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Short biographical notes



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Celso Arango

Dr. Celso Arango is currently Chair of the Child and Adolescent Department of Psychiatry at Hospital Gregorio Marañón as well as Director of the Gregorio Marañón Psychiatric and Mental Health Institute, Professor of Psychiatry at the MPRC of the University of Maryland, Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF in San Francisco, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at Kings College London and Tenured Full Professor at UCM. Moreover, he is Past President of the ECNP and President of the Spanish Ministry of Health Advisory Board for Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Prof. Arango's major research interests include the neurobiology of early-onset and first-episode psychoses and neurodevelopmental psychopharmacology. Dr. Arango has written more than 450 peer-reviewed articles and 9 books, is on the editorial board for 12 high impact journals, has participated in more than 77 competitively funded research projects and has been the coordinator or Principal Investigator for 10 EU-funded projects.



Brando Benifei

Brando Benifei, European Federalist, is one of the youngest MEPs, recently re-elected, and is from La Spezia, Italy. His main fields of legislative work in the EP have been Employment and Social Affairs, Security and Defence and Foreign affairs. He has been co-chair of the Youth Intergroup and vice-chair of the Disability Intergroup. Among his work in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, he is Shadow rapporteur for the European Social Fund Plus and was responsible for the European Solidarity Corps and for key reports on the social inclusion and integration of refugees into the EU labour market, as well as youth employment policy such as the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiative. He is also active on digitalisation and rights of persons with disabilities.



Daniela Bianco

Partner and Head of the Healthcare area of The European House-Ambrosetti. In 2000 she began working at The European House-Ambrosetti, in the Strategy and Top Management area. In 2005 she took part in the design and development of the Meridiano Sanità Think Tank, a platform for research, analysis and discussion with the main healthcare stakeholders on the issues of health, organization and financing of healthcare systems. She has managed and developed several projects in the healthcare field for private companies, public associations and institutions. She is author of numerous papers and articles on healthcare issues. She graduated from the University L. Bocconi of Milan in Business Administration.



Rosie Birchard

Rosie Birchard is a journalist covering life and politics in the EU. Over the past year, she has focused on how the pandemic has been impacting young people's mental health and the delivery of mental health care and services across Europe. Hailing from Scotland, she has been based in Brussels for three years, and previously worked in education policy and research.



Gemma Calamandrei

Biologist, Senior Researcher at the Italian National Health Institute (ISS) has long standing and recognized research experience in the field of developmental psychobiology, behavioral neuroscience and comparative psychology. In November 2018 she was appointed Director of the Reference Center for Behavioral Sciences and Mental Health of the ISS, whose mission is to promote research and its application to improve the mental health of people suffering from mental disorders, their families and of the general population. With the onset of the Sars-Cov2 pandemic, she coordinated the ISS working group on "Mental health and Covid19 emergency", which produced indications aimed at counteracting the psychological and psychiatric effects of the epidemic emergency. Since December 2020, she has coordinated, together with a group of ISS researchers, a survey on the functioning of mental health services during the epidemic, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and main scientific societies.



Gabriele Ghirlanda

Born in 1984, PhD in Management (innovation, sustainability and healthcare) at the Scuola Superiore di Alta Formazione e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna in Pisa, he holds a Master Degree in Public Administration and an MBA in Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Administration at the Luiss University in Rome. After three years at Boehringer, he joined Bayer in 2014 working at the company's German headquarters and taking on the role of Global Pricing & Reimbursement Manager for the Gynecology, Cardio-Metabolic and Oncology areas. In 2016, he moved to the United States as deputy director Strategic Pricing and Reimbursement for the same divisions. Subsequently, in Japan, he holds the role of Head of Market Access - Cardiovascular & Pricing. From December 2020 he is the new Director Global Access & Value of Angelini Pharma.



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Massimiliano Mascherini

Massimiliano Mascherini is Head of Unit ad interim for Social Policies at Eurofound from October 2019. He joined Eurofound in 2009 as a research manager, designing and coordinating projects on youth employment, NEETs and their social inclusion, as well as on the labour market participation of women. In 2017, he became a senior research manager in the Social Policies unit leading new research on monitoring convergence in the European Union. Previously, he was scientific officer at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission. He studied at the University of Florence, majoring in Actuarial and Statistical Sciences and completing a PhD in Applied Statistics. He has been visiting fellow at the University of Sydney and at Aalborg University and visiting professor at the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.



