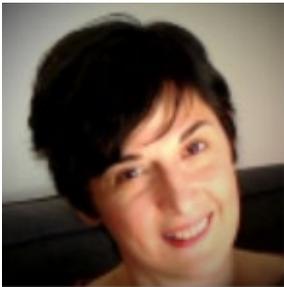


The stake of the Energy Transition for buildings: Fire Safety Competency

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*Fire safety must be inseparable part
of the energy transition*



Adamantia Athanasopoulou

Scientific Project Officer

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Dr Adamantia Athanasopoulou is a Scientific Officer at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission. She has received her MEng in Civil Engineering from the University of Patras, Greece and her MSc and PhD in Structural Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

Her research focuses on structural engineering and earthquake performance of reinforced concrete structures, construction materials and concrete technology, strengthening and retrofitting techniques for existing structures. Adamantia has an extensive teaching experience, lecturing on topics related to structural mechanics, design of structures and construction project management in universities in the USA and Greece since 2004.

At the JRC, she is contributing to the activities on support to EU policies and standards for safe and sustainable construction, including the project on the incorporation of Fire Safety Engineering in the fire regulations of the EU Member States. She is also particularly involved on the dissemination, promotion and training on the use of the EN Eurocodes in third countries.



Krzysztof Biskup

Vice-Chair

European Fire Safety Alliance (EuroFSA)

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Mr Biskup has served as a career firefighter for the State Fire Service in Poland for 30 years. As a former Deputy Commandant of the Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw and the Director of the Training Department in the National Headquarters of the State Fire Service. He has a long term experience in the training of emergency services. Throughout his career, he also dealt with fire safety research and products certification, holding the position of the Deputy Director of the Research Institute for Fire Protection. Krzysztof was an initiator and the coordinator of the systemic solutions in the field of community fire safety in Poland. Krzysztof is graduated Fire Protection Engineer from The Main School of Fire Service (SGSP) in Warsaw.



Maria da Graça Carvalho

Member of the European Parliament – EPP group

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Graduated Mechanical Engineer at IST, Technical University of Lisbon. Ph.D. at the Imperial College in London in the area of energy intensive industries.

Ms Carvalho is member of the ITRE committee where she was elected Vice Coordinator for the EPP Group.

She was a senior advisor of Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, from November 2014 to December 2015. Previously, she was a member of the European Parliament, between July 2009 and May 2014. In that capacity, she was one of the rapporteurs of Horizon 2020. She was also Principal Adviser to President Barroso in the fields of Science, Higher Education, Innovation, Research Policy, Energy, Environment and Climate Change from 2006 to 2009.

She is a Full Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico (University of Lisbon).



Quentin de Hults

Executive Chair

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Established in 2018, the Modern Building Alliance is an alliance of trade associations and companies representing the plastics industry in the construction sector. It aims to support the EU in ensuring safe and sustainable construction.

Mr de Hults has more than 11 years of experience in energy efficiency and sustainability of buildings with the whole value chain, and 5 years of experience in related EU standards and policies as expert and public affairs professional for BASF. He holds a master degree in mechanical engineering from the Louvain School of Engineering in Belgium. Mr de Hults is engaged in the European Fire Information Exchange Platform and the European Fire Safety Alliance.



Amani Habbal

Architectural Engineer and Incoming Graduate Fire Engineer

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An architectural engineer with a multidisciplinary experience. Recently graduated with a Master degree in Fire Safety from Western Norway University of Applied Sciences. The Master thesis revolved around bridging the knowledge gap and reaching common grounds between architects and fire safety engineers in various project phases.



Jimmy Jönsson

BSc Fire MSc Risk PMSFPE, Director Fire Safety Engineering

JVVA Fire & Risk

Jimmy Jönsson is Director at JVVA Fire & Risk in Madrid, Spain. Jimmy has worked on a wide range of fire/life safety projects internationally over the last 19 years. He has extensive experience in developing performance based fire engineering design and analysis. Jimmy has specific knowledge and experience regarding Fire Engineering, Performance Based Design and Risk Management. He is graduated from Lund University in Sweden, from where he achieved two degrees; BSc Fire Protection Engineering and MSc Risk Management & Safety Engineering.

