



## BIOGRAPHIES OF THE TRAINERS

### JO VANDERCAPPELLEN

**Jo Vandercappellen** is Member of the European Commission Speakers Team, attached to the Directorate General Education & Culture. He has gained extensive experience as senior lecturer in a variety of international conferences and seminars, particularly teaching on the subject of the EU institutional framework and decision making process.

### IGOR VIDACAK

**Igor Vidačak** holds PhD in political science and is lecturer at several higher education institutions in Zagreb. He used to be Director of Croatian Government Office for Cooperation with NGOs, as well as research fellow at the Institute for Development and International Relations in Zagreb. His research interest include interest groups, lobbying, Europeanisation of governance. Currently he is International Team Leader of EU funded technical assistance projects supporting SEE governments in developing more effective cooperation with civil society.

### MARIJE CORNELISSEN

**Marije Cornelissen** is a former Member of the European Parliament (2009-2014). She had a seat on the committee on foreign affairs (AFET), the committee on social affairs and employment (EMPL) and the committee on women's rights and gender equality (FEMM). She was spokesperson on enlargement and part of the Interparliamentary Delegations with Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo\*, with Croatia and with (FYRO) Macedonia, and vice-chair of the Inter-parliamentary Delegation with Serbia. As such, she has a large network among authorities and civil society organisations in the Western Balkans, with a special emphasis on civil rights, minority rights, LGBT rights and women's rights. Throughout her career, she has trained local chapters of political parties in capacity-building and developing work programmes and strategies, both in the Netherlands and in Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans. Marije Cornelissen holds a degree in international political science and possesses excellent writing skills. She currently works as freelance consultant, among others teaching EU lobbying at various institutions like Clingendael and Leiden University. She speaks English, Dutch, French and Frisian.

Area of expertise: EU Enlargement, EU foreign policy, diversity, anti-discrimination, gender equality, LGBT and minority rights, social affairs, local politics, project management, identification of good practice

### DANIEL JÉRÔME

After heading up an Alliance Française in Colombia, working in the European Parliament and running numerous training courses, particularly on communication, management and emotional intelligence, **Daniel Jérôme** is passionate about coaching people, teams and organisations.

He is a graduate, with a Diploma of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences-Po), a Masters in Contemporary History (Sorbonne University, Paris), and a French-German Diploma in Social and Political Science (Free University of Berlin).

He is trained in individual coaching, in team coaching, in NLP psychotherapy, in several approaches to collective intelligence such as Open Forum, Appreciative Inquiry and in some new forms of governance like Sociocracy and Holacracy.

As a trainer, coach or facilitator he has been working successfully for the OECD, the NATO, the European Commission, the Belgian Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development, the Federal Police of Belgium, the Red Cross Belgium, the European School of Administration (...)