

## **CRIS - Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis**

In the first year of its mandate, the CRIS Committee focused on analyzing the causes and consequences of the crisis, the costs of inaction, and possible ways to overcome the crisis and to prevent a repeat.

Through numerous events including public hearings and workshops, exchanges of views, discussions on thematic papers, delegation visits, and sound investigative and analytical work, CRIS has sought not only to identify key areas for more coordinated action but also to issue concrete political recommendations.

These political recommendations are contained in the CRIS resolution, adopted in Plenary on October 2010.

The work of the committee in the second year will concentrate on an intensive dialogue with national parliaments with the aim of getting feedback on the interim report and to ensure that the concrete policy recommendations of the final report will enjoy the support of national parliaments in the EU.

### **Competencies**

Responsibilities of the Committee :

1. to analyse and evaluate the extent of the financial, economic and social crisis, its impact on the Union and its Member States, and the state of world governance, to propose appropriate measures for the long-term reconstruction of sound, stable financial markets able to support sustainable growth, social cohesion and employment at all levels, and to provide an assessment of the effect of those measures and the cost of inaction;
2. to analyse and evaluate the current implementation of Community legislation in all the areas concerned and the coordination of the measures taken by the Member States to support sustainable qualitative growth and long-term investment, with a view to combating unemployment and responding to demographic and climate challenges, while complying with the subsidiarity principle;
3. with this end in view, to establish the necessary contacts and hold hearings with the European Union institutions, national, European and international institutions and forums, the national parliaments and governments of the Member States and of third countries, and representatives of the scientific community, business and civil society, including the social partners, in close collaboration with the standing committees;

**K**ey priorities should be financing of needed long term investment, the promotion of new innovative businesses, more funding and less red tape for SMEs, the creation of sustainable jobs and high quality employment to improve competitiveness and combat poverty and - last but not least - environmental protection. The cohesion instruments are a crucial tool for assistance to the regions which need it most, to help overcome the consequences of the crisis and to reduce disparities within the EU. (*Open Letter by the CRIS Coordinators, 20 October 2010*)

**W**e are also calling for a regulatory and supervisory system which leaves no financial market, no financial instrument and no financial institution off the record book, in order to prevent another financial crisis. (*Open Letter by the CRIS Coordinators, 20 October 2010*)

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Master of business administration (1963) and doctor of economics (1965) at the World Trade College in Vienna (now Vienna University of Economics); MBA at INSEAD, Fontainebleau (1966). McKinsey & Company, London, Düsseldorf, Paris (partner) (1970-1981); board member, Landis & Gyr AG, Zug (CH) (1982-1990); board member, Treuhandanstalt Berlin (1990-1994); board member, Lurgi AG, Frankfurt/Main (1994-1996); chairman of the board, Hartmann & Braun, Frankfurt/Main (1996-1999); chairman of the board, AGIV AG, Frankfurt/Main (2000-2003); President, IHK Frankfurt/Main (2000-2004).

Member of the Regional Executive of the FDP Party in Hesse (since 2004). German delegate to the ELDR (since 2006).

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Mag. phil. (1996). Master of European and International Business Law (MBL), University of St. Gallen (1997). Manager in the banking and insurance sector (1981-1995). Assistant Secretary-General of Bundesländer Versicherung.

Federal president of the Union of Students (1976-1979). Political adviser to the ÖVP (1979-1980). First Vice-Chairman of the Austrian Federal Youth Association (1980-1990). Federal Chairman of the Young ÖVP (1981-1990). Member of the national executive of the ÖVP (1981-1991). Secretary-General of the ÖVP (1995-1999). President of the Austrian Aid Organisation (since 1998). First Vice-President of Hilfswerk Austria (since 1998). Vice-President of the Young European Christian-Democrats (EUJCD) (1981-1990). Member of the EPP Bureau and Council (since 1995). Member of the steering committee of the European Democratic Union (EDU) (since 1995). Member of the board of the Austrian Association of Graduates. Member of the Land and federal executives of the Austrian Workers' and Employees' Association (ÖAAB).

Member of the Nationalrat (1983-1990).

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### Curriculum vitae

Graduate in economics (University of Oporto, 1977); M.A. and Ph.D. (University of Reading, UK, 1981 and 1985 respectively).

Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, University of Oporto (since 1977). Non-permanent member of the Catholic University (since 1986).

Assistant director, Northern Region Water Resources Management Project (1986-1987). Coordinator, Preparatory Studies for the Integrated Development Operation for the Vale do Ave (1989). Chairman, Executive Committee of the Integrated Development Operation, Vale do Ave (1990-1992). Vice-Chairman, Northern Region Coordination Commission (1989-1992). Executive Vice-President, Portuguese Enterprise Association (1992-1994).

Minister for the Environment (1995-1999); Minister for Planning (1999-2002).

Member of the Assembly of the Republic (2002-2004); Vice-Chair of the parliamentary party of the PS (2002-2003).

Member of the Administrative Board, National Statistical Institute (1989-1992). Author of various articles and essays published in Portugal and abroad.



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Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, linguistics (1996). B.A. University of Pennsylvania, linguistics (1988).

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Founder, 'Jaunais laiks' party (2002). Member of the bureau, 'Jaunais laiks' party (2003-2007). Chair of the bureau, 'Jaunais laiks' party (2007-2008). Member of the bureau, 'Jaunais laiks' party (since 2008).

Chair of the 'Jaunais laiks' parliamentary party (2002-2004; 2006/2007). Minister for Economic Affairs of Latvia (2004-2006).

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Master's in economics (1971). Doctorate in economics (1974). Postdoctoral qualification (dr. hab.) in economics (1981). Professor of economics (1992).

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Knight's Cross of the Order of Poland Reborn (1996). Grand Official of the Order of Merit, Portugal (1997). Honorary doctorate in law, University of Sussex (2005); Honorary doctorate, University of National and World Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria (2007); Honorary doctorate in political sciences, University of Camerino, Italy (2008); Honorary doctorate, Poznań University of Economics (2009).



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Economist, State University of Latvia (1981). PhD in economics, Agricultural University of Latvia (1997). Member, Latvian Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (1999-2004).

Member of the board, TB/LNNK party (1995-2004).

Editor, Avots publishing house (1980-1982). Latvia State Institute of Agricultural Economics: assistant, head of department (1982-1996).

Member, Riga City Council (1994-1995).

Member of the Latvian Parliament during the 6th, 7th and 8th parliamentary terms (1995-1998, 1998-2002, 2002-2004), Chairman, Budget and Finance (Taxation) Committee (1996-1997, 1998-1999).

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### **Curriculum vitae**

Advanced school-leaving certificate (1968). Degree (1972) and master's degree (1974), University of Lund. Teacher (1972). Information officer at Scan Väst (1973). Public relations officer, Uddevalla shipyard (1974-1977). Local secretary for the Liberal Party of Sweden in Malmö (1977-1981). Information officer, Ministry of Trade (1981-1982). Political assistant, Malmö (1982-1988). Policy adviser on health care, Malmö/Lund (1988-1991). Policy adviser, Kristianstad/Malmö (1995-1999). Political secretary and chief executive officer, Liberal Party of Sweden (2005-2006).

Member of the Swedish Parliament (1991-1994).

Member of the Liberal Party of Sweden executive (1995-1998 and since 2000). Deputy member of the Liberal Party of Sweden executive committee (since 2005).

Member of Malmö city council (1988-1991 and 1994-1998). Member of Malmö municipal executive board (1988-1991).

Member of the European Parliament (1999-2004 and since 2006). During the 1999-2004 parliamentary term, member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Delegation for relations with Japan and the Delegation for relations with Slovakia, substitute member of the Committee on Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs, the Committee on Women's Rights and Equal Opportunities and the Committee on Budgetary Control.

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Member of the Union of Communist Students, 1973; member of its Central Committee (1974). Left the Communist Party and co-founded the Left Platform (1989). In 1994, founded a new organisation, 'Política XXI': this was one of the organisations that formed the basis of the Bloco de Esquerda (Left Bloc); co-founder of Left Bloc (1999), and, since its foundation, member of its permanent executive. In the above capacity, headed the list for the 1999 elections to the European Parliament, obtaining 1.74% of the votes. In 2004, elected with 5.1%.

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