

Commissioners, Ministers and Heads of Delegation

Jim Murphy

Cabinet Office Minister responsible for eGovernment UK

Parliamentary Secretary at the UK Cabinet Office



Jim Murphy was appointed Parliamentary Secretary at the UK Cabinet Office following the General Election in May 2005.

Born in Glasgow in 1967, Mr Murphy was educated in Scotland and South Africa before going on to Strathclyde University.

Mr Murphy, MP for East Renfrewshire, entered Parliament in May 1997. He was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Scotland from March 2001 until June 2002, when he was appointed to the Government as a Whip. Jim held Whip responsibility for a number of departments until June 2003, when he was appointed Lord Commissioner.

Viviane Reding

European Commissioner, Information Society and Media



Born in Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, Ms Reding has a Doctorate of human sciences from Sorbonne, Paris and is currently a member of the European Commission (Information Society and Media)

Ms Reding initially worked as a journalist before embarking on a political career in 1979. From 1979 to 1989, Ms Reding was an active member of the Luxembourg Parliament and was the President of the social committee, member of the Bureau of the "Chambre des Deputes", Member of the Benelux Parliament and also a member of the North Atlantic Assembly. Between 1981 and 1999 she also held the post of local councillor in the city of Esch-sur-Alsette and was the President of the Cultural Affairs Committee from 1992 – 1999.

In 1989, Ms Reding became a member of the European Parliament and held a number of senior posts, including: President of the Petitions Committee 1989-1992; Vice-president of Social Committee 1992-1994; Vice-president of Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs Committee 1997-1999; Head of Luxembourg delegation to European People's Party (EPP); Member of EPP Group Bureau.

In 1999, Ms Reding became a member of the European Commission (Education, Culture, Youth, Media, and Sport) before taking up her current post in 2004.

Siim Kallas

European Commission for Administrative Affairs, Audit and Anti-Fraud



Mr Siim Kallas has served in Estonia as Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Central Bank. He also held the position of the Chairman of the Estonian Reform Party since the party's creation in 1994 until November 2004, after which he became the Honorary Chairman of the party.

In 2002, Mr Kallas became Prime Minister of Estonia and served in this post until the national elections in 2003. He was Prime Minister at a key stage in Estonia's development when the country was invited to join NATO and concluded accession negotiations with the European Union.

In May 2004, Mr Kallas was appointed a Member of the European Commission, working in the field of Economic and Monetary Affairs. Since November 2004, Mr Kallas has been Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Administration, Audit and Anti-fraud.

Arlene McCarthy

Member of the European Parliament for the North West UK



Arlene McCarthy, the former Head of European Affairs for Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council and Guest Research Fellow and Lecturer in European Foreign and Security Policy at the Free University of Berlin, was first elected as a Labour MEP for the North West Region of England in June 1999 and re-elected in June 2004. Previously she had served as MEP for the Peak District.

Arlene is Labour Spokesperson and Government link on the Legal Affairs Committee and International Market and Consumer Affairs Committee and Link Member for Anglo-German relations. She is also a member of the EU-ACPO (African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States) Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Vice-President of the European Parliament's All-Party Sports Intergroup and Convener of the European Parliament's Urban Affairs Working Group.

Born in Belfast, Arlene takes a personal interest in the Northern Ireland Peace Process, as well as a political interest as she was the European Parliamentary Labour Party's Link Person with the UK Government's Northern Ireland team from 1997-99.

Peter Vanvelthoven

Minister for Employment and e-Government

Belgium



Peter Vanvelthoven was appointed as Belgium Federal Minister for Employment and e-Government in 2005.

Previous posts held include State Secretary for e-government (2003-2005); M.P. (Belgian Parliament) Limburg electoral district (1999-2003); Flemish M.P. (Flemish Parliament) Limburg electoral district (1995-1999); Permanent delegate of the Limburg Province (1995); Member of the Provincial Council of Limburg (1994-1995); Special Graduate in Fiscal Law and Accounting Research R.U.G. (1986) and; Law graduate V.U.B. (1985).

