

Personnel News



UK Representation to NATO



Alison Mariot Leslie
UK Permanent Representative to NATO
Nationality: UK 
Start date: 14.12.2009


Alison Mariot Leslie as the UK's Rep to NATO

Alison Mariot Leslie has been appointed as the UK's permanent representative to NATO. She succeeds Stewart Eldon. Leslie was previously Director General for defence and intelligence at the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). She began her career in 1977, when she joined the FCO Middle East Department. Leslie has also held positions in Singapore, Bonn, Paris, Rome and Oslo.



ACEA
European Automobile Manufacturers' Association



Dieter Zetsche
President
Nationality: DE 
Working Languages: DE, EN
Start date: 01.01.2010


Dieter Zetsche elected President of ACEA

The Board of Directors of ACEA, the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association, has elected Dieter Zetsche as its new President. Zetsche, Chairman of the Board of Daimler AG and Head of Mercedes-Benz Cars Division, took over from Carlos Ghosn, Chairman and CEO of Renault, on 1 January. A member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG since December 1998, Zetsche has been its Chairman since January 2006. He is also Head of Mercedes-Benz Cars Division. Zetsche joined Daimler-Benz AG in 1976 at its research department in Stuttgart. Subsequent positions took him to both the commercial vehicle and passenger car divisions of the company and entailed postings in Brazil, Argentina and the United States of America.



Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe



José María Davó Fernández
President
Nationality: ES 
Working Languages: EN, ES, FR
Start date: 01.01.2010

José María Davó Fernández named CCBE President

José María Davó Fernández has been appointed President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE). Fernández, the former Head of the Spanish delegation to the CCBE from 1997 to 2007 and Vice President of the CCBE since 2008, was previously President of the Malaga Bar, President of the Council of Bars of Andalusia and Vice President of the Spanish National Bar Council. The CCBE is the representative organisation of around 1 million European lawyers through its member bars and law societies from 31 full member countries, and 11 further associate and observer countries.



The Brewers of Europe



Pierre-Olivier Bergeron
Secretary General
Nationality: FR 
Working Languages: EN, FR
Start date: 01.01.2010

New Secretary General at The Brewers of Europe

Pierre-Olivier Bergeron has taken over as the new Secretary General of The Brewers of Europe. He succeeds Rodolphe de Looz-Corswarem, who retired at the end of 2009. Trained in Bordeaux as a lawyer and a political scientist, Bergeron specialised in European political affairs at the College of Europe. In the early 1990s, he assisted the EU Commission in setting up business information services in Central and Eastern Europe. Bergeron then set up a communications office at the College of Europe under the supervision of Jacques Delors, former Commission President. Before he joined The Brewers of Europe in 2001, Bergeron was Deputy Secretary General of the European Committee for Wine Companies. He had been Deputy Secretary General at The Brewers of Europe since 2007.

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POST EUROPE

PostEurop



Botond Szebeny
Secretary General

Nationality: HU 

Working Languages:
EN, HU

Szebeny as PostEurop's new Secretary General


Dr. Botond Szebeny, former Executive Director of International Business at Magyar Posta, has been appointed Secretary General of PostEurop, the association which represents forty-eight European public postal operators across the region. Prior to joining PostEurop, Szebeny held the position of Executive Director of International Business at Magyar Posta in Hungary with the overall responsibility for the international business and international relations of Magyar Posta since 2003. In the last few years, Szebeny has led various initiatives including the Universal Postal Union's Financial Committee and participated directly in the preparation of the new EU postal directive as postal expert of EU's European Economic & Social Committee.



Council of
European
Municipalities
and Regions



Frédéric Vallier
Secretary General

Nationality: FR 

Working Languages:
EN, FR

Frédéric Vallier elected CEMR Secretary General


Frédéric Vallier was elected Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), on 30 November 2009. He is expected to take office in February 2010. Vallier will succeed outgoing secretary general Jeremy Smith who had held the position since May 2002. Vallier became head of the European Service of Nantes Metropole and City in 2008 after having worked for Nantes international relations for three years. He has been actively involved in local authorities issues since 1988.



European
Confederation
of Young
Entrepreneurs



Ivan Sempere
President

Nationality: ES 

Working Languages:
EN, ES
Start date:
01.12.2009

Ivan Sempere appointed the new YES President

YES, the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs, has unanimously elected Ivan Sempere (CEAJE – Confederation of Spanish Young Entrepreneurs) as its new President. He succeeds Martin Ohneberg, who had held the Presidency since 2008. Apart from other family business related to jewellery and home textiles, Sempere is Partner of PADIMA, an agency and legal firm specialised in intellectual property protection and litigation. He is also a teacher at the faculty of law in the University of Alicante and a speaker in creativity and protection of creativity issues.

KREAB GAVIN ANDERSON
BRUSSELS

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Gavin
Anderson



Karl Isaksson
Managing Partner

Nationality: SE 

Working Languages:
EN, SE
Start date:
01.01.2010

Karl Isaksson made KGA's new Managing Partner

Karl Isaksson has become the new Managing Partner of Kreab Gavin Anderson's (KGA) office in Brussels. He replaces Georg Danell, who has been Managing Partner of KGA Brussels since 1994 and will remain with the firm on a full time basis as Senior Partner. Isaksson was previously a Partner in KGA's Brussels office advising clients on various EU issues. He has over ten years' experience in Brussels, and before joining KGA in 2005, was Head of Office for the Swedish Conservative Party in the European Parliament. Kreab Gavin Anderson has been active in Brussels since 1992 and consists of 40 employees representing 20 different nationalities.



