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**Daniel BAAL (FR)** – President of Crédit Mutuel Alliance Fédérale and of the French Banking Federation (FBF).

**Bertrand BADRÉ (FR)** – Managing Partner and Founder of Blue like an Orange Sustainable Capital.

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**Jean-François van BOXMEER (BE)** – Chairman of Vodafone Group; former CEO of Heineken; member of the European Round Table for Industry.

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**Christine DURINX (BE)** – Managing Director at VIB, a leading life-sciences research and innovation institute in Belgium.

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**Philippe ÉTIENNE (FR)** – Ambassador of France; former Ambassador to the United States and Germany; Sherpa to President Macron (2017–2019).

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**Cynthia FLEURY (FR)** – Philosopher and psychoanalyst; Professor at CNAM and holder of the Humanities & Health Chair.

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**Jo HUYGH (BE)** – Co-founder of DRUUM (since 2015); Co-founder of DUSS (since 2019).

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**Peter KAZIMIR (SI)** – Governor of National Banque of Slovenia.

**Ivan KORČOK (SK)** – Slovak diplomat; former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia.

**Nika KOVAČ (SI)** – Anthropologist, sociologist and activist; Founding Director of the 8th of March Institute.

**Ivan KRASTEV (BG)** – Political scientist; Founding Chairman of the Center for Liberal Strategies (Bulgaria).

**Heiko KRETSCHMER (DE)** – Founding Partner of Johanssen + Kretschmer; expert in public affairs and strategic communication.

**Meglana KUNEVA (BG)** – Former European Commissioner for Consumer Protection and Deputy Prime Minister of Bulgaria; EU Ambassador to the Council of Europe.

**Armin LASCHET (DE)** – President of the Commission for Foreign Affairs, Bundestag.

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**Jo LEINEN (DE)** – President of the European Movement (since 2011); Member of the European Parliament (1999 to 2019).

**Franck LEROY (FR)** – President of the Grand Est Region (since 2023); former Mayor of Épernay.

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**André LOESEKRUG-PIETRI (FR/DE)** – Investor and policy expert; Chair of JEDI (Joint European Disruptive Initiative).

**Étienne LOOS (FR)** – Former ministerial advisor, board member of La Royale Investissement France, Laureate of the ranking Choiseul Alsace 2025.

**Fabio MANCINI (IT)** – International supermodel, long-standing face of Giorgio Armani, philanthropist and cultural mediator, included since 2023 by Friends of Europe among the 40 European young leaders representing Italy.

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**Marta MIĄCZYŃSKA (PL)** – Director of the International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology (IIMCB) in Warsaw; Professor of Biological Sciences.

**Niccolo MILANESE (IT)** – Co-founding director of European Alternatives; Scientific Director Europe at Berggruen Institute; fellow of BI-Europe in Venice.

**Gilles MOEC (FR)** - Chief Economist at AXA.

**Hervé MORITZ (FR)** – Lecturer and Researcher in Contemporary History; President of the European Movement (France).

**Mojmir MRAK (SI)** – Professor of Economics; specialist in European integration and financial policy.

**Stjepan OREŠKOVIĆ (HR)** – Professor of Medicine and entrepreneur, active in global health and management.

**ORLAN (FR)** – French multimedia and performance artist; pioneer of body and “carnal” art.

**Dimitris PAPALEXOPOULOS (GR)** – Chairman of Titan Cement International; member of the European Round Table for Industry.



**Guillaume PARENT (FR)** – Consultant on human rights and public health; staff at the European Council.

**Stephan PETERMANN (NL)** – Architect, Founder of MANN, Editor in Chief VOLUME at Archis.

**Jernej PIKALO (SI)** – Professor of Social Science; leading Slovenian voice on Europe's geopolitical role.

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**Nina RAWAL (SE)** – Partner at Trill Impact Advisory and Co-Head of the Ventures; former head of life science at venture-capital firm Industrifonden.

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**Yury REVICH (AT)** – Violinist, composer and cultural leader; Artistic Director of Festival Nights and UNICEF Honorary Representative.

**Oliver RÖPKE (AT)** – President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

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**Jochen SANDIG (DE)** – Cultural entrepreneur; co-founder of Sasha Waltz & Guests and founder of Sophiensaele in Berlin.

**Jordi SAVALL BERNADET (ES)** – Founder and President of the Fundació Centre Internacional de Música Antiga; world-renowned conductor and UNESCO Artist for Peace.

**Isabelle SCHWARZ (NL)** – Public policy manager at Cultural Foundation.

**Alireza SHOJAIAN (IR)** – Artist. Began his career in Tehran and Beirut, based in Paris since 2019. His work aims to challenge societal prejudices against non-heteronormative masculine identities.

**Christian SINDING (NO)** – Institutional Partner and Chair of EQT Council.

**Antoine SIRE (FR)** – Former Member of the Executive Committee and Company Enlargement Director of BNP Paribas. Member of the Executive Committee of the BNP Paribas Foundation.

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**Alberto SORBELLI (IT)** – Artist. His work reveals the fractures between legality and legitimacy, between institution and individual, between conformity and freedom.

**Nathalie SOUSSAN (FR)** – Lawyer at AVOCAP, Member of the Board of Directors.

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