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## Report on EU information sessions

### EURASIA-Net Deliverable No. 14

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## Introduction

Making use of and examining the European experience, the overall objective of EURASIA-Net is to enhance the requisite knowledge-base for new policies and instruments to reduce ethnic religious conflicts and to foster stability and security in South Asia. Achievements in this area are likely to create a favourable environment for cooperation with Europe and to contribute to the exchange of knowledge for the mutual benefit of both regions.

The University of Frankfurt am Main is the lead partner of Work Package 3 (WP3) of the project. Objectives of this work package are:

- To make information on analysis of trends in South Asia regional integration and human and minority rights issues relevant to the development and implementation of EU policies available to EU officials and institutions.
- To better understand which strategic topics are high on the EU agenda to incorporate policy needs in future joint research with South Asian partners.

Aim of this work package is to complement the research efforts realised in the other Work Packages and to present project's results and achievements to EU officials and institutions. Furthermore, researchers have been exposed to current EU strategic issues in the region.

## Description of WP3

The University of Frankfurt am Main, leader of WP3 of the project, was responsible for the organisation of two information sessions in South Asia. They addressed the EU officials and institutions in the region and dealt mainly with aspects related to human and minority rights issues in South Asia. Furthermore, the University of Frankfurt has organised a third information session in Brussels. This two-day event was designed as well as an information and knowledge exchange with EU officials and institutions.

The organisation and delivery of the Brussels meetings have been complemented by the presentation of a "Set of Informative Material for the EU Sessions" meaning the deliverable N° 13 of the project. It was prepared by the University of Frankfurt am Main in cooperation with the other project's partners.

## Description of the sessions

<b>1<sup>st</sup> EC Delegation Session in South Asia</b>
<b>Location and Date:</b> Islamabad (Pakistan), 24 March 2009.
<b>Partners</b> DCHD, EURAC, Brunel Law University, EC Delegation to Pakistan.
<p><b>Description of the meeting:</b></p> <p>University of Frankfurt am Main has successfully organized the session with support from the EC Delegation to Pakistan, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights, Brunel University and the Pakistani Democratic Commission for Human Development. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> of the two information sessions to be held in South Asia within the frame of the EURASIA-Net project. The event was designed to make project results available to EU officials and institutions and the focus of the presentations was on the analysis of trends in South Asian regional integration and human and minority rights issues relevant for the development and implementation of EU policies.</p> <p>The planning and the delivery of the event has been largely affected by the security concerns linked to the unstable situation in Pakistan at that time. The organizer was therefore unable to confirm the meeting well in advance; this unfortunately prevented the South Asian partners from a timely request of visa. Hence most of the South Asian partners were in fact unable to participate and contribute to the meeting.</p>

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EC Delegation Session in South Asia (CANCELLED)</b>
<b>Location and Date:</b> New Delhi (India), 23 March 2010.
<b>Partners</b> MCRG, EURAC and the EC Delegation of the EU to India.
<p><b>Description of the activity:</b></p> <p>As agreed by the EURASIA-Net consortium, the meeting was supposed to be organised and delivered in the context of the EURASIA-Net final conference to be organised by the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group in Kolkata in March 2010. The aim of the organizer and the project partners involved was to dedicate this 2<sup>nd</sup> session in South Asia to an in-depth presentation of the project final results and outcomes to EU officials and institutions, and to address relevant topics to be considered for the future EU agenda in South Asia (e.g. the valence of regional human and minority rights discourse and implications in the future EU-Asia dialogues and cooperation).</p> <p>However, the session was cancelled with a short notice by the EC Delegation of the EU to India. To further explain the unexpected cancellation of the information session it is worth mentioning that already before December 2009 the correspondence between University of Frankfurt representatives (Prof. Rainer Hofmann and Mr. Ugo Caruso) and the EC Delegation's contact persons have been very difficult. The EC Delegation of the EU to India was first contacted by the organizer via email on 21 October 2009 but its first reply came only in January 2010. It happened thanks to the direct involvement of Ms. Angela Liberatore who greatly supported the University in liaising with the EC Delegation. On 2 February 2010 the draft agenda of the session was sent to the EC Delegation. On 3 February 2010, the University was informed that the Head of the Delegation, H.E. Ambassador Danièle Smadja was considering her possible participation to the meeting. On 9 February 2010, H.E.</p>

Ambassador Danièle Smadja accepted to give the opening speech at the session. However, on 10 February 2010, University of Frankfurt was informed by the EC Delegation that H.E. the Ambassador cancelled her participation. The availability of the EC Delegation to be anyway represented at the information session foreseen by the project was never officially confirmed. On 25 February the organizer was informed that the entire session was cancelled due to the “sensitivity of the political situation”. Mr. Caruso and Prof. Hofmann were informed of the cancellations only by Ms. Liberatore, and never directly by the EC Delegation of the EU to India. Ms Liberatore informed the consortium of a high level EU/India meeting on human rights scheduled in the same week with the information session of EURASIA-Net project. The EC Delegation asked to postpone the EURASIA-net session but it would have been impossible to organize it at a later date due to the fact that the projects itself ends on 30 June 2010. It should be underlined that before the official cancellation of information session by the EC Delegation, the University had never been informed by the EC Delegation about the preparation of a another event (i.e. high level EU/India meeting) on 25 March 2010.

The organisation of the meeting was severely affected by problems encountered by the project’s partners in receiving visa for research purposes. For a more detailed explanation of the visa-related problems please refer to the below section on “Evaluation of WP3”.

#### **EURASIA-Net EU Information and Exchange Sessions in Brussels**

**Location and Date:** Brussels (Belgium), 10 -11 June 2010.

**Partner:** DG Research of the EC, EURASIA-Net Partners.

#### **Description of the work:**

The event was designed as a two-day session and on 10 June 2010 the University of Frankfurt am Main successfully organized meetings within two EU institutions namely, the European Parliament Intergroup for Traditional National Minorities, Constitutional Regions and Regional Languages and the European Commission DG Research (RTD) and External Relations (RELEX). Furthermore, a conference open to the general public was organised on 11 June 2010 at the premises of the EUREGIO Office Tirol-Südtirol-Trentino in Brussels.

University of Frankfurt am Main has cooperated extensively with the Secretariat of the MEP Ms. Kinga Gal for the 10 June morning session with the European Parliament, and with Ms. Angela Liberatore for the 10 of June afternoon session with the European Commission. In order to organize the conference of 11 June, the University of Frankfurt liaised and cooperated with the staff of the EUREGIO office in Brussels.

Meeting programmes of the session conducted in the frame of the WP3 of the project and respective list of participants are included in the below Annex A and B to the present report.

## Deliverables prepared in the frame of WP3

### Deliverable 12 - Overall programme of Events

The preparation of the EURASIA-Net sessions was anticipated by the preparation of the overall programme of WP3 events - Deliverable No. 12 of the project - which was circulated to EURASIA-Net consortium members in July 2009. The aim of the deliverable was to promptly inform the project partners on the calendar of WP3 events.

### Deliverable 13 - Set of informative material on South Asia for EU sessions

The preparation of the EURASIA-Net Brussels sessions has been anticipated by the preparation of a set of informative material on South Asia for EU sessions (Deliverable No. 13). The document constituted the reference material for the Brussels meetings and was prepared in cooperation with the other project's partners.

## Evaluation of the WP3

### Problems faced in the delivery of the sessions

<p><i>Visa issues:</i></p>	<p>As experienced with the organisation of the final conference in India, the organisation of the sessions was largely affected by the problems encountered by the EURASIA-Net consortium at the time of applying for visa for research purposes. Both Europeans travelling to South Asia and South Asians travelling to Europe have been rejected visa applications when aiming to travel for research purposes, in many instances without any justification given, by the respective competent national authorities. In such cases, members of the consortium had no other option but to apply for touristic visa in order to be able to travel to the respective countries and to circumvent somehow their rigid visa regulations for researchers, scholars and academics.</p> <p>In the occasion of the final conference in Kolkata even EU officials, for instance Ms Angela Liberatore, were not able to travel because of the visa refusal by the Indian authorities. With reference to the Brussels sessions, Prof. Borhan Uddin Khan from University of Dhaka (Bangladesh) was unable to participate to the meetings because Belgian embassy rejected his visa request, without offering</p>
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	any justification. In this context, it is worth recalling that the Embassy of Bangladesh was one of the first to confirm the participation to the 11 June EURASIA-Net conference at the EUREGIO office in Brussels.
<b>Cooperation with EU institutions:</b>	Cooperation with certain EU institutions proved not to be easy. Unfortunately, overlapping calendar of activities, miscommunication in the hierarchical lines of reporting and reluctance to share information (for instance in the case of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> EU Delegation session on contemporaneous activities able to influence the delivery of EURASIA-Net events) have been repeatedly encountered in the roll-out of WP3 of the project.

