

# Speakers Biography

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**Lieve Wierinck** is a Flemish politician for the liberal Open VLD party. Mrs. Wierinck holds a pharmaceutical degree from the VUB (Vrije Universiteit Brussel). In addition, she obtained a Post-graduate degree of Pharmaceutical management in 2006 at the University of Hasselt. In line with her academic background, she owned and managed a pharmacy for nearly 30 years.

Before joining the European Parliament, Lieve was leader of the party fraction in Zaventem, followed by her twelve-year presidency of the OCMW (Public Centre for Social Welfare), where she managed a staff of 150 people. She combined this with her obligations as a fulltime member of the City Council of Zaventem. From December 2011 until June 2014, she was a member of the Belgian Federal Parliament, where she was a member of the

Committee for Public Health, Environment and Social Renewal, and of the Advisory Committee on Societal Emancipation.

In May 2016, Lieve replaced Mr. Philippe De Backer as a Member of the European Parliament, where she is a full member of the Industry, Technology, Research and Energy Committee (ITRE) and a substitute Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary affairs (ECON). Lieve also works on topics surrounding healthcare, as she strives for a progressive and affordable healthcare in Europe.



**Dr Peter Liese** (EPP) Member of and Coordinator in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, Substitute Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Member of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly, Member of the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America.

Medical studies in Marburg, Aachen and Bonn. Doctorate at the Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Bonn. Activity in Guatemala. Ward doctor in Paderborn children's hospital (until 1994). Doctor in a joint practice (1994 to 2002). District Chair of the Junge Union Sauer/Siegerland (1991 to 1997). Member of Bestwig local council (1989 to 1994). Member of the Central Committee of German Catholics (since 1997). Member in the Federal Executive Committee of the CDU Germany. Member of the European Parliament for the

region of South Westphalia since 1994.



**Rita Baeten**, master of social sciences, is a Senior Policy Analyst at the OSE. Her research activities focus on the impact of European integration on national healthcare systems and on their social character. Her research topics include themes such as EU economic governance of health systems; patient mobility in the EU; healthcare services in the internal market; and EU-level co-operation in the field of healthcare. She has published widely on these topics.

She advises the Belgian health authorities on EU policy developments with a potential impact on health systems and coordinated the scientific preparation and follow-up of several international and ministerial conferences on these topics. She has been work leader for the OSE contribution to research projects on cross border care, financed by the European Commission under its Framework Programmes for Research.



**Prof. Dr Anne Schäfer** teaches social security law and health law at the Hochschule Fulda University of Applied Sciences. Previously she worked as scientific associate at the European Centre for Liberal Professions of the University of Cologne, and from 2009 to 2013 as a lawyer. She holds a doctorate law degree summa cum laude from the University of Cologne and an M.A. in Sociology, Political- and Sports Sciences from the Heinrich-Heine-University of Dusseldorf. She is author of numerous publications, i.a. concerning health law and so-called liberal professions.



**Anneli Andresson-Bourgey** currently works for the Estonian Presidency of the Council where she deals with internal market related issues and copyright.

Mrs Andresson-Bourgey has studied philology, semiotics and law in Estonia (University of Tartu and the Law Institute of the University of Tartu in Tallinn) and in France (University of Paris VIII). She has worked at the Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication on trade, internal market, industrial property related matters, and as a counsellor at the Estonian Permanent Representation to EU, covering areas such as telecommunication, intellectual property, trade questions and services in the internal Market.



**Irmfried Schwimann** is Deputy Director-General in charge of Directorates E, G and H in DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs since March 2016. She was the Director "Markets and Cases III: Financial Services" and Head of "Task Force Financial Crisis" Directorate - General of Competition (COMP) for 7 years.

Irmfried Schwimann has a Doctorate in Law Johannes Kepler Universität Linz in Austria and a Diploma of Political Science Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris in France.



**Birgit Beger** is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ECCO – the European CanCer Organisation, the only multidisciplinary organisation that connects and responds to all stakeholders in oncology Europe-wide. Birgit Beger has more fifteen years of public affairs experience in Brussels and an impressive track record in European health policy and federation management.

She was Secretary General of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) for over 5 years. Before her post as CPME Secretary General, she was Senior Legal advisor at the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE) responsible inter alia for Information Technology Law and European Contract Law.

Birgit Beger is a registered lawyer in Berlin and holds masters in law and political science from the Freie Universität Berlin. She is fluent in German, English and French and lives near Brussels with her husband and their eight-year-old son.



**Norbert Lammering** was born in 1968 in Germany. He studied public administration and worked in several ministries of the State North Rhine – Westphalia (1998 – 2010). From 2010 to 2015 he served as civil servant to the Ministry for Health, Equalities, Care and Ageing. Since 2015 he has worked as policy adviser to the Representation of the State North Rhine – Westphalia to the European Union. Since 2015 he has also been the representative from the German Bundesrat to the Council Working Group Public Health.