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Monica Macovei is a member of the European Parliament in the European People's Party Group, elected in Romania in 2009. She served as Romania’s Minister of Justice from 2005 to 2007, and received international recognition and awards for her anti-corruption initiatives and justice reforms that allowed Romania to enter the European Union. In the European Parliament, she is the head of the Delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee and member of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and Budgetary Control (CONT) Committees, the Delegation to the Euronan Parliamentary Assembly, and substitute in the Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET). She was a legal expert for the Council of Europe and other international organisations, has successfully represented applicants before the European Court of Human Rights, and has published on human rights and judicial matters. Macovei is a member of the Central European University Board of Trustees and a founding member of Transparency International, Romanian Chapter, and other NGOs. Macovei joined the leadership of the Liberal Democrat Party, Romania, in May 2011 as vice-president.

Philippa Foster Back, OBE began her career at Citibank NA before joining Bowater in their Corporate Treasury Department in 1979, leaving in 1988 as Group Treasurer. She was Group Finance Director at DG Gardner Group, a training organisation, prior to joining Thorn EMI in 1993 as Group Treasurer until 2000. In 2001 she was appointed Director of the Institute of Business Ethics. As Director of the Institute she is responsible for raising awareness and spreading best practice in the field of business ethics. She also served on the Woolf Committee 2007/8 looking at ethical business practice in BAE Systems plc; and has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Centre for Corporate Reputation at the Saïd Business School at Oxford University and consequently as a Visiting Fellow of the University. She is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Institute of Directors on the Board of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). She is also a member of the Advisory Board of RAND Europe. In 2006 she was awarded the OBE for services to the Ministry of Defence where she was formerly a NED and Chair of the Defence Audit Committee. In 2008 she was awarded the BITC M&S Sieff Award.