<b>Recommendations for future initiatives:</b>
<p><b>1. Development of a comprehensive communication strategy:</b> the delivery of the project should be coupled by a project communication strategy to be agreed with the EU institutions prior the organisation and delivery of any eventual informative sessions.</p>
<p><b>2. Inclusion of the communication in the project deliverables:</b> the development of such communication strategy should take the form of a project deliverable to be agreed with the project partners and interested EU institutions.</p>
<p><b>3. Inclusion of EURASIA-Net sessions in other EU events:</b> for future similar activities the possibility to participate (e.g. with a dedicated panel) in other EU meetings should be considered as a matter of priority. This would certainly increase the visibility of the research project and facilitate contacts with EU institutions, International Organisations and interested embassies.</p>

## Annex A

### Agenda of the EU Delegation Session in Islamabad, Pakistan

Venue

Islamabad Serena Hotel

24 March 2009

<b>9:30-10:00</b>	<b><i>Welcome address and Introduction</i></b>
	Ambassador Jan De Kok, Head of the EC Delegation to Pakistan Prof. Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main Prof. Javaid Rehman, Brunel University
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	<b>Overview and presentation of the EURASIA-Net Project</b>
	Ms. Tanveer Jahan, Director Democratic Commission for Human Development Mr. Sergiu Constantin, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00-12:30</b>	<b>Human and Minority Rights protection in South-Asia</b>
	Chair: Ms. Tanveer Jahan, Director Democratic Commission for Human Development Prof. Ejaz Khan, University of Peshawar Mr. Chaudry Shafique, Chief-Coordinator of the Parliamentary Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan Mr. Kamran Arif, Advocate, Democratic Commission for Human Development
<b>12:30-13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:30-15:00</b>	<b>Europe vis-à-vis South Asia - assessment and lessons learned in Human and Minority Rights protection</b>
	Chair: Prof. Javaid Rehman, Brunel University Prof. Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main Prof. Catarina Kinnvall, University of Lund Ms. Tanveer Jahan, Director Democratic Commission for Human Development
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>



<b>15:30-17:00</b>	<b>EU as a Strategic Actor - Impact of EU policies on human and minority rights protection in South Asia and future road ahead</b>
	<p>Chair: Prof. Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main</p> <p>Prof. Faqir Hussain, Registrar of the Supreme Court of Pakistan</p> <p>Prof. Javaid Rehman, Brunel University</p>
<b>17:00</b>	<b><i>Closing remarks</i></b>
	<p>Prof. Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt</p> <p>Prof. Javaid Rehman, Brunel University</p> <p>Mr. Sergiu Constantin, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights</p>

## Agenda of the Meeting with the European Parliament

Venue

European Parliament, Room A7F387  
60, rue Wiertz / Wiertzstraat 60

### 11:00-11:15 *Welcome address and Introduction*

Kinga Gal, EP National Minority Intergroup

Angela Liberatore, European Commission, DG Research

Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main

### 11:15-12:15 **Towards an effective diversity management: lessons from EURASIA-Net**

Moderator: Javaid Rehman, Brunel Law School

Address by:

Ranabir Samaddar, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group

Kamran Arif, Democratic Commission for Human Development

Günther Rautz EURAC Institute for Minority Rights

*Session followed by reflections from the EURASIA-Net Consortium Members and open discussion*