Franz Morak

State Secretary for the Arts and Media

Austrian Federal Chancellery



Franz Morak was born in 1946 in Graz, he studied drama and film at the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz and at the Reinhardtseminar in Vienna. Singer/songwriter, after 1980 production of four LPs/CDs. He worked as an actor and director at several theatres etc., including, as of 1974, the Vienna Burgtheater, and TV, radio and film productions; winner of several awards.

October 1994 to February 2000: member of the Austrian Parliament, spokesperson for cultural matters of the Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) and member of the ORF Governing Board. In 1999, he published the anthology "Die organisierte Kreativität. Kulturpolitik an der Wende zum 21. Jahrhundert" accompanying a symposium by the same title that was held in Vienna in 1999. Franz Morak has served as State Secretary for the Arts and Media at the Federal Chancellery since 4 February 2000. He was re-appointed in that function on 28 February 2003.

Nikolay Vissilev

Minister of State, Ministry of State Administration

Bulgaria

Details yet to be provided

Miroslav Kovačić
State Secretary
Croatia

No biography provided.

Andreas Moleskis
Permanent Secretary of the Planning Bureau
Cyprus

No biography provided.

Dana Berova
Minister for Informatics
Czech Republic



Dana Bérová has been working at the Ministry of Informatics since January 2003. She was in charge of the projects of using information technologies in the state administration (Public Administration Portal e.g.) and of international cooperation mainly EU as a director of the e-Government section and a Deputy Minister. She was appointed a Minister of Informatics in April 2005 in new Czech Government.

Dana Bérová graduated Information technologies Use in Management at Prague School of Economics, Prague in 1990. She completed interdisciplinary studies in 1987-1989 at the Journalism Faculty at the Charles University. She formerly worked in different positions in management, as a media and TV specialist and an adviser. Apart from it, she worked as an editor in the Czechoslovak and Czech TV, as a financial manager of Karel Schwarzenberg's property and a programming director of a local TV channel TV 3 from 2000 to 2002.

Dana Bérová is a part-owner of Sanu Babu Ltd. business organization importing goods from India and Nepal.

Helge Sander
Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation
Denmark

No biography provided, but information gathered:

Mr. Helge Sander, of the Liberal-Democratic Party, was born on 27 August 1950.

Education/profession: Journalist, Mayor

Political offices: 1967-72 Committee of the Liberal-Democratic Party's Youth Organisation (VU), Herning 1969-71 Chairman of VU, Herning 1970-71 Vice-Chairman of VU, County of Ringkjøbing 1974-79 Herning City Council 1984-98 Member of Parliament, 1987-98 the Liberal-Democratic Party's Parliamentary Party Committee and the Executive Committee 1994-2001 Herning City Council, 1998-2001 Mayor

Other representative offices:

1970-72 Secretary of Herning Cycle Club, 1973-74 Chairman of Herning Cycle Club, 1974-75

Selection Committee of the Danish Cycling Union, 1978- Manager of Herning Fremad

1979- Head of Secretariat for the Danish Football League Organisation

Estonia

Details yet to be provided

Jorma Karjalainen
Director General
Finland

No biography provided

Jacques Sauret
Director of the ADAE
France



Jacques SAURET is the Director of the ADAE (French Agency for the development of the e-government) since February 2003.

First teaching at the École nationale vétérinaire in Maisons-Alfort, he oversaw the IT and new technologies Division in the Social Security Directorate of the French Ministry of Social Affairs, from March 1995 to March 2000.

Then he was the Director of the Public interest Group in charge of the modernization of social declarations, which has developed the one-stop-shop for companies called www.net-entreprises.fr services.

