

Biographies



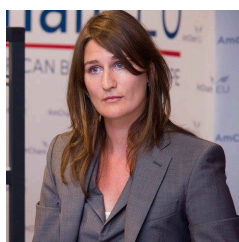
Marius Vaščega

Head of Cabinet of Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
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Marius Vaščega is the Head of Cabinet of Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries. Mr Vaščega is specifically responsible for the strategy, management and overall coordination of the Commissioner's team. In this capacity, he also coordinates the work of the Commission's Directorates General that report to the Commissioner, namely DG Environment and DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

In 2019, Marius was the head of the Transition team for at the time Commissioner-designate Sinkevičius. Between 2018-2019, Mr Vaščega was the Deputy Head of Office, and Head of the Political Section, of the European Commission Representation in Lithuania.

From 2014-2018, he worked as the European Commission Adviser on Europe's 2020 strategy and economic governance at the European Commission Representation in Lithuania. Before that, between 2004 and 2008, he held several positions in the Council of the EU and the European Parliament in Brussels.



Leah Charpentier

Chair of the Environment Committee, AmCham EU
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Head of European Regulatory & Government Affairs, First Solar

Leah Charpentier leads the European advocacy and regulatory efforts of First Solar, a leading and innovative provider of global photovoltaic energy solutions.

At First Solar, she is responsible for developing and implementing EU and national advocacy strategies. She is also actively involved in the company's sustainability and European business development efforts. With over 10 years' experience in the Brussels advocacy environment, Leah Charpentier has developed an expertise in EU energy, climate, chemical and waste legislation. Before joining First Solar, she worked for Goodyear, and in this role represented the tire industry on a number of EU expert groups.

She is a Board Member of AmCham EU and chairs the association's Environment Committee. She is also the Vice-Chair of SolarPower Europe's Strategy Committee.