## Agenda of the Meeting with the European Commission

Venue

European Commission, Room **1F**

Thursday 10 June 2010

### 14:00-14:30 *Welcome address and Introduction*

Jean-Michel Baer, European Commission, DG Research

Günther Rautz EURAC Institute for Minority Rights

### 14:30-15:30 **Europe and South Asia: assessment and lessons learned in human and minority rights protection**

Moderator: Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main

Address by:

Tapan Bose, South Asian Forum for Human Rights

Javaid Rehman, Brunel Law School

*Session followed by the presentation of the EURASIA-Net project's results*

### 15:30-16:00 **Tea & Coffee Break**

### 16:00:17:30 **Developing a Euro-Asia knowledge basis to understand and address human and minority rights**

Moderator: Tanveer Jahan, Democratic Commission for Human Development

Address by:

Günther Rautz, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights

Samir Kumar Das, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group

*Session followed by open discussion*

### 17:30 **Closing Remarks**

Angela Liberatore, EC DG Research

Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main

## Agenda of the Meeting at the EUREGIO office in Brussels Friday 11 June 2010

**9:30-09:45**    *Welcome address and Introduction*

Jean-Michel Baer, European Commission, DG Research

Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main

**09:45-10:15**    **Overview and presentation of the EURASIA-Net Project**

Angela Liberatore, European Commission, DG Research

Günther Rautz, EURAC Institute for Minority Rights

**10:15-11:15**    **Regional instruments for the protection of human and minority rights: perspectives from Europe and South Asia**

Moderator: Samir Kumar Das, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group

Address by:

Javaid Rehman, Brunel Law School

Rainer Hofmann, Advisory Committee, CoE Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;

Francesco Palermo, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities;

Mahulena Hofmannova, Expert Committee, CoE Language Charter.

*Session followed by open discussion*

**11:15-11:30**    **Tea & Coffee Break**

**11:30-12:30**    **Indigenous peoples' rights: domestic challenges and regional perspectives in South Asia**

Moderator: Sonia Dayan-Herzbrun, University Denis Diderot - Paris 7

Address by:

Tapan Bose, South Asian Forum for Human Rights

Kamran Arif, Democratic Commission for Human Development

*Session followed by round table discussion with:*

Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka, University of Bielefeld

**12:30-13:30**    **Lunch**

<b>13:30-14:30</b>	<b>Comparing Asia and the EU: National Human Rights Institutions</b>
	Guest lecture by: Jonas Grimheden, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
	Moderator: Ugo Caruso, University of Frankfurt am Main
	<i>Session followed by open discussion</i>
<b>14:30-15:30</b>	<b>Religious minorities and terrorism: towards an effective Euro-Asia (minority rights) debate</b>
	Moderator: Giovanni Poggeschi, EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism
	Address by:
	Tanveer Jahan, Democratic Commission for Human Development
	Shahid Fiaz, South Asian Forum for Human Rights
	Catarina Kinnvall, Lund University
	<i>Session followed by open discussion</i>
<b>15:30-16:00</b>	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>
<b>16:00-18:00</b>	<b>Roundtable discussion on: "Human and Minority Rights in Sri Lanka: Search for solutions with reference to the applicability and adaptability of European mechanisms"</b>
	Moderator: Ranabir Samaddar, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group
	Address by: Tapan Bose, South Asian Forum for Human Rights
	<i>Session followed by round table discussion with:</i>
	Sunanda Deshpriya, World Organisation Against Torture
	M. C. M. Iqbal, former consultant NHRC of Sri Lanka
	Rathika Thevakumar, Media Development Organization
	Nadarajah Kuruparan, Global Media Network
<b>18:00-18:30</b>	<b><i>Closing remarks</i></b>
	Angela Liberatore, European Commission, DG Research
	Rainer Hofmann, University of Frankfurt am Main
<b>18:30-20:00</b>	<b><i>Reception and farewell drink</i></b>

