

Ms Ann Branch - Moderator



Ms Ann BRANCH, European Commission, DG EMPL

Ann Branch works for the European Commission department for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. She originally joined the EU institutions in 1999 and since 2008 has led several teams. She currently heads a team working on job creation policies and funding instruments, including promoting inclusive and social entrepreneurship. She has previously worked on EU policies and funding programmes relating to employment, social dialogue, industrial relations, the cultural and creative sectors, the Erasmus+ Programme, and work on education for innovation.

She grew up in London, in an Anglo-Finnish household. Twitter: @AnnBranchEU

Christoph Auch



Mr Christoph AUCH, Professional Education Lead, Climate-KIC.

Christoph has been involved in Climate-KIC, the largest public-private partnership on climate change innovation in Europe, from the beginning in 2010. He has developed several education programmes for PhD students and postgraduate professionals with the main objective to foster innovation and entrepreneurship competencies, especially related to climate change. Currently, Christoph is responsible for the professional education activities of Climate-KIC.

In his role, he has worked closely with businesses, start-ups, academia and policy makers especially at regional and city level. He has also several years of experience in management consulting, especially around business models and sustainability in the energy and chemical sector.

Hannah Johnson



Ms Hannah JOHNSON, Business Psychologists, Carter Corson

As a business psychologist with Carter Corson, Hannah works directly with clients to design and deliver effective development interventions. With her knowledge of workplace psychology, Hannah has built a portfolio of clients across various sectors, including central government and finance. Recently, this has involved the design of a management programme for the House of Commons, covering topics such as performance management and coaching & mentoring. Hannah also works on the FINCODA project that brings together businesses and university partners across Europe in the design and development of an innovation assessment tool.

- MSc in Organisational Psychology
- BA (Hons) in Psychology & Counselling
- Member of the British Psychological Society
- Qualified in Psychometric Testing Level A & B

Harri Lappalainen



Mr Harri LAPPALAINEN, Manager, Senior Advisor, Turku University of Applied Sciences

Mr. Soc. Sc (econ) Harri Lappalainen is a passionate competences enhancer. He has 20 years' extensive experience on international pedagogical development project activities in several roles: project initiator, project coordinator, external evaluator and consultant.

Mr. LAPPALAINEN has profound experience in assessment and quality assurance of international development projects. Mr. LAPPALAINEN holds a Certificate of Competence-Based Personal Evaluation, acknowledged by the Finnish Psychological Association.

Harri LAPPALAINEN is actively developing the innovation pedagogy learning approach. He has also given numerous conference presentations, lectures and workshops about innovation pedagogy in Europe, South-East Asia and Africa.

Yvan Rooseleer



Mr Yvan ROOSELEER, Head of Department, Odisee University College Brussels

Senior Lecturer now active at Odisee University College Brussels. Grew up and raised in multilingual Brussels. Studied Linguistics, Artificial Intelligence and Business Information Management both in Leuven and in Brussels. Active in international exchange programmes, entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, internet of everything, big data, cloud and information security. Instructor Trainer for Belgian IT Academy Support Center (BiASC), Netherlands Academy Support Center (NASC), INATA (Antananarivo, Madagascar) and for the global Cisco Networking Academy Programme. Certified Instructor in several ICT domains, including internet, routing & switching, information security, databases and information management. Also involved in the Oracle Academy Programme. I am interested in the ongoing innovation in social life, business and economy.

Keith Herrmann - Rapporteur Block 1



Keith Herrmann is Director of Employability at the University of Surrey where he is strategic lead on employability, careers and the university's renowned student placement programme. Keith was previously Deputy Chief Executive at the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) where he worked on research about entrepreneurship education, innovation policy, university-business collaboration, career guidance and STEM education. Keith worked previously at Durham University Business School as Director of Programmes where he led a team specialising in entrepreneurship education and economic policy. Keith is passionate about education, and pro bono convenes the Careers Alliance, a strategic leadership network of 25 national organisations in the UK with an interest in career guidance.