

Next MFF : incentives and safeguards for climate friendly investments

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BIOGRAPHIES

Introduction

Jutta Haug



Jutta Haug is Member of the European Parliament (EP) since 1994 - and specialised in budget policies since then, as Member and now Vice Chair of the Committee on Budget. Jutta Haug is also Substitute in the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. As rapporteur for the LIFE programme 2014-2020, she focuses her attention on the only exclusive EU fund for climate and environment but is convinced that, beyond LIFE, achieving sustainable development needs sufficient resources from regional, agricultural, research, economic, educational and development policies.

As Chair of the SURE Committee (active 2010-2011), Jutta Haug contributed to preparing a strong EP position for currently ongoing MFF negotiations, including with regards to environment and climate mainstreaming into EU spending. Jutta Haug is a member of the S&D Group.

Artur Runge-Metzger



Mr Runge-Metzger is the Director 'International & Climate Strategy' in DG Climate Action of the European Commission. He took up his current position in October 2009 when Directorate 'Climate change & air' of then DG Environment covered issues like international climate negotiations, emissions trading, emissions from transport, energy and industry, air quality and the protection of the ozone layer. The current directorate 'International & Climate Strategy' covers international & inter-institutional relations, climate finance and deforestation, monitoring, reporting, verification and strategy and economic assessment.

Since 2003, he was Head of Unit focussing on climate strategy and international climate change negotiations. Before this, he spent two years in the EC Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo. From 1997 until 2001, he worked in DG Development and DG Environment in Brussels on a wide range of environmental issues. He joined the European Commission in 1993, when he was first responsible for the bilateral co-operation covering agricultural policies, rural development and the environment in the EC Delegation in Zimbabwe in Harare. After his University education, he started his professional career at the University of Göttingen, Germany in 1985. His main scientific and lecturing topics were natural resources economics and development economics, including extensive research in rural West Africa. He holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics.

Presentations

Adarsh Varma



Adarsh is a principal consultant with over 8 years public and private sector experience in low carbon transition, climate finance, sustainable transport, environmental economics, sustainable energy and environmental policy and regulation.

He was the project manager for a study on MRV of climate finance for the European Commission DG Climate Action looking at monitoring and tracking systems and indicators in EU countries. He has been involved with the UNEP/ILO Green Jobs Initiative for two years and is familiar with international climate development, investment and finance issues. He has also worked on an ILO/UNEP project on Green Growth in Bangladesh which looked at the boundary issues between development and climate change activities. He was also seconded to the Office of Climate Change UK for two months in 2008, working on the evidence base for the consultation document on UK's transition to a low carbon economy. UK.

He recently delivered a project funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and DFID-India for developing low carbon policy options in India. A key output included an UK international climate finance proposal to support low carbon policies in India. He also project managed a study for the US EPA looking at the feasibility of using international climate funds and instruments to fund specific activities under the Global Methane Initiative in over 40 countries. He is currently managing a study for the European Commission looking at climate related standards for European and International Financial institutions to mainstream climate change in their investment decisions for large infrastructure projects. He is also advising the World Bank for accessing climate finance for mainstreaming climate change in Ethiopia's national food and social protection programme.

Matthew Arndt



Mr Arndt, a former consultant, has more than 20 years of experience in developing sustainable transport solutions around the world. In 2006, he took over the management of the EIB's Rail and Road division within the Projects Directorate, which handled appraisal and monitoring of all projects in those sub-sectors, as well as the definition of the Bank's strategy in the sector, including the mainstreaming of climate issues and of road safety considerations.

In 2011, he took the lead of the newly formed Environment, Climate and Social Office, which has a mandate spanning policy definition and project safeguards on all of the EIB's portfolio in its three areas of competence.

Axel Volkery



Dr Axel Volkery is a Senior Fellow and Head of the Environmental Governance Programme at the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP). Axel joined IEEP in October 2010 after previous employment with the European Environment Agency, the German Advisory Council on the Environment and the Environmental Policy Research Centre Berlin.