## Annex B

### List of participants

#### *List of Participants*

### ***EURASIA-Net EU Delegation Session in Islamabad, Pakistan***

Islamabad, Pakistan, 24 March 2009

No.	Name	Surname	Organisation
1	Kauser	Bhuiyan	EC Delegation to Pakistan
2	Ugo	Caruso	University of Frankfurt am Main
3	Malene	Christiansen	Embassy of Denmark
4	Sergiu	Constantin	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
5	Jan	De Kok	Ambassador, EC Delegation to Pakistan
6	Rainer	Hofmann	University of Frankfurt am Main
7	Faqir	Hussain	Registrar of the Supreme Court of Pakistan
8	Tanveer	Jahan	DCHD
9	Jasmine	Ketabchi	UNCHR Islamabad
10	Ejaz	Khan	University of Peshawar

11	Ali Rehman	Khan	IOM Islamabad
12	Catarina	Kinnvall	Lund University
13	Javid	Rehman	Brunel School of Law
14	Saleem	Rehmat	IOM Islamabad
15	Matyus	Sandor	Embassy of Hungary
16	Chaudry	Shafique	Parliamentary Commission for Human Rights of Pakistan

## ***EURASIA-Net EU Information Session in Brussels***

### *Meeting with the European Parliament*

European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Thursday 10 June 2010

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1	France	Alfonsi	European Parliament, Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities represented by his assistant
2	Kamran	Arif	DCHD
3	Tapan	Bose	SAFHR
4	Ugo	Caruso	University of Frankfurt am Main
5	Sergiu	Constantin	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights

6	Samir Kumar	Das	MCRG
7	Sonia	Dayan-Herzbrun	University Denis Diderot – Paris 7
8	Herbert	Dorfmann	European Parliament, Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities represented by his assistant
9	Kata	Eplenyi	European Parliament, Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities
10	Kinga	Gal	MEP Hungary and member of the Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities
11	Carl	Haglund	European Parliament, Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities
12	Davyth	Hicks	EUROLANG, European Bureau for Lesser-Used Languages
13	Harriet	Hoffler	Brunel School of Law
14	Rainer	Hofmann	University of Frankfurt am Main
15	Tanveer	Jahan	DCHD
16	Scott	Jones	Mind-The-Gap
17	Catarina	Kinnvall	Lund University
18	Angela	Liberatore	European Commission, DG Research
19	Joanna	Pfaff-Czarnecka	University of Bielefeld
20	Giovanni	Poggeschi	EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism
21	Guenther	Rautz	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
22	Javid	Rehman	Brunel School of Law
23	Ranabir	Samaddar	MCRG
24	Csaba	Sògor	MEP Romania and member of the Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities
25	Csaba Sándor	Tabajdi	MEP Hungary and member of the Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities



26	László	Tòkés	MEP Romania, member of the Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities represented by his assistant
27	Alexandra	Tomaselli	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
28	Maria Eugenia	Villegas Terán	Oficina del Gobierno de Cantabria en Bruselas
29	Iuliu	Winkler	MEP Romania and member of the Intergroup of Traditional National Minorities

### *Meeting with the European Commission*

European Commission, DG Research, Square de Meeus 8, Thursday 10 June 2010

No.	Name	Surname	Organisation
1	Kamran	Arif	DCHD
2	Jean-Michel	Baer	European Commission, DG Research (RTD)
3	Christian	Behrmann	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
4	Tapan	Bose	SAFHR
5	Ugo	Caruso	University of Frankfurt am Main
6	Mario	Catizzone	European Commission, DG Research (RTD)
7	Samir Kumar	Das	MCRG
8	Sonia	Dayan-Herzbrun	University Denis Diderot – Paris 7
9	Harriet	Hoffler	Brunel School of Law

10	Rainer	Hofmann	University of Frankfurt am Main
11	Tanveer	Jahan	DCHD
12	Scott	Jones	Mind-The-Gap
13	Catarina	Kinnvall	Lund University
14	Gilles	Laroche	European Commission, DG Research (RTD)
15	Maria	Lensu	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
16	Angela	Liberatore	European Commission, DG Research (RTD)
17	Giorgio	Perini	Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, Liaison Office in Brussels
18	Joanna	Pfaff-Czarnecka	University of Bielefeld
19	Giovanni	Poggeschi	EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism
20	Guenther	Rautz	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
21	Javid	Rehman	Brunel School of Law
22	Alain	Ruche	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
23	Ranabir	Samaddar	MCRG
24	Jean-Michel	Sers	European Commission, DG Research (RTD)

