



## List of speakers & biographies

**Leonardo COLUCCI** is Programming Director of Young Professionals in Foreign Policy, an association with members in Washington DC, New York, London and Brussels. Since two years he works as institutional affairs officer at Tecla Europa, an association of local authorities, mainly focusing on sustainable energy issues. In addition, Mr. Colucci recently became external relations manager of Openet Technologies an Italian firm particularly active in the sector of satellite communication.

Mr. Colucci has a background on international security issues, he worked at the UN HQ in New York in 2008 with the Italian permanent mission and in 2010 with the EU delegation, both times dealing with UN Security Council activities with a focus on the African region. Among his professional experiences he also worked at Centre for European Policy Studies and Procter&Gamble. Leonardo is Italian and holds a master degree in International Relations from Università degli Studi Roma Tre, he also studied at Université Paris-Nord and University of Helsinki.

**Aarti HOLLA-MAINI** has been Secretary General of 'ESOA', the association of all European satellite operators, since 2004. She works on key issues impacting the industry, strengthening awareness of the benefits of satellite-delivered services with key decision-makers to ensure the global availability of these services & their contribution to key policy objectives such as the Digital Agenda for Europe or emergency communications, to name but a few. Ms. Holla has 15 years professional experience in the aerospace industry. Prior to ESOA, she represented Galileo Industries, the joint venture company of EADS Astrium, Alenia Spazio, Alcatel Space and Galileo Systemas y Servicios in Brussels, where she worked closely with European Institutions on the development of the public private partnership scheme and management aspects of the Galileo programme. Ms. Holla worked at DaimlerChrysler Aerospace (now EADS) in Munich, Germany on project & strategic management before moving to Brussels.

Ms. Holla holds an MBA from HEC in France, a diploma in German law from the University of Passau in Germany and a law degree from King's College at the University of London. She has regularly given workshops on negotiation skills for young managers. She qualified as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court in London in 1995, working with the law firm of Pannone Pritchard Englefield. She lives in Brussels, has 3 children and speaks 5 languages.

**Agnieszka LUKASZCZYK** is the Brussels Office Director for Secure World Foundation and has seven years of professional experience in the international space policy arena at an executive level. Currently, Lukaszczyk is based in Brussels, Belgium where she is spearheading and actively facilitating international dialogue regarding space policy and space security matters. Her work involves working with the European institutions, NGOs, academia, space agencies and more. In addition Agnieszka Lukaszczyk works closely with the United Nations (UN) space activities covering the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) and the UN General Assembly. From 2006 until 2009, Lukaszczyk has served as the Executive Officer for the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) in support of the UN Programme on Space Applications. In 2009 she was elected the SGAC Chairperson for two years. Currently she is serving on the advisory board of SGAC. In addition, during the period of September 2006 to June 2008, Agnieszka was a researcher at the European Space Policy Institute. Agnieszka is also the Vice President - Europe for World Space Week and sits on the board of the Women in Aerospace Europe.

Lukaszczyk holds a Bachelor's of Science in Political Science, from the University of Tennessee and a Masters from the American University School of International Service in International Politics. She also studied at the Universite Catholique de Louvain in Brussels, Belgium; the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland and the World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland. She gained professional experience at the Political Section of the Polish Embassy in Washington DC, American Electronics Association in Brussels, European Department of the Polish Senate in Warsaw and the Warsaw Business Journal.

**Andrew PELKEY** is a Political-Military Officer at the U.S. Mission to the EU. His portfolio covers European defense issues, emerging security threats, space security, and nonproliferation. Mr. Pelkey joined the State Department in 2010 after working for several years at a strategic communications firm in Washington, DC. Mr. Pelkey graduated with high honors from Tufts University, where he received a degree in Political Science with a concentration International Political Economy.

**Dumitru-Dorin PRUNARIU** works for the Romanian Space Agency as an expert within the Airspace Consulting Association. In May 1981 Prunariu accomplished an 8 days space flight on board Soyuz-40 spacecraft and Saliut-6 space station. Prunariu is one of the founding members of the Association of Space Explorers (ASE). Since 2010 Prunariu serves as president of ASE Europe, and since 2011 of ASE. Since 2005 he is also a member of the ASE Committee on NEO. Prunariu was elected chairman of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) for the period of June 2010-June 2012. Since 1995 Prunariu is also acting as the Vice-President of the European Institute for Risk, Security and Communication Management (EURISC) from Bucharest. Since 1998 until 2004 Prunariu was the President of the Romanian Space Agency. Starting with 2004, he was for almost two years the itinerary Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the Russian Federation. Prunariu is a full member of the International Academy of Astronautics. In 2012 he was appointed as one of the 15 experts of the Group of Governmental Experts on outer space transparency and confidence-building measures, established by the UN General Assembly Resolution 65/68.

Prunariu is a co-author of several books regarding space technology and space flight and has presented/published numerous scientific papers. He earned a degree in aerospace engineering from the University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest and a Ph.D. in the field of space flight dynamics. In 2011 Prunariu became a Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy.