



SPEAKERS

Massimo Baldinato (Italy)



Massimo Baldinato is a **Member of the Cabinet of European Commissioner Antonio Tajani**, Vice-President of the European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry. He holds a Law degree from Padua University. He also coordinates the European Observatory on State Aid.

Jean-Marie Catabelle (France)



Jean-Marie Catabelle is Chairman of CRA (**Cédants et Repreneurs d'Affaires**), the French association for SME transfer. CRA's main goal is to promote the transfer of SMEs, and ensure their development through mergers or partnerships. CRA facilitates contacts between company owners, company buyers and experts on regional, national and European levels. CRA is one of the founding members of Transeo association and Jean-Marie Catabelle is member of the Board of Directors of Transeo association.

Jean-Pierre Di Bartolomeo (Belgium)



Jean-Pierre Di Bartolomeo is Chairman of the Executive Committee of **SOWALFIN** (« Société Wallonne de Financement et de Garantie des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises »), the Walloon SME finance and guarantee organization, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of **SOWACCESS** (Société Wallonne d'Acquisitions et de Cessions d'Entreprises), the subsidiary of SOWALFIN dedicated to SME transfer. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of Transeo association and provides expert advice to the Walloon Minister of Economy.

André Douette (Belgium)



André Douette is member of the Board of the **Federation of European and International Associations** established in Belgium and he is the Former General Secretary of the European Mutual Guarantee Association (AECM), the Business Association of 30 SMEs Credit Guarantee Schemes out of 18 EU countries. In this capacity André Douette actively promoted the establishment and development of the network throughout the Union. In their representation, he actively participated in the consultations that eventually led to the formulation of the European Capital Directive.

Julie Lebeque (Belgium)



Julie Lebèque is Platform Manager at **SOWACCESS** (« Société Wallonne d'Acquisitions et de Cessions d'Entreprises »), the subsidiary of SOWALFIN dedicated to SME transfer. SOWACCESS raises awareness of SME transfer, makes match between sellers and potential buyers, refers potential buyers/sellers to advisers and intermediaries in business transfers. SOWACCESS is one of the founding members of Transeo association and Julie Lebeque is in charge of the daily management of Transeo association.

Jean-Claude Marcourt (Belgium)



Jean-Claude Marcourt is Vice-Minister-President, **Minister of Economy**, SMEs, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of the Walloon Government and Vice-Minister-President and Minister of Higher Education of the Government of the French Community and Chairman of the Council of European Industry Ministers. He is the Minister in charge of business transfer in Wallonia.

Georges Noël (Belgium)



Georges Noël is Director of the Venture Capital Platform and Secretary of the Investor Relations Committee of the **European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association** (EVCA). He is responsible for all EVCA activity in venture capital, monitoring industry developments and promoting the venture segment of the European private equity industry. He is also the Secretary of the EVCA Investor Relations Committee and leads EVCA activities related to the promotion of the European PE/VC industry.

Rosalie van Rijk (Netherlands)



Rosalie van Rijk founded **MKBase** together with Martijn Westerlaken. MKBase is the broker on the Dutch market for Mergers & Acquisitions in the SME market. She has a very wide professional network and is frequently contacted for matchmaking between buyers, sellers and advisers, but also for her overall view on the M&A market and the possibility of detecting trends. MKBase is one of the founding members of Transeo association and Rosalie van Rijk is member of the Board of Directors of Transeo association.