*EURASIA-Net EU Information Session @ EUREGIO Office, Brussels*

EUREGIO Office, Friday 11 June 2010

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1	Natassa	Antoniou	REGIOEUROPA (Greek Local and Regional Authorities)
2	Kamran	Arif	DCHD
3	Jean-Michel	Baer	European Commission, DG Research
4	Christian	Behrmann	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
5	Tapan	Bose	SAFHR
6	Ugo	Caruso	University of Frankfurt am Main
7	Mario	Catizzone	European Commission, DG Research
8	Barbara	Chappini	Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy, EU Task Force
9	Sergiu	Constantin	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
10	Giulia	Costantino	IHF – Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires
11	Lorenzo	Costantino	ETS – European Training and Studies
12	Veronica	Dapunt	European Commission, DG Competition
13	Angela	Dargel	Saxon State Ministry for Higher Education, Research and the Fine Arts
14	Samir Kumar	Das	MCRG
15	Samita	Das	MCRG

16	Sonia	Dayan-Herzbrun	University Denis Diderot – Paris 7
17	Augustin	De Benoist	Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO)
18	Sunanda	Deshpriya	World Organisation Against Torture
19	Deepak	Dhital	Embassy of Nepal
20	Shahid	Fiaz	SAFHR
21	Filippo	Fiori	Unioncamere del Veneto
22	Babett	Gläser	Saxon State Ministry of Justice and for European Affairs
23	Lin	Goethals	European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS)
24	Anchelita	Gowri	Global Human Rights Defence (GHRD)
25	Jonas	Grimheden	EU FRA
26	Marte	Hellema	European Centre for Conflict Prevention
27	Meri	Herranen	East Finland EU Office
28	Harriet	Hoffler	Brunel School of Law
29	Rainer	Hofmann	University of Frankfurt am Main
30	Mahulena	Hofmannova	University of Giessen
31	Anna	Innocenti	Global Human Rights Defence
32	M.C.M.	Iqbal	Former consultant NHRC of Sri Lanka
33	Abida	Islam	Embassy of Bangladesh
34	Tanveer	Jahan	DCHD
35	Scott	Jones	Mind-The-Gap

36	Catarina	Kinnvall	Lund University
37	Nadarajah	Kuruparan	Global Media Network
38	Elisabeth	Lacroix	Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO)
39	Melina	Landén	East Finland EU Office
40	Gilles	LAROCHE	European Commission, DG Research
41	Maria	LENSU	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
42	Angela	Liberatore	European Commission, DG Research
43	Jenny	Lundström	Global Human Rights Defence
44	Francesco	Palermo	OSCE HCNM
45	Paola	Panzeri	Fondazione L'Albero della Vita, Brussels Office
46	Antonella	Passarani	Regione Marche, Delegazione di Bruxelles
47	Giorgio	Perini	Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia, Liaison Office in Brussels
48	Michele	Petracca	Regione Molise-Delegation to Brussels/Liaison Office for Community Relations
49	Joanna	Pfaff-Czarnecka	University of Bielefeld
50	Eva	Pfoestl	Instituto San Pio V
51	Giovanni	Poggeschi	EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism
52	Guenther	Rautz	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
53	Javaid	Rehman	Brunel School of Law
54	Alain	RUCHE	European Commission, DG for External Relations (RELEX)
55	Ranabir	Samaddar	MCRG

56	Sara	Saturni	Regione Marche, Delegazione di Bruxelles
57	Jean-Michel	SERS	European Commission, DG Research
58	Andrew	Swan	UNPO
59	Tharshini	Thangavelu	European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS)
60	Rathika	Thevakumar	Media Development Organization
61	Alexandra	Tomaselli	EURAC Institute for Minority Rights
62	Stephan	Van Marsoner	European Parliament
63	Maria Eugenia	Villegas Terán	Oficina del Gobierno de Cantabria en Bruselas
64	Madhuka	Wickramarachchi	Embassy of Sri Lanka
65	Douglas	Wickramaratne	Sinhala Association of Sri Lankans in the UK