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Member of the executive, Estonian National Independence Party (1989-1993); chair, Estonian National Independence Party (1993-1995); chair, Isamaaliit Party (2002-2005); member of the executive, Isamaa ja Res Publica Party (2006). He was founder and member of the executive of the Estonian National Independence Party (1989-1993), the first registered non-communist political party in the USSR.

In 1992 he was elected as chairman of the Congress of Estonia, the alternative parliament to the Supreme Soviet. He holds a degree in history from Tartu University, Estonia.



**Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE, MEP**  
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Antonio López-Istúriz White is Secretary-General of the European People's Party (EPP), largest European political party of the centre-right and Member of the European Parliament of the Spanish centre-right People's Party (Partido Popular), he is also Secretary Treasurer of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies and the Secretary-General of the Centrist Democrat International.

He has been in Brussels since 1997 when he worked as an assistant to the People's Party delegation at the European Parliament until 1999, when he was called by then

President of the Spanish Government José María Aznar to become his personal assistant for almost four years. In 2002 he returned to Brussels upon his election as Secretary-General of the European People's Party, two years later he was elected on the lists of his party as a MEP, keeping both offices up to this date. In the European Parliament he sits in the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and is a Substitute on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defence. He is also Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States, Delegation for relations with Israel and Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean. Antonio López-Istúriz White is also President of the European Union-United Arab Emirates Parliamentary Friendship Group (UAE). He is a strong supporter of the EU-US relations, and since his election to the post of the EPP Secretary General he dedicated his time and energy in developing close relationship with Washington. He is a very outspoken fighter for freedom in Cuba, and has been very active in Cuban dissident movement in Europe and the US.

Antonio López-Istúriz White is recipient of the 2013 Parliamentarian Prize - Eurodiputado del Año - MEP of the Year - awarded by the Asociación de Periodistas Parlamentarios - Spanish Parliamentarian Journalists Association.



**Mairead McGUINNESS MEP,  
Chair of the Working Group on Transatlantic Relations and Vice-President  
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McGuinness was the first female graduate of University College Dublin's Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural economics in 1980. In 1984, she completed a diploma in accounting and finance and went on to a career in a number of media outlets before entering politics in 2004. She worked as a researcher on The Late Late Show, as a presenter on RTÉ's Ear to the Ground and Celebrity Farm, a journalist with the Irish Farmers Journal and editor of the Irish Independent's farming supplement.

In early 2004, McGuinness declared her intention to seek a nomination for the European Parliament election for Fine Gael. This followed speculation linking her to a similar move for the Progressive Democrats. At the selection convention in February 2004, she was selected to run alongside Avril Doyle. This proved controversial, as it was widely expected that Fine Gael could win only one of the three seats in the East constituency. However, a stronger than expected performance from Fine Gael in the election saw both women being elected.

McGuinness has been appointed to serve on several European Parliament committees, including the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand. McGuinness is a substitute member of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Petitions and the delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China.

She was a Fine Gael candidate for the Louth constituency at the 2007 general election but was not elected. She was re-elected on the first count at the 2009 European election, topping the poll with 25.7% of the first preference votes.

In April 2011, McGuinness announced that she wished to run for President of Ireland and would seek the Fine Gael party nomination for the 2011 presidential election. In July 2011, she was defeated for the nomination by Gay Mitchell.

At the 2014 European election she was re-elected to the European Parliament for the new Midlands–North-West constituency.

In July 2014 McGuinness was elected Vice President of the European Parliament; she secured an absolute majority to go through in the first round of voting by secret ballot. Under the leadership of President Martin Schulz, she oversees the parliament's information policy, press and citizens relations. In addition, she serves as chairwoman of the Working Group on Information and Communication Policy and as co-chair of the Inter-Institutional Group on Communication.

In November 2016, One Voice For Languages welcomed McGuinness as their patron.

Also in November 2016, McGuinness officially announced her candidacy for the office of President of the European Parliament. Instead, Italian MEP and former European commissioner Antonio Tajani was elected as the EPP group's president.





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Member of the Committee on International Trade (INTA), the Delegation for relations with the countries of Central America and the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly

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He is Current Rapporteur as a Shadow Rapporteur for Norwegian and EEA Financial Mechanism Agreements for 2014-2021 and a Shadow Rapporteur for a new trade framework between the EU and Turkey and the modernisation of the Customs

Union. He was Rapporteur for the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and Rapporteur for the European Border and Coast Guard proposal.

He has been Minister Of Defence of Latvia, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia (First Foreign Minister after joining European Union and NATO); Member of Parliament of Latvia; Professor at the Riga International School of Economics and Business Administration and Member of the International Advisory Board of the Centrum Balticum Foundation.



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Paulo Rangel is a Member of the European Parliament since 2009 and vice-chairman of the EPP Group, responsible for the EPP's think tank, European Ideas Network. Since 2015, Mr. Rangel is also vice-chairman of the EPP. Member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and member of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Rangel is as well Head of the Portuguese PSD Delegation and Administrator of the Robert Schuman Foundation, since 2009. Former Member of the Portuguese Parliament, on the 10th legislature, Mr. Rangel was the Chairman of PSD parliamentary group in 2008-2009. Prior to this, Paulo Rangel was Deputy Secretary of State in the

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