Martin Schallbruch
CIO, Federal Ministry of the Interior
Germany



Martin Schallbruch is the Chief Information Officer of the German Federal Ministry of the Interior. He is responsible for IT strategy and IT coordination within the Federal government. Project management for BundOnline E-Government initiative as well as coordination of the E-Government strategy Deutschland-Online is located in his office. Mr. Schallbruch oversees IT security policy of the Federal government and his office is responsible for the supervision of the Federal Office for Information Security. He is also the head of the passport and ID card service of the Federal government. Before

being appointed CIO he was the personal assistant of State Secretary Zypries within the Ministry of the Interior.

Educated at the Technical University in Berlin, where he gained an M. Sc. in computer science, Schallbruch was a research fellow at Humboldt University Berlin, before he was appointed head of university IT service centre

Prokopis Pavlopoulos
Minster, Ministry of the Interior
Greece

Details yet to be provided

Dr Gyorgy Csepeli
Minister of Informatics and Communications
Hungary

György Csepeli was born in 1946 in Budapest. He graduated in Russian and psychology from ELTE University at the Faculty of Arts. Since 1972, he has worked at the Institute of Sociology of ELTE. He has the degree of Doctor of Sciences.

He has taught extensively courses on social psychology, intergroup relations, anti-Semitism and national identity. His research has focussed on empirical studies of national identity in Hungary and Central Europe.

After 1989 he has spent several years at various universities of the United States as a visiting professor. He is a member of the Hungarian Sociological Association, which he chaired in 1993.

Since the mid-1990s, his research interests have turned toward the sociological and socio-psychological problems of the Information Society. In 1995, he was involved in the creation of the first National Information Strategy. Later he conducted business intelligence research on telecom database.

In June 2002 he was appointed to Political State Secretary at the Ministry of Informatics and Communications.

Armann Olafsson
Political Advisor to the Minister of Finance
Iceland

Details yet to be provided

Tom Kitt
Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach
Ireland

Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach (with special responsibility as Government Chief Whip and for the Information Society) and at the Department of Defence. Previous ministerial posts are as follows:

Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for Overseas Development and Human Rights 2002 – 2004, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, with special responsibility for Labour Affairs, Consumer Rights and International Trade. 1997 – 2002, Minister of State at the Department of Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs, with special responsibility for European Affairs and Overseas Development Aid, 1993-1994, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach with special responsibility for Arts, Culture, Women's Affairs and European Affairs 1992-93.

Mr Kitt was born in Galway. He was educated at St Jarlath's College, Tuam, Co Galway and St Patrick's Teachers Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin

Lucio Stanca
Minister of Innovation and Technologies
Italy



Lucio Stanca, the Minister for Innovation and Technologies, was born in Lucera, Foggia, and lives in S. Fermo della Battaglia, Como, with his wife Francesca and his daughters Benedetta and Isabella.

After the University degree in Economics and Commerce completed at Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi, Milan, and having served military service as part of the Grenadiers of Sardinia, he joined IBM Italy in Milan in 1968.

He has been working in IBM up to March 2001 holding various positions in Italy as well as the United States amongst which: Chairman and Ceo of IBM Italy, Member of the World Wide Management Committee and Vice-President of the group. In the last few years he has been IBM's Chairman and Director General located in Paris, holding the responsibility of operations for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

As Minister for Innovation and Technologies he has been delegated by the Prime Minister with the responsibility to co-ordinate and give direction to Government politics in matters of development and use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) throughout the Country, with particular focus on central and local Public Administration, on families and on businesses, so as to promote the development of the "Information Society". For these reasons he also chairs the Ministers' Committee for the Information Society.

He is in charge of the program "e-Government for development", aimed to help emerging Countries to modernize their Public Administration systems through ICT.

Mr Stanca is also a member of the board of directors of Bocconi University, of Gateway Foundation (World Bank subsidiary in ICT in support of developing Countries) and is Vice-President of Aspen Institute, Italy.

In 2004 The University of Camerino conferred him a doctorate "honoris causa" in computer science.