Dolors Montserrat

She is Member of the European Parliament since July 2019 and PP spokesperson in the European Parliament. Hon. Montserrat is Chairwoman of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament and Member of the Committee on the Environment, Health and Food Safety. Previously she has been Member of Parliament for Barcelona in the Congress of the IX, X, XI and XII legislatures and Councillor and Spokesperson of the PP Group in the City Council of Sant Sadurní d'Anoia from 2003-2015. She has also been Third Vice President of the Table of the Congress of Deputies in the X Legislature and Minister of Health, Social Services and Equality from 04/11/2016 to 06/06/2018. She attended the C.O.U. in the United States, studied basic German at the Universität Freiburg and has a Degree in Law from the Abad Oliba CEU University Barcelona, attending last year of Law Degree at the Università degli Studi di Ferrara with the ERASMUS program. She holds a Master's Degree from the School of Legal Practice of the Barcelona Bar Association. She has been a practising Lawyer from 1997 to 2011, specialized in civil law, property and family law.



Guadalupe Morales

Guadalupe Morales Cano is Director of Fundación Mundo Bipolar, a non-profit national NGO for people with lived experience that fight for the rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities, based on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She has teaching positions at Universities in Spain and USA. Professor at Masters: Lisbon International Learning Programme, and Universitat Jaume I, on Stigma, Media and HHRR, peers2peers courses, and for professionals. She has a very intense activity in Spain and in the Europe Union to fight discrimination, based on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



Raluca Nica

With over 25 years of experience in the field of mental health, Raluca Nica is a board member and Vice President of GAMIAN Europe and the Executive Director of the Romanian League for Mental Health. She is a consultant for NGOs on issues of organizational management and supervision for the good implementation of projects. Her experience and vast academic background in various disciplines make her an expert in the field.



Daniela Poggio

From February 2020, Daniela Poggio is Executive Director Global Communications of Angelini Pharma. Since 2013, Daniela Poggio has been Director of Communications at Sanofi in Italy. In the past, she was Director of Communications Italy and Greece at Goodyear Dunlop and worked at Vodafone. Graduated in Literature and Philosophy at the University of Milan and enrolled in the national register of freelance journalists, Daniela Poggio has a Master in Public and Political Communication. Today she collaborates with Corriere della Sera - La27Ora on the topics of gender violence and gender gap, she teaches "Brand Journalism" at the Faculty of Public Relations of the Iulm University in Milan.



Marie-Cécile Rouillon

Marie-Cécile Rouillon joined the European Commission in 2006. As a Policy Officer in the Unit Disability and Inclusion, she contributes to the development of overall EU policy on the rights of persons with disabilities, to the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its main tool for the implementation at the EU level - the Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2021-2030). She is notably in charge of mental health and independent living. Beforehand, she was a Policy Coordinator in DG Migration and Home Affairs, where she also worked on the interoperability of EU information systems and on the hotspots implementation at the peak of the migratory crisis. She previously worked in DG Research and Innovation on the financing of innovative companies. Graduated from Sciences Po Paris, she started her carrier in the management of international festivals on three continents.



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John Saunders

John Saunders is presently the Executive Director at EUFAMI, an organisation of family member associations across Europe. John has been the Director of Shine, Supporting People affected by Mental III Health since 2001 until 2021. He has previously worked in the field of Autism, Learning Disability and Management. He is currently the Chair of the Mental Health Commission, the regulatory body for Mental Health Services in Ireland. He is also Chair of the National Implementation Monitoring Committee, an Irish Government body established to oversee and report on the implementation of its new Mental Health policy – Sharing the Vision. He was a member of the National Expert Group to review and update Mental Health Services established by the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, Ireland.



Fabrizio Starace

Fabrizio Starace is Director of the Department of Mental Health & Drug Abuse of the AUSL of Modena, Adjunct Professor of Social Psychiatry and Community Mental Health at UNIMORE University, President of the Italian Society of Psychiatric Epidemiology (SIEP) and Member of the Italian National Health Council. He has significantly contributed to the organization and management of innovation in the Italian mental healthcare system. After a long experience in national and international research institutes, including the World Health Organization, he actively participated in the introduction and application of the Personal Health Budget in Italy and currently coordinates the regional program of Emilia-Romagna for early diagnosis and treatment of psychosis. The Department he directs applies a no-coercion policy in all public and private hospitals and residential facilities.