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Ambassador Urban Rusnák became Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat in January 2012. Prior to his appointment with the Energy Charter Secretariat, Amb. Rusnák worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic and was the Leader of the Project for Slovakia’s External Energy Security. Before that, he was Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to Ukraine (2005-2009), Head of the MFA Political Analysis Division (2003-2005), Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Turkey (1994-1998) and MFA Desk Officer for South Caucasus, Central Asia, CIS and South East Europe. He also held the position of Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund in Bratislava (2000-2003) and Director of the Slovak Institute for International Studies (1999-2000).

Additionally, Amb. Rusnák was a Lecturer at the Kiev Slavonic University (2005-2009) and at the International Relations Faculty of the Economic University in Bratislava (2000-2003). He was also Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Slovak Institute for International Studies (2000-2003), Editor in Chief for the MFA International Issues Journal (1998-1999) and is the author of several articles on international relations, energy security, development assistance and Caspian oil and gas issues.
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A results-oriented business executive, intellectual leader and effective convener, Mehmet has accomplished a dynamic, multi-disciplinary and well-rounded career over the past 30 years. He has engaged in high-level government, business, finance and public diplomacy deals and successful business agreements in Turkey, South East Europe, Central Asia, China, Asia-Pacific, MENA and Africa.

Currently based in London, Beijing and Istanbul, Mehmet chairs Global Resources Partnership, UK. He is an independent non-executive director on the boards of Genel Energy Plc., traded on the London Stock Exchange, and Yasar Holding Group, listed on the Istanbul Stock Exchange, as well as the Pınar Su (water), DYO (paint) and Viking (paper) companies.

Mehmet leads The Bosphorus Energy Club, an exclusive Track-II gathering of the top movers and shakers in finance, energy and politics across Turkey, Eurasia, MENA and Southeast Europe. In an honorary capacity, he also serves as the Special Envoy for MENA and Asia-Pacific regions of the Energy Charter in Brussels.

He served briefly as a deputy inspector on the board of Is Bankasi, Turkey’s largest private bank. He was a prominent diplomat, having worked on critical “economic and trade diplomacy” dossiers in Ankara, Beijing, Brussels and Paris, and later as an advisor to the late Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Özal.

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Dr Marat Terterov is a Research Fellow at the Energy Charter Knowledge Centre in Brussels, responsible for the design and delivery of a range of training programs for the younger generation of energy leaders, as well as the drafting of strategy papers analysing the onward evolution of the Energy Charter Process. He is also the Executive Director and co-founder of the Brussels Energy Club, a newly established information exchange platform for senior energy professionals. Furthermore, he is the Principal Director of the Brussels-based European Geopolitical Forum, a think tank and research group focused on foreign policy and international security affairs. He received his education in Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom, and holds a D.Phil. (PhD) in Middle Eastern studies from St. Antony’s College, Oxford University (obtained in 2002). Dr Terterov has written widely on the countries of the former-USSR and Middle East from the perspective of their geopolitics, domestic security and international relations. His commentaries and rather frank opinions are visible widely in the international media and in frequent public meetings between experts. Dr Terterov gained experience in the energy sphere through several years of work as a conference organiser focusing on the Russian gas industry, and later by working as a Senior Advisor to the Secretary General of the Secretariat of the Energy Charter Treaty in Brussels. He speaks English and Russian fluently, while also being conversational in Egyptian Arabic and having very basic knowledge of French.
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Michael Hager is the Head of the Cabinet of Commissioner Oettinger, who has been in charge of energy policy since March 2013. He was previously a Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Oettinger from 2010.

Prior to that, he was a Member of the Cabinet of Vice-President Margot Wallström, in charge of Institutional Relations and Communication, from 2008 until 2010. He joined the Commission in 2004, joining the Directorate General for Internal Market and Services, first as Parliamentary Affairs Coordinator, then as Assistant to the Director General. From 1999 to 2004 he was Assistant to MEP Brigitte Langenhagen.

Mr Hager has an MA in History, Political Science and Japanese Studies from the Eberhard–Karls-Universität, Tübingen. He speaks German, English, French and Japanese.

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Dr Rady headed the Unit for Negotiation on the Association Agreement between Egypt and the European Union, at the Embassy of Egypt in Brussels, between 1995 and the agreement being concluded in 2000. He holds a degree in Medicine from Cairo University and a Ph.D. in Biotechnology from the Universita di Bologna, Italy, in addition to diplomas in Public Diplomacy and International Relations.

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Sergei Komlev is the Head of the Contract Structuring and Price Formation Directorate in Gazprom Export, the trade arm of Russia’s major gas company, Gazprom. He is in charge of contract structuring and corporate price policy formation. During previous experience in the consulting and equity research business, he worked on a variety of energy assignments encompassing natural gas, electricity, oil, and financing matters both in the Russian market and internationally. Prior to joining Gazprom Export he worked as director of the Moscow office of the international energy consulting firm Pace Global Energy Services. Mr Komlev was also an Area Expert with the Economist Intelligence Unit and a Senior Analyst with the brokerage company United Financial Group. Mr Komlev holds a PhD from the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow.

