

EMERGING EUROPE

THE GATEWAY TO THE REGION

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Twelve luminaries to choose winners of the Emerging Europe Lifetime Achievement Awards and help define the organisation's goals

Emerging Europe has invited 12 notable individuals from across Central and Eastern Europe to join the Emerging Europe Council. The Honorary Members of the Council include leading opinion formers, senior business executives, scholars, former senior representatives of international organisations, civil society and the world of diplomacy and art.

"We are honoured and privileged that such eminent individuals have agreed to join the Council and support us in our mission," said Andrew Wrobel, founding partner at Emerging Europe. "We want to contribute to the social, economic and democratic development of the 23 countries of the emerging Europe region and we believe the support of the Council will be instrumental in defining our organisation's future goals," he added.

Council members will also nominate and choose the laureates of the Günter Verheugen Lifetime Achievement Award - for individuals from outside the region who have contributed to the social, economic and democratic development of the 23 emerging Europe countries - and the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Region, for those from within emerging Europe who have contributed to that same development globally.

In order to promote gender equality, at the time of its creation, the Council has six female and six male members. All future winners of the Lifetime Achievement Awards will automatically join the Council.

The 12 members include:

- * Elisso Bolkvadze — a globally-recognised pianist and musician
- * Milda Dargužaitė — CEO at Northern Horizon Capital Group
- * Mircea Geoană — President, Aspen Institute Romania
- * Olga Grygier-Siddons — former CEO, PwC CEE
- * Anne-Marie Martin — former Chief Executive of the Council of British Chamber of Commerce in Europe (COBCOE)
- * Ivan Mikloš — former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Deputy Prime Minister for Economy and Minister of Privatisation of the Slovak Republic
- * Teofil Mureşan — Founder and Chairman of E-INFRA
- * Gergana Passy — Founding President of the Digital National Alliance and former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- * Peter Stračar — President and CEO, GE Europe
- * Ion Sturza — former Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Moldova
- * Günter Verheugen — former European Commissioner for Enlargement, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry
- * Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia — President of the Guild of Travel and Tourism and actively involved in supporting many charitable causes

For more information about the Council, visit our [web page](#).

Only recently, Rosen Plevneliev, former President of Bulgaria, joined another large initiative of Emerging Europe as an Honorary Chairman. The Emerging Europe Alliance for Business Services, Innovation and Technology is a community of businesses, associations, local and national governments, NGOs and individuals. Its goal is to increase the international competitiveness of the region, making it easier for the global markets to identify and recognise its strengths as a strategic partner. The Alliance is an initiative for the community, by the community.