

# SOCIAL PARTNERS' DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP TAKING STOCK AND THE WAY FORWARD

## Biographies

European Parliament - Altiero Spinelli Building - Room A1H-1

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### MEP Jana Žitňanská

*European Conservatives and Reformists Group, Slovakia*

Jana Žitňanská is a Slovakian journalist and a conservative politician, non-attached member of the National Council of the Slovakian Republic, member of the Committee on Education, Youth and Sport. Until May 2012, she was a member of the Slovakian Cristian Democratic Movement (KDH) and held the position of Vice-President. Elected in May 2014 with the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) at the European Parliament, she is members of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM).



### MEP Brando Benifei

*Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Italy*

Brando Benifei, European Federalist, is one of the youngest MEPs and is from La Spezia, Italy. He has been chair of European affairs for the Young Democrats and Vice-President of ECOSY (youth organization of PES) for 4 years and was part of the PES working group which originally drafted the European Youth Guarantee. His main fields of legislative work in the EP are Employment and social affairs and Foreign affairs. He is co-chair of the Youth Intergroup and vice-chair of the Disability Intergroup. Among his parliamentary activities in the Committee of Employment and Social Affairs, he is currently Shadow Rapporteur for the European Social Fund Plus, the European Solidarity Corps and was responsible for key legislative and non-legislative reports on the social inclusion and integration of refugees into the EU labour market, youth employment policy such as the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative; digitalisation and rights of persons with disabilities.



### Lodewijk Buschkens

*EU-Affairs Manager, Organisation for Social Partners in Hospitals in the Netherlands (StAZ)*

*Managing Partner, ICODA European Affairs*

Lodewijk Buschkens has been active as a European Affairs consultant since 1995 in Brussels. In his role as Partner of ICODA European Affairs, Lodewijk mainly focuses on the Dutch market. He has helped many organisations from his native country with monitoring EU-developments, identifying threats & opportunities arising from EU-legislation, formulating their lobby strategy and organising policy events in Brussels. Over the years Lodewijk has been active in several policy sectors like social housing, health, financial services and pensions. Since 2002 Lodewijk is also a legal expert for 'Your Europe Advice', an online EU advice service provided by legal experts from ECAS operating under contract with the European Commission. Since April 2018 Lodewijk assists the 'Organisation for Social Partners in Hospitals in the Netherlands' (StAZ) with their EU-affairs.



### Marta Branca

*Vice-Secretary General, European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association (HOSPEEM)*

Marta Branca has been Vice Secretary General of HOSPEEM since August 2018. She has been General Manager of the National Institute for Infectious Diseases "Lazzaro Spallanzani" in Rome, since October 2016. From 2005 she has been a Manager in the Negotiating Agency for the Representation of Public Administration (ARAN) dealing with collective labour contracts for the health sector.

She also has experience in HR management and worked as a manager of a General Affairs organization Unit of other public health companies in Italy. She graduated in Law from Rome University.



### **Nico Knibbe**

*Project Consultant, LOCOMotion*

Nico Knibbe is a senior researcher at LOCOMotion. LOCOMotion, a research institute established by Hanneke and Nico Knibbe in 1988, is known for the variety of studies funded by social partners, inspectorates, research institutes and government focussing on patient handling and movement. LOCOMotion has published many publications in outstanding, well-known research journals (partly peer reviewed) and hands-on nursing magazines. They also developed a range of educational material in the field of ergonomics in healthcare, like videos, books, checklists, e-learning modules, teaching guidance, guidelines etc.



### **Jette Steenberg Holtzmann, RN, MA, MAAELM**

*Head of Office at Centre for HR, The Capital Region of Denmark*

Jette S. Holtzmann has worked with interprofessional education and collaboration within the last eleven years and has been co-founder and is a board member in the Danish Society of Interprofessional Learning and Collaboration. Extensive experience with leadership and post-graduate educational activities for healthcare professionals. Lecturer and author of articles in relation to interprofessional education and collaboration. Consultant of the translation into Danish of Jody Gittells ' High-Performance Healthcare'.



### **Winnie Lund, RN, MPH**

*Development Consultant and Project Leader at HR & Education, The Capital Region of Denmark.*

Winnie Lund has working experience with cross-sector collaboration, interprofessional education and development, Public Health and Mental Health in African Countries, NGO's, Civil Society Organisations, the Danish disability umbrella, Disabled People's Organizations Denmark (DPOD), on Strategic Planning on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Her new area of interest is "Landscape and Planning, in the field of nature-based therapy and health promotion"



### **Anouk ten Arve**

*Programme Manager in Occupational Health and Safety in Healthcare, Stichting IZZ*

Her biggest passion is to find the ultimate balance between positive business results and healthy employees. Only when these two combines perfectly one reaches the ultimate result for healthy employees, quality of work and quality of patient care. Before joining Stichting IZZ, she worked at KLM Health Services as Manager in Consultancy and Education and as a Project Manager / Consultant in the Dutch Centre for workplace health promotion. Among others, she holds a degree in Occupational Therapy from Amsterdam University of Applied Studies, as well as a Master in Occupational Health Sciences from Maastricht University and three post-Masters in Learning, developing and organisational change, Corporate Social Responsibility and Strategic Innovation in Cure and Care from Radboud University Nijmegen.



### **Babette Bronkhorst**

*Project Manager in Occupational Health and Safety in Healthcare, Stichting IZZ*

As of May 2017, Babette Bronkhorst works as a Project Manager at the IZZ Foundation. Here, she continues to work on the valorisation of her PhD research and develops and implements new research projects on the subject of healthy and safe workplaces in health care. Babette Bronkhorst has a degree in Public Administration with a specialisation in Work- and Organisational Psychology and in Human Resource Management.



### **Mathias Maucher**

*Policy Officer "Health and Social Policy", European Public Service Union (EPSU)*

Mathias Maucher is a Policy Officer for "Health and Social Policy" at EPSU since 2011. He works for the coordination of EPSU's work with affiliates, mainly in the context of the Standing Committee "Health and Social Services" and the Working Group "Social Services" EPSU's activities in the framework of the Sectorial Social Dialogue Committee for the Hospital Sector, the EPSU's policy and lobbying work in the field of health and social services with European institutions, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Public Services International (PSI) and other EU-level or national partner organizations and representation of EPSU at activities of affiliates. He also works on the EPSU's project work in health and social services.

