Europe, Islam started her own consultancy called New Horizons Project.

Lisette Ma Neza (NL)



Lisette Ma Neza studied film at the LUCA-School of Arts in Brussels. She appeared as the voice of a new literary generation when she won the Belgian Poetry Slam Championship in 2017 as the first Dutch speaker, first woman and first poet of colour ever. In 2018, she became vice-world slam poetry champion in Rio de Janeiro. So far, she has only published her work on stage, both solo and with her backing band. VRT called her "our own Amanda Gorman". In 2022, she created the poetic musical performance *L'Europe noire*.

Kim Duchateau (B)



Kim Duchateau is a Flemish cartoonist, illustrator, animation artist, musician and writer. He publishes his cartoons in *De Standaard*, *Apache* and *Bruzz*, among others. He also creates comic books. His best-known characters are "Aldegonne" and "Esther Verkest". In 2007, he won the *Bronzen Adhemar*, the most important Flemish comics award.