Over the past 13 years he has developed in-depth experience in research, consultancy and policy advisory work, with strong expertise in ex-ante and ex-post policy evaluation, integrated assessment and scenario analysis at the European and national level. He has worked across a broad range of policy fields including climate change, energy, transport, water and biodiversity. Axel has (co-)managed several studies on the use of financial instruments in a EU context. Clients include the Budget Committee of the European Parliament, the Directorate-General for Climate Action of the European Commission, the Directorate-General for the Environment of the European Commission or the European Climate Foundation. Axel has published widely and has managed grants from the European Commission, the European Environment Agency, different Governments of Member States and diverse European and national research foundations and NGOs. Axel holds a diploma and a PhD in Political Sciences from Free University of Berlin. Being German, he now lives in Brussels.

Wolfgang Münch



Mr Münch is the Team Leader for Major Projects in the Competence Centre Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit in DG Regional and Urban Policy of the European Commission. He is responsible for the coordination of activities around Major Projects including appraisal, monitoring and the preparation of the next period.

Previously, he worked in policy conception, thematic coordination as well as in policy analysis in different DGs of the European Commission. He holds a doctorate of the University of Göttingen.

Moderated Q&A

Mette Koefoed Quinn



Mette works in the Directorate for International and Climate Strategy's unit for Climate Finance and Deforestation at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Change. She leads the team on climate finance, including international climate finance and domestic EU climate finance. Mette coordinates and develops the Commission's approach to mainstreaming of climate action across the next EU budget 2014-2020, including policy areas such as the external instruments, Horizon2020 and tracking of climate finance. She has been closely involved with the drafting and negotiation of the Commission's proposal on the LIFE Climate Action Sub-Programme 2014-2020 and the programming of it.

She has also worked in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry, where she has a number of years' experience as a policy officer on innovation policy development and benchmarking. She was closely involved with Europe INNOVA and PRO INNO Europe and set-up pan-European initiatives such as the Knowledge Intensive Service Innovation Platform and the Creative Industries Alliance. She also managed the FP6 Research and Innovation work programme. Previously, Mette worked for the Danish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and also spent a few years at the Danish Permanent Representation to NATO.

Michael Wilkins



Michael Wilkins is a Managing Director in the Infrastructure Finance Ratings group of Standard & Poor's Ratings Services based in London and also has responsibility for the firm's global carbon and environmental finance sectors.

Michael experience at Standard & Poor's includes seven years as Head of Infrastructure Finance Ratings, the analytical group within Standard & Poor's which covers utilities, project finance, PPPs and transportation in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Michael was also co-head of the Corporate Securitisation group. He joined Standard & Poor's in London in January 1994 and has also worked in the Melbourne and Hong Kong offices.

Michael's expertise encompasses the European power, water, environmental, transportation and social infrastructure sectors.

Previously, Michael worked for Water UK, the trade body representing the UK water industry. He also worked for four years as a journalist on various UK daily regional newspapers and global business publications.

Michael is a frequent guest lecturer at the London Business School MBA programme and Judge Business School, Cambridge University, MFin programme. He sits on the advisory board of Cass Business School's MSc in Management. He is also a member of the Climate Markets & Investment Association, the UK Government's Capital Markets Climate Initiative, a board member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Green Growth Action Alliance and the Climate Bonds Initiative.

Michael has a Bachelor of Arts degree within Modern Languages at Bristol University. He also holds an MBA in Finance from the Cass Business School and additionally has a Certificate of Carbon Finance & Analytics from the London Business School.

Paul Simpson



Paul Simpson is co-founder and CEO of the Carbon Disclosure Project. Paul is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Measuring Sustainability and on the UNFCCC High Level Clean Development Mechanism Panel. He sits on the board of EIRIS and the advisory panel of Guardian Sustainable Business. Paul previously worked with Chesham Amalgamations & Investments Ltd, the International Society for Ecology & Culture and the Social Venture Network.

Paul has a BSc in Business and Finance from City University, London and an MSc in Responsibility and Business Practice at the University of Bath (with distinction).

Kay Parplies



Kay Parplies is a Deputy Head of Unit in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN), where he coordinates relations with the EIB, EBRD and other IFIs. He works, among other areas, on the development of innovative financial instruments for the EU's 2014-2020 budget. Before joining DG ECFIN, he was a senior economist in the Commission's trade directorate and, prior to that position, a case officer for merger control at DG Competition. Before joining the European Commission, Kay worked for an investment bank.

He holds a Ph.D. in industrial economics from Cambridge University and a M.Sc. in Economics and Finance from Warwick University.