Jimmy is heavily involved in different SFPE activities:

he is a Director on the SFPE board, he is a member of the SFPE Europe Council, and the editor of the SFPE Europe Magazine. Jimmy also led the development of the SFPE Minimum Core Competencies document.



Bart Merci

Coordinator of the International Master of Fire Safety Engineering (IMFSE)

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Born in Belgium, Bart holds a master in mechanical engineering and a PhD in turbulent combustion from the Ghent University in 2000.

He has been working a full senior professor at the Ghent University since 2004 and is coordinating the educational programme of the International Master of Science in Fire Safety Engineering (<https://imfse.be/>).



Karol Mojski

Fire Prevention Department

Polish Headquarters of the State Fire Service

Major Karol Mojski is fire expert graduated from the Main School of Fire Service in Warsaw. He is a fire officer with 15 years of experience in Fire Safety. He also completed postgraduate studies in Nuclear Safety of Buildings. He has been a member of Polish association of fire engineers and fire technicians (SITP) for over 10 years.

This year, he also started working as a lecturer at the Main School of Fire Service in the field of fire protection of buildings and areas.

On a daily basis he deals with issues related to the use of fire protection in buildings and explaining the application of fire safety regulations.

An important point in his work is also participation in the legislative processes concerning legal acts related to fire safety.

His international experience is the participation in the project of the European Regional Development Fund within the INTERREG IV - HERITPROT programme, which involved cooperation between firefighting authorities in a number of countries, to establish a series of standards to implement in case of fires in historic town and city centres, or in places named as World Heritage Sites.



Gary Parker

Technical Manager

Electrical Contractors Association
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Gary Parker holds a master degree in electrical engineering in the UK. Gary has more than 20 years experience in electrical safety and electrical contracting and has been working as Technical Manager at ECA, the trade association representing the Electrotechnical sector in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Gary is member of the Institute for Engineering Technicians, Chartered Institute of Building Services Engineers, Energy Institute. He is also Committee member of the UK Wiring Regulations Committee, UK Emergency Lighting Committee and Temporary Electrical Installations.



Elie van Strien

Chairman

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Elie van Strien was a fire chief in Eindhoven, Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

He was the Advisor of the Minister of Interior for fire and disaster management from 2000 until 2005.

He was member of the international Federation of the European Fire Officer Associations (FEU) for many years.

Elie is now Chairman of the European Fire Safety Alliance since January 2019. He is committed to putting fire safety high on the agenda of decision makers to improve fire safety for the benefit of European citizens.



Carlos Zorrinho

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José Carlos das Dores Zorrinho is graduated in Business Management at the University of Évora, where he later pursued a Doctorate Degree in Information Management. His academic career followed as a professor at the University of Évora, becoming Full Professor of its Department of Business Administration.

He started a very long career in the Portuguese Parliament in 2000 and was elected Leader of the Socialist Party's Parliamentary Group in September 2011.

Following the 2014 European elections, Zorrinho became a Member of the European Parliament.

Strong supporter of the European Fire Safety Alliance, Mr Zorrinho is also one of the first MEP that officially signed to support the European Fire Safety Action Plan and hosted its launch last September.



Željana Zovko

Member of the European Parliament – EPP group

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Zeljana Zovko is a Bosnian-Herzegovinian Croatian diplomat and politician. Since 2016, she has been serving as a member of the European Parliament for Croatia. She is an international relations expert with a long-term rich experience in foreign affairs and diplomacy. Prior to her election to the European Parliament, she was an ambassador in France, Spain and Italy. During that time, she was also a Permanent Representative to UNESCO, WTO, IFAD, the FAO and the WFP.

Ms Zovko is also the author of the Motion for a Resolution to set up a EU Fire Safety Day.

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