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Madeleine Onclin is a veterinary surgeon by training; for 11 years she was directly engaged in the fight against animal disease in Belgium, before creating the non-profit organisation Vétérinaires Sans Frontières-Belgium (VSF- Belgium, within VSF-Europa network).

In 2009, she joined the European Commission, extending her development work in Africa and to Central America. She worked in several EU Delegations, including 3 years in Chad, 3 years in Guinea-Bissau and 2 years in Honduras. She worked on a range of programmes for rural development and food and nutrition security, including in fragile situations. Since 1 September 2017, she headed Nutrition Sector at the European Commission's directorate for International Co-operation and Development in Brussels. The Nutrition team's role is to implement the European Commission's Action Plan for Nutrition with all partners involved in the fight against malnutrition.



Abi Masefield, Consultant at the European Commission's Nutrition Advisory Service

Abi is an independent freelance consultant with over 25 years of international experience. She has been working for the European Commission's Nutrition Advisory Service as the focal point for Asia since 2014. Her focus is on multi-sectoral approaches to governance and capacity development for the right to food, adequate nutrition and sustainable livelihoods in both humanitarian and development contexts. Abi is currently based in the UK where she is also undertaking doctoral research involving critical discourse analysis of the Food Justice movement.



Carl Lachat, Assistant Professor at the Department of Food Technology, Safety and Health at Ghent University Belgium.

Carl holds a PhD in applied biological sciences from Ghent University. He lectures courses in food and nutrition policies, nutritional epidemiology, planning and project design and nutrition-sensitive interventions. Over the last decades, he was a consultant for IFAD, United Nations Standing committee for nutrition, WHO, Action against hunger and Save the children UK and lived in Vietnam, Ethiopia and China. He is Deputy Editor for Public Health Nutrition Journal. He has published over 100 manuscripts, and is lead author on various manuscripts in high ranking journals.



Farah Abou Merhi, Consultant at the European Commission's Nutrition Advisory Service

Farah holds a Master degree in European affairs from Sorbonne University in Paris. She has been working with DEVCO unit C1 since March 2016 and as a consultant for the European Commission's Nutrition Advisory Service (NAS) since November 2016. Farah is currently based in Brussels and she is the junior expert of the team and gives support on several projects. She is also part of the NAS resource tracking team. Her work focuses on tracking, through EU internal database, the EU financial investments in nutrition. This feeds into the analysis of the progress made by the European Commission towards its financial pledge of EUR 3.5 billion and which is published in the Commission's Progress Reports on the Action Plan on Nutrition.