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Sjoerd AMMERLAAN is Senior Regional Manager for Europe. Based in The Netherlands, he is responsible for amplifying the Council's agenda and activities at the regional level, strengthening our national member committees in Europe and developing and strengthening relationships with national and regional stakeholders across the energy+ community.

Sjoerd has worked in The Netherlands and Australia, in positions related to (energy) market regulation, international cooperation and external affairs. He holds postgraduate degrees in Law and in International Relations and speaks Dutch and English, conversational French and German and is working on Russian.

Prof. Dr. Ionut PURICA
WEC / RNC, Councillor

Presently a Professor in the UHB, Executive Director of the Advisory Center for Energy and Environment and President of the Romanian Association for Energy and Economy, he was also senior researcher in the Romanian Academy's Institute for Economic Forecasting, Prof. Purica was also a member of the Advisory Group for Energy of the European Commission and counselor of the Minister of Research, Minister of Economy and previously the Minister of the Environment.

He participated, among other, in the elaboration of the EU accession strategy for Romania and the energy (electricity and heat) strategy (for the Ministry of Economy and Trade) and did risk analysis and transaction structuring and project management with the World Bank (as a project officer), USEA, JBIC, MARSH, ITOCHU, MVV, etc. He is a corresponding member of The Academy of Romanian Scientists and he was also a President-State Secretary of the Romanian Agency for Nuclear and Radioactive Waste. Previously he worked as a project officer for energy and infrastructure in the World Bank, in USA, Romania and the Balkans (e.g. energy Assessment in Kosovo 1999), to extend his expertise in engineering acquired as director for international projects of the Romanian Power Company RENEL and senior engineer managing a joint Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd-IMG-Bucharest quality engineering group for the manufacture of nuclear reactor components for the CANDU units in Romania.

He worked also as an international researcher for ENEA Rome and as an associate researcher at ICTP Trieste.

Prof. Purica has authored books in his field of expertise published by Imperial College Press, Academic Press, etc. and published articles in journals like Risk Analysis, IEEE Power Engineering Review, Foundations of Control Engineering, etc. He took his second PhD in economics, (the first one in Nuclear Energy Engineering) and, he is teaching a course in Leadership and Risk management to masters of science in the Polytechnic University of Bucharest (international projects) and Hyperion University (UHB).

Jean Eudes MONCOMBLE
WEC / FNC, Secretary General

Jean Eudes Moncomble is the secretary-general of the Conseil Français de l'Énergie, the French member committee of the World Energy Council since March 2002.

Engineer (Ecole Centrale de Paris) and economist, he began his career in 1981 at the Ecole Centrale de Paris where he was appointed professor of Economics and Management in 1985.

He joined the corporate strategy division of Electricité de France - EDF (General Economic Studies) in 1992. Head of department in 1995, he was in charge of various issues, in addition to economic and energy issues: electricity markets, energy companies' strategy, generation, environment, regulation.

At the European level, he chairs the Sustainability Board of SGI Europe. He is a member of several associations in the energy field or in the economics field; he is a member of the Board of the French Economic Association and ensures several lectures in universities or "grandes écoles". He chairs the WFEO (World Federation of Engineering Organisations) Energy STC since 2019. He is the chief editor of the bimonthly publication La Revue de l'Énergie.

Sorin ELISEI
DELOITTE Consultancy, Director Risk Advisory / Energy and Sustainability

Sorin Elisei is a director within Deloitte Romania's risk advisory team and leader of the energy and sustainability practices. With over 18 years of experience in the energy sector, he has coordinated national and international projects in the energy and climate change areas, as well as studies, analyses, projects and strategies in this field. Its expertise covers areas such as defining and implementing decarbonisation plans, defining energy transition strategies and integrating ESG (environmental, social, governance) factors in business development plans.

Among other things, he was the project manager on behalf of Deloitte for the elaboration of the National Integrated Energy and Climate Change Plan (PNIESC) for Romania and Bulgaria, the document that sets out the energy policy of these countries for the period 2021-2030. Since 2020, he has been vice-chair of the AmCham Energy Committee.

Sorin Elisei is a graduate in Executive Management from the London School of Business and Finance and courses in energy trading and understanding EFET agreements at the European Federation of Energy Traders in London. Sorin is also a certified expert in sustainability and energy efficiency.

Burkhard von KIENITZ
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Burkhard von Kienitz works at the Headquarter of E.ON in Germany. He held various positions in sales and network management, from 2005 until 2008 he worked in Romania and helped to integrate E.ONs Electricity and Gas Businesses.

In addition to several international mandates, he is member of the global Studies Committee of World Energy Council and gives lectures at the Center for Energy Management at the Technical University of Munich.

Ștefan GHEORGHE
WEC / RNC, Executive General Director

Ștefan Gheorghe graduated from Politehnica University of Bucharest (UPB) in 1981 and holds the Ph.D. degree (1994) from the same university. Dr. Gheorghe graduated also from OPEN University Business School and hold MBA degree. Since 2001 he is a Professor with the Department of Power Engineering, Electrical Engineering Faculty, Valahia University of Targoviste. Since 2013 he is with Power Engineering Faculty, Politehnica University of Bucharest. His research interests include power quality and power system analysis with results published in more than 100 papers in journals and conference proceedings and books. Dr. Gheorghe has been part of top management of Romanian TSO and DSOs and contributed to international research projects like: VSYNC, SUCCESS, FISMEP. He has participated in CIGRE WG 36.07 contributing to the “Power Quality: Indices and objectives” report and in EURELECTRIC WG Distribution, where he co-authored several reports. Presently, dr. Gheorghe is deputy director of the Romanian National Committee of World Energy Council.

Bogdan LEU
FEL Romania, Programs Manager

Bogdan is a young energy professional with a background in power systems, digitalisation, smart grids and new technologies. He studied power systems engineering at University “Politehnica” of Bucharest, in 2019 he finished his master’s degree with a research on distribution networks at L’Institut Politechnique de Grenoble and he is currently a PhD Student in Electrical Engineering.

Bogdan is part of Transelectrica’s team since 2017 where is currently working as a Power Systems Expert and before that he worked for a short period of time in public administration, for the Romanian Ministry of Energy.

In 2022, Bogdan was selected as a member of the WEC’s FEL-100 programme, joining the most promising future energy leaders globally.