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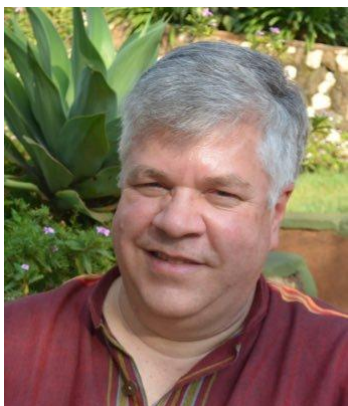
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Sascha Gabizon is the Executive Director of WECF - Women in Europe for a Common Future. In 1994 she joined WECF to prepare the contribution to the 4th World Women's Conference in Beijing in 1995. Since 1996 she has been the executive director of the WECF network, which she developed and its international activities with a special focus on the EU, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Currently there are 4 management offices (Netherlands, Germany, France and Georgia), serving as secretariats for the network activities. Sascha co-facilitates the women's Civil Society Organizations for the UN 2030 Agenda process and is currently coordinating a global program covering 50 countries for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals with a Gender Equality perspective. Sascha Gabizon worked for an international consultancy in Spain and then joined the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Energy and Environment (WI), in Germany, where she was the co-founder of the Wuppertal Institute's "FrauenWissen" (Women's Scientists)

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