



# NEXT GENERATION EDU

## Education for the Future of Europe

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### *The Role of Education in the Present and the Future of Europe*

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### *Educating in Europe today*



**Jean-Marie Petitclerc SDB - *Educating in a plural context***

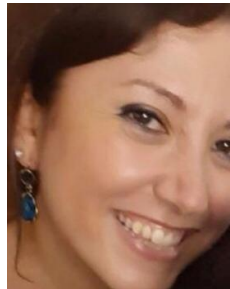
Born in 1953, Jean Marie Petitclerc joined the Ecole Polytechnique in 1971. Questioned by the figure of Don Bosco, he entered the Salesians at the end of the school and trained as a specialist educator. He managed a team of street educators in Chanteloup les Vignes, in the Parisian suburbs, and then an educational action centre for teenagers in difficulty near Caen. Recalled in the Parisian suburbs during the wave of urban riots in the early 1990s, he initiated social mediation with the mayor of Chanteloup les vignes, then, at the request of the Salesiens, he founded the association Le Valdocco in Argenteuil in 1995, which carries out prevention activities for children and young people in the large periphery of the Val Nord. Participating in the various urban policy bodies set up by successive governments, he joined the office of the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs in 2007. He will leave it in 2009 to devote himself entirely to the development of Valdocco in Argenteuil and the Lyon metropolitan area. He is now the coordinator of the "Don Bosco Social Action" network, which brings together 80

establishments and services in France, Belgium, Switzerland and Morocco serving young people in difficulty. He is the author of some thirty books on youth, education and urban policy.



**Achim Jägers – *Educating with and for young people in NEET situation***

He is responsible for coordinating and supporting the activities of youth centers in the German Province. The main task, besides consulting the directors of the German Salesian Youth Centers, is, in collaboration with the provincial leading team, the improvement and development of the German Salesian pedagogical quality standards. Furthermore, he has been nominated to monitor and evaluate the preventive measures of the German province against child (sexual) abuse.



**Micaela Valentino - *Educating with and for unaccompanied minors***

She deals with planning interventions in the social field, both on national and European funds, in particular in the field of migration. She has been working for Salesiani per il Sociale since 2015 where she is responsible for the area of European planning. Moreover, she has been working in the design sector for almost 10 years and she has a degree in Development Economics and International Cooperation from La Sapienza University. She worked from 2010 to 2015 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the field of Development Cooperation, decentralised, that carried out by the Regions and Municipalities.



**Robert Kukuczka SDB - *Educating with and for Roma young people***

He is a Polish Salesian missionary priest in Hungary, from the province of Krakow. So far he has been in Hungary for 16 years. He has been working with Gypsy children already 10 years now. Salesians play an important role in the reintegration of the disadvantaged groups like in the poorest region of Hungary, with its central, industrial town of Kazincbarcika.



**Gema Rodríguez González - *Educating with and for young people suffering addiction***

She has a Master's degree in Psychodrama, licence in Sociology, diploma in Social Work and qualified as a Social Educator. She has more than 20 years' experience in intervention and coordination of social projects with vulnerable groups. She also has extensive experience as a trainer in the field of intervention with children and young people at risk of exclusion and in emotional management. Actively participating in social intervention projects of the Salesians in Madrid since March 2002. Currently she is the technical responsible for programmes of the State Coordinator of Salesian Social Platforms since May 2018.



**Antoine Farrugia SDB – *Educating with and for young people in care services***

He is a Social Worker and Salesian priest working with children and families in difficult situations. He trained in alternative care services for young people and contributes to government policy in this area. In 2008 Antoine started Don Bosco House, a domestic-style residence that set a new standard in child-friendly provision of care services in Malta. He currently sits on the Church's Safeguarding Commission.

***Projection of "One World"***



**DBIMA – Don Bosco International Media Academy**

Founded in Paris by working media professionals and experienced professors, the DBIMA courses are uniquely formulated to prepare students for the new creative economy. Taught in small classroom settings, each student receives one-on-one instruction time and is supplied with their own computer workstation equipped with the same software used by industry professionals worldwide. DBIMA also provides elite-level industry technology unavailable in most schools, giving their students essential hands-on experience and an edge in helping them find future employment.