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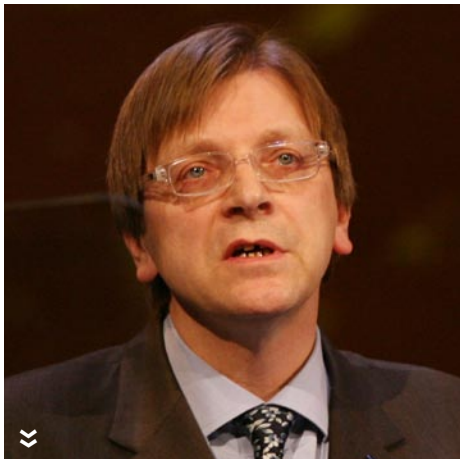
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Journalism 20.20: What will journalism in the EU and US look like in a decade?

The Transatlantic Center at the University of Missouri hosts this conference on the future of journalism over the next decade. Panelists will discuss economic models, the end of free journalism and the decline of international news in a globalised world.

Polak Room, International Press Centre

Residence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155 [More](#)



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Parliament hearings of Commissioners-Designate

The European Parliament has scheduled its hearings of the newly nominated Commissioners of Barroso II to begin on 11 January and end on 19 January. To enable a final vote to be taken before the end of January, a special mini-session is scheduled for Tuesday 26 January. The vote will be preceded by a debate, with the vote set for midday.

Brussels

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12 JAN

State of the Union: Annual Brussels Think Tank Forum 2010

With ratification of the new Treaty behind it, the EU is under pressure to “return to the serious business of governing”. At this critical juncture, eight leading thinktanks – the Bertelsmann Stiftung, Bruegel, CEPS, the EPC, Ifri, Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation and SWP – have initiated a forum to deal with the Union’s emerging politico-strategic agenda.

Residence Palace, 155, Rue de la Loi [More](#)

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New Year’s Reception

The Alliance of Liberal and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) welcome in the new year by holding their New Year’s reception at the Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée, with the participation of their President, Guy Verhofstadt (above).

Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée
20, Rue des Sables

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Rethinking Well-being: How to Keep Europe on the Sustainability Track

In his “Political Guidelines for the next Commission” EC President José Barroso notes that “the economic and financial crisis and the scientific evidence of climate change have shown us that we need to invest more in sustainability.” This debate will explore ideas around this theme.

Bertelsmann Stiftung/World Future Council,
European Parliament Rue Wiertz 60 [More](#)

19 JAN

New Year Cocktail of the Assembly of European Regions

The assembly of European Regions have chosen the glamorous surroundings of Strasbourg’s Chateau de Portalès for their New Year reception, where they will gather the international community to share a cocktail or two.

Château de Pourtalès
161, rue Mélanie, Strasbourg

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Poverty & Social Exclusion: Launch of EU Year 2010

Eighty million Europeans live below the poverty threshold. This figure will dramatically increase due to the consequences of the current economic crisis. This violates EU principles of solidarity and social justice. In response, 2010 will be the “European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion”.

Madrid

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Evelyn Regner
Vice Chairwoman of
Committee on Legal
Affairs
24.01.1966

★ Piotr Borys MEP, 11.01.1976 ★ Nuno Severiano Teixeira MEP, 13.01.1973 ★ Catherine Bearder MEP, 14.01.1949 ★ Hubertus Schmoldt, President, European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers’ Federation, 14.01.1945 ★ Dacia Octavia Sarbu MEP, 15.01.1977 ★ Catherine Trautmann MEP, 15.01.1951 ★ Lena Ek MEP, 16.01.1958 ★ Michael Sommer, Vice-President, International Trade Union Confederation, 17.01.1952 ★ Iva Zanicchi, Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Development, 18.01.1940 ★ Charalampos Angourakis MEP, 19.01.1951 ★ Evelyne Gebhardt MEP, 19.01.1954 ★ Zoran Thaler MEP, 21.01.1962 ★ Potito Salatto MEP, 22.01.1942 ★ Britta Thomsen, MEP 23.01.1954 ★

Job Market

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Globalisation Officer

The European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association (EDMA), the trade association that represents the In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD) medical devices industry active in Europe, is seeking to fill the position of Globalisation Officer.

Organisation: EDMA

Deadline: 15 January



Executive Director

The Association of European Vehicle Logistics (ECG), represents over 90 companies involved in the transportation of new and used vehicles from 24 countries across Europe, Russia and Turkey. Due to the present holder relocating for family reasons, we are looking for a dynamic Executive Director to lead a young hard working Brussels team.

Organisation: ECG

Deadline: 17 January



Research Assistant

The European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) is seeking a Research Assistant. The successful candidate will provide support in the training and research activities of the Unit. The position is full-time, and is based in Maastricht.

Organisation: EIPA

Deadline: 10 January



Toy Industries of Europe

Policy Officer

The TIE Secretariat is based in Brussels and looking for a Policy Officer to join its team. He/she must be an ambitious, flexible and dynamic team player with an interest in acquiring an in-depth knowledge of the public policy issues that affect the toy industry.

Organisation: TIE

Deadline: 22 January



Administrative Assistant

The European Federation of National Engineering Associations (FEANI) uniting national engineering associations from 30 European countries is looking for a new Secretary General due to retirement of its present SG.

Organisation: ISIS

Deadline: 15 January



Human Resources Assistant

The EDA (European Defence Agency) Human Resources Unit is in charge of the recruitment of staff and the implementation of the Staff Regulations of the Agency as well as all other related rules. The successful applicant will work in cooperation with the Head of the Human Resources Unit and under his supervision.

Organisation: EDA

Deadline: 10 January



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