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### BIOGRAPHIC PROFILES OF INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

**Teresa Ribeiro**, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Teresa Ribeiro, of Portugal, is the fifth Representative on Freedom of the Media. She has vast political, diplomatic, human rights and media experience.

Prior to this position, she was Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, while serving as President of the National Commission for Human Rights.

She was also Secretary of State for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Portugal and Deputy Secretary General at the Union for the Mediterranean, positions that gave her extensive experience in dealing with the EU institutions and Member States, as well as with its close neighbourhood.

Throughout her career, Teresa Ribeiro has held different positions in media, both in Portugal and in multilateral organizations, such as President of the Institute of the Media of Portugal, Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Mass Media of the Council of Europe, as well as co-founder and first elected President of the Executive Board of Obercom – Media Observatory. She holds a degree in Philosophy from the University of Lisbon.

**Elena Cherniavska**, Senior Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



Elena Cherniavska joined the Office in 2015, previously co-founded and chaired the Institute for Democracy, Media and Cultural Exchange (Germany) and served as head of department at the European Institute for the Media (Germany).



**Hans-Ullrich Ihm** holds a diploma in Oriental Studies from the State University of St. Petersburg. After working at a university, a ministry and an embassy, he moved into development cooperation, where he worked for more than 20 years for the German Development Bank KfW and the German International Cooperation Agency GIZ, in Central Asia since 2006. He joined the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan in 2016 where he heads the Economic and Environmental Department and from time to time replaces the Head of Mission.



**Radka Betcheva** is Head of Member Relations for Central & Eastern Europe in the Directorate of Member Relations and Communications at the EBU. She works on strategic, advisory and policy issues related to EBU members. She manages a programme for support of public service media in the EU accession countries.

From 2005 to 2012 Ms Betcheva worked as a Head of the Media Programme in the OSCE Mission to Montenegro, supporting media reforms in the host country. She worked also with the UNMIK/OSCE Mission in Kosovo in 2004-2005. Ms Betcheva has 16 years of experience in Bulgarian public service broadcasting as a journalist, editor and executive producer and part time lecturer at the New Bulgarian University. She speaks English, German, Russian, French, Serbo-Croatian, and Bulgarian.

She holds a masters degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from Tufts University, Boston, a masters degree in Economics from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, and a diploma in Journalism. In 2002-2003 she was awarded the prestigious Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University.



**Katrin Nyman Metcalf**, Adjunct Professor of Communications Law, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, is also active globally as a consultant on legal issues related digital matters like cyber security, e-governance and human rights in the digital environment as well as media related legal issues. She is Senior Legal Expert at the Estonian e-Governance Academy and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Estonian Human Rights Centre. Professor Nyman Metcalf has published extensively on issues related to law and technology, human rights – especially freedom of expression - and regional integration. Her PhD (1999, Uppsala University, Sweden) is on the law of outer space.



**Michael Randall** is an Emmy Award-winning media consultant with more than 20 years' experience in designing and implementing media development projects in the former Soviet Union, mainly on behalf of the BBC. These projects have focused on areas such as TV co-production (drama and documentaries), community radio, social media, media law reform and public service broadcasting. Highlights have included an initiative aimed at creating radio networks for penal colonies in Russia; the first international media development project to have been implemented in Turkmenistan; and the world's first Arabic-language web drama, which was awarded an International Emmy in 2011.

In Central Asia, Michael has led projects designed to develop public service programmes for state media, including the pilot of a family drama, "Üy-bülöö", for OTRK in Kyrgyzstan and a health programme, "Il saglygy - ýurt baýlygy" for Turkmen state television. He was also part of the team that developed Turkmenistan's media law which was passed in 2012. Prior to joining the BBC, Michael worked for 10 years as a newspaper and magazine journalist, mainly in Russia. He has a degree in Russian and French from Oxford University.