## ***Educating for the Future of Europe and Beyond***



### **Tarcizio Morais SDB – *From DBWAVE to DBTE: Vocational Education and Training (VET) in the EU and beyond***

He is a Salesian priest and has a Master's degree in Educational Sciences (with a specialization in School and Professional Training) from the Salesian Pontifical University (Rome, Italy) as well as a Master's degree in School Management and Administration from the University of Lisbon (Portugal). He was Director of the Salesian College Estoril and Coordinator of Salesian Schools in Portugal. Currently he is the world coordinator of Salesian schools and VET centers in the Dicastery of Youth Ministry (Rome, Italy).



### **Mialy Dermish – *Learning together on Education and Migration***

She is Executive Director of the SIRIUS Policy Network on Migrant Education and an education specialist, previously working with the UNHCR's Regional Representation to the European Union in Brussels. She has been a preschool teacher in Hong Kong, an ESL teacher for migrants in London. She holds an M.Ed in International Education Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE).



### **George Tharaniyil SDB – *VET as a bridge between Europe and Africa: the SAAM project***

He is a member of the society of the Salesians of Don Bosco. He has been a member of the society for 37 years and he was involved mostly in TVET education and management. He has worked in Kenya and Tanzania for 35 years. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Religious Studies, a diploma in Automobile Engineering and Teacher Training in the same area. He also holds an MBA. His work experience includes being the Principal of a Technical Training Institute and then as personnel and financial administrator

for the Salesians of Don Bosco Eastern Africa. Following this, he was appointed as Executive Director of Don Bosco Tech Africa from 2014 and he still is in charge.



**H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca – *Investing in Children for the Future of Europe***

President Coleiro Preca served in politics for 45 years. She was the very first elected female General Secretary of one of the two main political parties in Malta. She served in the National Parliament for 16 years as well as at the Council of Europe. As Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity she initiated numerous social reforms. The Maltese Parliament unanimously elected Ms Coleiro Preca as President of Malta in 2014. She founded and chairs The Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, The Malta Trust Foundation and The Emanuele Cancer Research Foundation Malta. President Coleiro Preca is President of Eurochild, UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador for Equality, Member of the Council of World Women Leaders, and Member of the WPL Global Forum Advisory Board. She holds a Bachelor in Legal and Humanistic Studies, a Notary Public, Honorary Professor of the University of Warwick, Honorary Doctor of Laws from University of Leicester (UK), and Honorary Doctor of Literature from the University of Malta.

***Conclusion***



**Miguel Angel Garcia Morcuende SDB**

He holds a Degree in Philosophy from UPS (Rome); Master's degree in "Personal Accompaniment and Professional Discernment" and "Expert in Catholic School Management", from the Jesuit University of Comillas. Lecturer at the 'San Juan Bosco' Institute of Philosophy (Burgos), attached to the Pontifical University of Salamanca. Author of projects for the formation of teachers ("La tutoría en la escuela salesiana", "Formacion inicial de directivos" and "Curso de inducción para nuevos docentes"). Author of books on Salesian education ("Education is a matter of the heart" and "Always be happy"). He was Delegate for Youth Pastoral Care in the Salesian Province in Madrid. Founder of an inter-congregational Social Intervention Centre in Spain: ("Lumbre" Association). Teacher and director in various Salesian schools in Spain. Member of the team of the Dicastery for Youth Pastoral Care, in the Salesian General Directorate (Rome), in charge of the School/Professional Training Department (2010-2017). Currently he is General Councillor of the Salesians of Don Bosco for Youth Ministry and President of Don Bosco International.

## ***Facilitation***



**Renato Cursi**

He is the Executive Secretary of Don Bosco International (DBI), representing the Salesians of Don Bosco in the European Institutions in Brussels. Husband of Benedetta, father of Irene and Emanuele. Salesian cooperator, former officer at the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2014) and Secretary of the Youth Ministry Department of the Salesians of Don Bosco in Rome (2014-2019). Master degree in International Relations at the University “La Sapienza”, Rome, with master diplomas in Human Rights (SIOI, Rome), Youth Ministry (Pontifical Salesian University, Turin) and Peace Studies (Roma Tre), he is a PhD Candidate in Youth Studies at the Pontifical Salesian University.