Janis Reirs
Minister for Electronic Government Affairs
Latvia



No biography provided

Vaidotas Abraitis
Secretary of the Ministry, Ministry of the Interior
Lithuania

Details yet to be provided

Claude Wiseler
Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform
Luxembourg

Claude Wiseler was born on 30 January 1960 in Luxembourg. He is married and has three children.

After his secondary education at the Athénée de Luxembourg (1972-1979), Claude Wiseler enrolled at the Université de Paris III (New Sorbonne), where he obtained a Master's in French Language and Literature and a degree in General and Comparative Literature (1983). In 1989, he obtained a doctorate at the Université de Paris-Sorbonne.

Between 1983 and 1987, Claude Wiseler taught languages at the Athenée de Luxembourg and the Lycée technique du Centre. From 1987 to 1989, he was a teacher attached to the Ministry for National Education, before occupying the post of Government advisor to the Ministry for Family and Social Support and also the Ministry for Small- and Medium-sized Businesses and Tourism (1989-1999).

Having been general secretary of his party from 1995 to 2000, Claude Wiseler was elected, following the general elections of June 1999, Member of Parliament for the Centre constituency on the list of the Christian Social Party (Chrëschtlech Sozial Vollekspartei / CSV). In the national parliament, he assumed the role of vice-chairman of the CSV parliamentary group, vice-chairman of the Committee for National Education, Vocational Training and Sport, and became a member of various other committees.

From 2000 to 2004, he was also deputy mayor of Luxembourg City, with responsibility for teaching and social affairs.

Following the general election on 13 June 2004, Claude Wiseler was appointed as Minister for the Civil Service and Administrative Reform and Minister of Civil Engineering on 31 July 2004.

Claudio Grech
Head of Secretariat, Ministry for Investment, Industry and IT
Malta



Mr Grech is the Head of the Secretariat of the Minister for Investments, Industry and Information Technology. He reports directly to the Minister and coordinates a policy team handling all Government investments. He also chairs the Core ICT Steering Group of Government which is the central decision-making body handling ICT in Government. He is also a director on the Board of Malta Information Technology and Training Services Ltd, Government's internal ICT agency.

Amongst other committees, Mr Grech is Malta's Information Society Technologies Director and represents Malta on the eEurope Advisory Group. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Computing and an MBA in Strategy.

Rob Kuipers
DG for Public Sector Management
Netherlands

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Wenche Lyngholm
Norway

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Poland

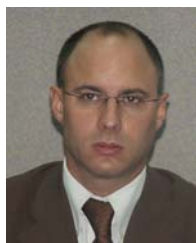
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António Luis Santos da Costa
Minister of State and Internal Administration
Portugal

Has been the Portuguese Minister of State and Internal Administration since March 2005. He was a Member of the European Parliament from March 2004 to June 2005. Previous political posts held include Minister of Justice from October 1999 to April 2002 and President of the Parliamentary Group of the PS (Socialist Party) from April 2002 – March 2004.

Born in 1961, he is a lawyer by profession and is married with two children.

Zsolt Nagy
Minister for Communications and Information Technology
Romania



The Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Zsolt Nagy, is an engineer specialized in automation and industrial informatics. He is married and has two children.

Zsolt Nagy has been a member of and held a number of managing positions in technical-scientific associations and coordinated programs initiated by the Democratic Association of the Hungarians in Romania (DAHR) in the sector of local public administration. As well, between 2003 and 2004, he coordinated the collaboration program on Information Society initiated by DAHR and the Ministry of Informatics and Communication in Hungary.

Zsolt Nagy is a graduate of the Faculty of Automation and Computers within the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca and holds an Engineer Diploma, profile – System and Computer Science, specialization – Automation and Industrial Informatics. Between 1997 and 2000, he attended the courses of prestigious management schools, such as: Robert Schuman Institute (Budapest), National Democratic Institute (Washington DC), International Republican Institute, the Foundation for Pluralism and Democracy after Communism (AFC), Hungary.

