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Professor Ali Bayar is the founder and President of EcoMod.

Prof. Ali Bayar is specialized in policy modeling for impact assessment, scenario analysis, forecasting, and projections. He holds an MA in Econometrics, a PhD in Economics, and several business and government management executive certificates from the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Columbia Business School.

Prof. Bayar has provided advisory, consulting, and training services to a large number of major institutions on all continents including the European Central Bank, Federal Reserve, the European Commission, the UNCTAD, the UNDP, the World Bank, the IMF, the International Labor Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the OECD, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, several governments, business organizations, and several top Fortune 100 companies.

He initiated, led and co-coordinated a large number of policy-oriented projects using advanced econometric modeling techniques in the fields of public finance, budgeting, tax policy, energy and environmental issues, labor market, tax policy, innovation, research & development, social security, macroeconomic policy, forecasting, sectoral issues, regional policy, WTO related issues, trade analysis, regional integration, development economics, oil producing and transition economies, GCC, Middle East and North African economies, Latin American countries.

Dr. Bayar is a Research Professor, German Institute for Economic Research (Deutsche Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung), Berlin, Germany and a former Professor of Economics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium. He is a selected member of several high level international policy and research networks and a member of editorial boards of several international academic journals. In addition, he was a Principal Administrator at the Econometric Modelling Unit of the European Commission.

**Dr. Mitja Čok, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Dr. Mitja Čok is employed as full professor at Faculty of Economics-University of Ljubljana, where he is a lecturer of courses from public finance at undergraduate and graduate levels. His research is devoted to public finance topics as well as microsimulation. He is a (co)author of several microsimulation models for tax-benefit and pension systems, which are regularly used for the assessment of policy proposals. He has worked as a consultant to the Slovenian government, ILO, IMF and ECOMOD.

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**Dr. Can ERBIL, Boston, Massachusetts, United States**

Dr. Erbil is currently the Director of Economic Modeling School at [EcoMod](#), Global Economic Modeling Network. He specializes in international trade, development economics and applied macroeconomic policy. His applied work also extends to education, health policy and energy economics.

Since 2012, Prof. Erbil has been teaching at the [Department of Economics at Boston College](#), currently as Full Professor of the Practice of Economics. Dr. Erbil is a Research Associate at the [Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey](#) (ERF).

Between 1999-2012, Erbil worked at the International Business School (IBS), the Department of Economics and Heller School of Social Policy and Management, at Brandeis University. He held the positions of Assistant Professor, Senior Scientist and Senior Lecturer. Erbil was also the Assistant Director of Center for German and European Studies and the Director of Turkey Outreach at Brandeis University. Since 2012, Erbil is a Senior Fellow at Bahcesehir University, Turkey, where he contributes to several programs, including the BAU-NYU Research Methods Center.

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### **Dr. Slaven Mičković, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Dr. Mičković is currently strategic consultant in risk department of Abanka d.d. in Slovenia. His main responsibility is introduction of Internal ratings-based approach set-up into the bank. He specializes in risk management, macroeconomic, public finance and modeling and simulation.

Between 1997-2013, Mičković worked at the Ministry of Finance Republic of Slovenia where he headed Fiscal Forecasting Department in Directorate for Budget and Public Accountancy. Between 2010-2012, Mičković was head of Slovenian delegation in Economic Policy Committee in Brussels as well as member of EPC Ageing Working Group and EPC Output Gap Working Group in Brussels.

Mičković was Senior Advisor in USAID's Business Enabling Project ("USAID BEP"), Macroeconomic Policy and Public Sector Financial Management. The purpose of the Project is to help the Government of Serbia improve the competitiveness of the Serbian economy, its macroeconomic position and its private sector businesses. He also headed of Fiscal part of Project Installing Enhanced Economic and Budget Management Capacities, Kingdom of Bahrain, which includes development of Medium-term fiscal sustainability model.

Mičković is teaching Quantitative Methods for Fiscal and Budgetary Policies at Economic Modeling School of EcoMod from 2009.

### **Dr. Masudi OPESE, Brussels, Belgium**

Dr. Masudi Opese is a teaching assistant in political economy at the Universite Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). Between 2005-2014, he taught development economics at ULB. Since 2000, he is a research fellow at EcoMod, Economic Modelling Network. He is one of the lecturers of Energy and Environmental CGE Modeling with GAMS and also teaches Practical General Equilibrium Modeling with GAMS.

The fields of research are: energy and environment, labor market, tax policy, social security, public finance, forecasting, sectoral issues, regional policy, trade analysis, development economics, oil producing and transition economies, Middle East economies, African economies, Latin American countries and European economies. His research is policy-oriented using CGE modeling techniques.

During his free time, he performs as a chorister at the Classical Mass Choir of New Jerusalem Church in Brussels. He is also an administrator of the Voice of Angels Gospel Choir (members aged from 3 to 30 years old).

**Suat Lemi Sisik, Brussels, Belgium and Istanbul, Turkey**

Suat Lemi Sisik is mathematician, economist and specialist in EU integration and also in entrepreneurship and business organizations. He started his professional career as teacher, teaching assistant and instructor in mathematics and statistics ([www.ku.edu.tr](http://www.ku.edu.tr)).

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He followed an internship program at the European Commission, DG Regional Policy on Cohesion Fund and Structural Funds Projects of the EU Commission ([http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy)). He represented the Young Businessmen Association of Turkey to the EU, regarding the accession process of Turkey to the EU ([www.tugiad.org.tr](http://www.tugiad.org.tr)). He was elected as the Secretary General of the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs and represented YES in the EU and abroad, as well as representing the EU at global meetings such as G8–Young Business Summit and G20–Young Entrepreneurs' Summit ([www.yes.eu](http://www.yes.eu)).

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**Dr. Dirk Willenbockel, Brighton, UK**

Currently a research fellow at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the UK, Dirk is an economist with experience in the areas of trade policy and regional economic integration, climate change impact and adaptation analysis, economics of low-carbon growth, global and regional food system scenario analysis, and fiscal policy analysis. Particular technical expertise in the design and application of computable general equilibrium models for forward-looking development policy analysis. He is the instructor for the Advanced Techniques in CGE Modeling course at Ecomod.

Previous research and lecturing positions in London and Berlin. Research and consultancy for European Commission, ESRC, EPSRC, BIS, DFID, DEFRA, UK Government Office for Science, GIZ, BMZ, USDA, UNDP, WFP, World Bank, ILO, IFPRI, Oxfam, Save the Children, Practical Action.