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BIOGRAPHIES OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS



Nicolas Becquet is a journalist and digital media manager of L'Echo, the Belgian economic and financial daily owned by Mediafin. Nicolas Becquet manages a team of multimedia journalists, data journalists and developers to jointly develop multimedia content and web applications.

Fascinated by the web revolution effects on the profession of journalists (and lifestyles), Mr. Becquet has thoroughly studied the media and technological landscapes in order to identify these major turning points. He also gives courses in web storytelling, mobile journalism and social networking. He sometimes still works on multimedia reports, especially to test new formats (360 °, VR/AR ...).

During his early career Nicolas Becquet worked for Radio Bel RTL for three years. He has also completed a one-year training course to become a web developer before joining the editorial staff of L'Echo. Mr. Becquet is a graduate of Celsa, the Sorbonne School of Journalism in Paris.



Blundstone Osterberger is the Chief Creative Officer at the European content marketing network C3, a digital-first creative content agency.

Mr. Osterberger is a digital native and strategist with an entrepreneurial history. His areas of expertise include creative strategy, innovation and technology as well as growing businesses.

As Managing Director, Mr. Osterberger most recently founded and grew the London office of design agency Code and Theory. He also founded a brand strategy & experience design company in London. Prior to this, he has worked in prominent positions at various digital agencies such as SinnerSchrader, Method and HUGE Inc, where he delivered service design, design thinking, strategic innovation and digital technology projects for international clients across the globe. He studied Multimedia at Danube University in Krems, Austria.



Andrey Rikhter is Senior Adviser at the OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media. Mr. Rikhter sits on the editorial boards of a number of international journals on communications and the media. He has authored more than 200 publications on media law in Russian, English, Armenian, Azeri, Bosnian, Croat, German, French, Serbian, Slovak, Tajik and Ukrainian, including the only standard media law textbook for journalism students in the Russian Federation (2002, 2009), a textbook on international standards of media regulation (2011), a textbook on online media law (2014), and a book on censorship and freedom of the media in post-Soviet countries, published by UNESCO (2007).

Mr. Rikhter holds university degrees in law and foreign languages, and a doctorate and professorship in journalism studies. He was a commissioner at the International Commission of Jurists and the Chair of the Law Section of the International Association for Media and Communication Research.



Elizabeth Abela Hampel is Deputy Head, Anti-Terrorism Issues, at the Transnational Threats Department of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Previously, as External Relations Officer at the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), she promoted the entry into force of the Treaty, while coordinating capacity-building projects in the non-proliferation and disarmament field. She has accumulated considerable experience in OSCE affairs having formerly served as Senior External Co-operation Officer at the OSCE Secretariat, and as Special Assistant to the Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE.

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