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Dr Anita Orbán is the Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security of Hungary. Previously she was the Director of the Constellation Energy Institute, a think tank facilitating cooperation in the Central Eastern European energy sector. She is the author of the book *Power, Energy and the New Russian Imperialism* (CT: Praeger, 2008). Between 2005 and 2008 she served as the Executive Vice President of the Budapest-based International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT). In 2004-05 she was editor of the ‘World’ section of the Hungarian political weekly Heti Valasz, where she also ran a monthly op-ed column on international issues for six years.

She earned her PhD degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston in 2007. She holds a Master Degree in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School and a Master in History from Tufts University. She earned her Bachelor degree in economics from the University of Economic Sciences in Budapest in 1997.

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Dr Andrei V. Belyi is a senior researcher at the University of Tartu (Estonia), Centre for EU Russia Studies (CEURUS) and a visiting honorary lecturer at the Centre for Energy, Petroleum, Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee. He coordinates Jean Monnet modules on energy and environment at the University of Tartu. He also regularly teaches at the Global Energy Programme of the Warwick Business School. He has been a regular guest lecturer in Aberdeen, Adelaide, Brussels and Cagliari. He is also a regular participant in Chatham House seminars on EU-Russia energy relations. Dr Belyi is widely published, with a particular focus on topics such as the EU’s external energy policy, EU-Russia energy relations, Russia’s energy policy dynamics and international energy governance, including the Energy Charter process. Among his most recent publications is a co-authored book on the dynamics of energy governance in Europe and Russia (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) and an article on the EU’s missed role in international
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In addition to that, Andrei is a Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal for World Energy Law and Business (Oxford University Press). He is a co-founder of an international academic network on Political Economy of Energy in Europe and Russia, for whom he has recently organised conferences in Moscow, Perm (Russia) and Warwick (UK). He has over a decade of experience in providing policy advice for EU institutions, Russian governmental agencies, companies and private firms. He has also completed a consultancy assignment within the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels. Andrei graduated in international relations (international law) from the Free University of Brussels (ULB), where he also defended his PhD on the energy security dimension of EU-Russia relations.

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Murat joined PwC Turkey’s Istanbul office on 1 August 1993, and was admitted to partnership in July 2006. In his career of 21 years in the firm, Murat has 18 years experience in the energy, utilities and mining industry, performing in the teams for mergers & acquisitions, due diligences and tax consultancy for multinational companies. Areas of proficiency include international tax planning, tax consultancy and bilateral tax treaties. Murat acted as field leader and coordinator of world-class tax audit teams that have served the clients in his portfolio, providing them with top-notch tax planning and tax consultancy services which helped him build a formidable technical repertoire.

Murat has focused on firms that primarily deal with energy and infrastructure investments (including Build-Operate and Build-Operate-Transfer models) since 1997, and in that capacity he has gained a wide range of experience with the consultancy services characteristic of that industry. He has a thorough grasp of the financing models of these investments in terms of tax principles, as well as a comprehensive understanding of the financial audit and planning work that goes into
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He is currently lecturing at Bilgi University on Energy Policy for an Executive MBA level program, as well as studying Law. Murat currently acts as the Energy Utilities and Mining Industry Leader in the firm. Murat, who holds the CPA (SMMM) certificate, is a member of the TÜSİAD (Turkish Industry and Business Association) and YASED (Foreign Investment Association) Energy Working Groups. Murat writes articles about tax and finance for the Dünya Newspaper. He graduated from Istanbul University’s Faculty of Economics’ Econometrics Department, and speaks Turkish and English.

KANAT BOTBAEV, Expert, Transit, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

Kanat Botbaev joined the Energy Charter Secretariat in June 2012. He is a graduate of the American University in Central Asia. He has extensive experience both in public and private sectors. He began as an economist at the State Energy Agency – regulatory commission for the energy sector in the Kyrgyz Republic. In 1999-2001 he was with the civil service in the State Investment Commission and Ministry of Finance, where he dealt with the coordination of the external aid in the energy sector. After that, for more then 10 years he was involved as a consultant in a number of international projects in Central Asia on energy and related water management issues. He was dealing with trans-boundary water and energy issues, electricity demand management programs, development of least-cost expansion plans for the power sector, audit of management practices of power distribution utilities, and other various projects. Currently, as a member of the Secretariat’s team he is responsible for support of the Trade and Transit Group and coordination of the activities related to the Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation in Central and South Asia.

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While in Iraq (1968-88) he worked as a lecturer at Almustansiriya University, senior economist with Ministry of Oil and INOC, chief expert and director at the Ministry of Trade, and chief expert and Head of Commission at the External Economic Relation Committee-Council of Ministers. Between 1975-88 he actively participated in negotiating major oil projects and contracts, financial agreements, project financing and bilateral economic and technical cooperation agreements. He left Iraq for the US in July 1988 as Fulbright Hubert H. Humphrey Visiting Fellow.

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Prior to joining the Secretariat, Dr Barra was an associate with the international arbitration team at a large law firm in Geneva. He acted in investment and commercial arbitrations concerning, among other things, the electricity, gas and oil industries. Dr Barra advised and defended cases under public international law and EU law in connection to foreign investment, expropriation, energy regulation and competition, sovereignty over natural resources, international trade and transportation, and border delimitation.

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STEIVAN DEFFILA, Director, Energy Charter Secretariat, Brussels

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