In 1992, he became a member of the Hungarian Technical-Scientific Society in Transylvania. Since 2000, he has been the President of the Progress Foundation for promoting digital culture, and in 2004, he was appointed President of the Cultural Foundation Janovics Jenő.

As Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Zsolt Nagy supports the development of broadband communications and encourages investments in the IT&C field. Furthermore, the Minister is determined to contribute to enhancing the competitiveness of Romanian economy. Therefore, he encourages the operators to use the latest information technologies, and is committed to consolidating the IT&C industry, improving the institutional performance of public administration and the comfort of the citizens.

In January 2005, he has been awarded the "Neumann Janos" prize for supporting and promoting Information Society. In October 2005, he was named the "IT&C Personality of 2005" by the Bucharest Business Week.

Pavol Prokopovič
Minister of Transport, Posts and Telecommunications
Slovakia
Details yet to be provided

Roman Rep
Minister for Public Administration
Slovenia
Details yet to be provided

Jordi Sevilla Segura
Minister
Spain
Details yet to be provided

Sven-Erik Österberg
Minister of Local Government and Finances and Financial Market Issues
Sweden
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Hanna Muralt-Müller
Cabinet Office
Switzerland
Details yet to be provided

Binaldi Yildirim
Minister of Transportation
Turkey



Graduated from the Faculty of Ship Construction and Marital Sciences, Istanbul Technical University and had a Ph. D. degree at this faculty.

Worked at the various managerial levels of General Directorate of Turkish Shipbuilding Industry and Camialtı Shipyard.

He had special training on Safety of Life and Goods at Sea at the World Maritime University (WMU) of the International Maritime Organisation in Sweden between 1990 and 1991. During his training, he had inspection trips to Scandinavian and European countries and ports with the experts of the Maritime Administration for six months.

He was the General Director of Istanbul Sea Buses Corporation (IDO) between 1994 and 2000. During his office he supervised important projects for shifting the urban traffic of Istanbul towards maritime means.

Mr. Yıldırım was awarded the “Quality in Tourism Award” by Skal International in 1999 because of his contributions to maritime public transportation and tourism.

He is the member of various Non-Governmental Organisations as well as the Head of Piri Reis Maritime Foundation and Culture and Co-operation Association of Refahiye.

Mr. Yıldırım is married with 3 children and speaks English, French

George Lyon
Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform, Scotland
UK



George Lyon was appointed Deputy Minister for Finance and Public Service Reform in June 2005.

He has been MSP for Argyll and Bute since the first Scottish Parliament elections in 1999.

He studied at Rothesay Academy, before travelling to Australia and New Zealand to undertake a farming scholarship in 1986.

A farmer since 1972, Mr Lyon was elected Vice President of the National Farmers Union in Scotland in 1996 and was President from 1998-99.

Former member of Enterprise & Lifelong Learning Committee, Justice 2 Committee and Audit Committee.

Former Co-Convenor of the Cross-Party Group on the Scottish Economy.

His interests include skiing, football, reading and keeping fit.

Pilar del Castillo Vera
MEP (Spain)



More info -

<http://www.europarl.eu.int/members/public/geoSearch/view.do?country=ES&partNumber=1&language=EN&id=28390>

Christine Desloges
Director General
Canada

Christine Desloges is the Director General responsible for the Government On-Line Initiative, at Public Works and Government Services Canada. She has also held the positions of Executive Director, Government On-Line and Service Strategy, and of Senior Director, Service Transformation, Government On-Line, as well as Director, Shared Systems, in the Chief Information Officer Branch of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

Ms. Desloges has held a number of foreign service positions in Asia and served as the first Canadian resident Ambassador in the People's Republic of Vietnam. She was also Director, Trade Integration Directorate, at Industry Canada, where she managed Team Canada Inc.