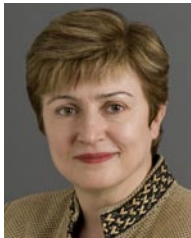


Personnel News



European
Commission



Kristalina Georgieva
Commissioner-designate
for International Cooper-
ation, Humanitarian Aid
and Crisis Response
Nationality: BU

Georgieva as Bulgaria's Commissioner-designate

Kristalina Georgieva, Vice President of the World Bank, has been reported by EU Commission President José Barroso as the new Bulgarian Commission nominee. She replaces Rumiana Jeleva, who withdrew her candidacy after receiving fierce criticism from MEPs for her performance at her nomination hearing. If she succeeds where Jeleva failed, Georgieva will take on the Commission's International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response portfolios. She has been at the World Bank since 1993, working primarily on environmental matters and issues of sustainable development. Her move to the bank followed an international career as an academic and consultant on development issues. Photo credit: World Bank Photo Collection.



Eurozone



Jean-Claude Juncker
President
Nationality: LU
Start date:
01.01.2010

Juncker re-elected as President of Eurozone group

Jean-Claude Juncker, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, has been re-elected as President of the 16-member bloc of EU states that use the euro currency. The vote was unanimous, and Juncker will continue to lead the monthly meetings of the 16 states, which take place in tandem with the ECB and European Commission and discuss economic policy, for the next two-and-a-half years. Although it was previously an informal configuration, the Lisbon Treaty gives legal status to the group of euro area finance ministers, setting it the goal of "ever closer coordination of economic policies within the euro area." Juncker also looks after the Treasury in his home country.



European
University
Institute



Josep Borrell
President
Nationality: ES
Working Languages:
EN, ES, FR, IT
Start date:
01.01.2010

Josep Borrell as the EUI's new President

Josep Borrell is the New President of the European University Institute (EUI). He succeeds Yves Mény. After more than 25 years dedicated to politics, Borrell returns to the academic world, offering the EUI his enormous experience within the European Institutions. Borrell has achieved several degrees in European and North American universities: a degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the Polytechnic University of Madrid, a degree and doctorate in Economics at the Complutense University Madrid, a Master's in Operations Research at Stanford University and a degree in Engineering Economics at the French Petroleum Institute.



European Tel-
communications Network
Operators'
Association



**Antonio Robalo
de Almeida**
Chairman
Nationality: PT
Working Languages:
EN, ES, FR, PT
Start date:
01.01.2010

New Executive Board Chairman for ETNO

Antonio Robalo de Almeida, Inspector General, Portugal Telecom, is the new Chairman of the Executive Board of ETNO (the European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association) for 2010. Robalo, who has been a member of ETNO's Executive Board since 2007, succeeds Alfredo Acebal, Director EU and Regulatory Affairs, Telefonica, who had served in the position since May 2005. He has occupied several senior functions in economic and regulatory affairs at Portugal Telecom since 1998. In his current position, he is a strategic adviser to Portugal Telecom's CEO, Zeinal Bava, and represents the Portuguese operator before national and international institutions. Robalo graduated in Economics from Lisbon Technical University.



European Fed-
eration of
Pharmaceuti-
cal Industries
and Associa-
tions



Andrew Witty
President
Nationality: UK
Working Languages:
EN
Start date:
01.01.2010

EFPIA elects Andrew Witty as President


EFPIA, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations, has elected Andrew Witty as its new President. He succeeds Arthur J. Higgins, CEO of Bayer HealthCare. Witty is the Chief Executive Officer of GlaxoSmithKline, a role he assumed in May 2008. Previously, he had been GSK's President, Pharmaceuticals Europe, and has been with the company for 25 years. He has acted as Vice President of EFPIA since 2008. Witty has also served in numerous advisory roles to Governments around the world including South Africa, Singapore, Guangzhou China and the UK. He holds a Joint Honours BA in Economics from the University of Nottingham, UK.

Personnel News



European
Automobile
Manufacturers'
Association



Leif Johansson
Chairman
Nationality: SE 
Working Languages:
EN, SE
Start date:
01.01.2010

Johansson chairs ACEA's Commercial Vehicle Board

The Commercial Vehicle Board of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) has elected Leif Johansson as its new Chairman for 2010. Johansson is President and CEO of Volvo Group, a position he has held since 1997. At ACEA, he takes over from Leif Östling, CEO of Scania AB, who was ACEA Commercial Vehicle Chairman in 2009. Johansson is a member of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise and of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences. Before joining Volvo, he was President and CEO of Electrolux. He holds a degree in engineering.



Association of
Petrochemicals
Producers in
Europe



Huub Meessen
Chairman
Nationality: NL 
Working languages:
EN, NL
Start date:
01.01.2010

Huub Meessen elected the new Appe Chairman

Huub Meessen has been appointed Chairman of the Association of Petrochemicals Producers in Europe (Appe). He succeeds Dr Ralf Kuhlmann, Business Director Basic Chemicals Europe at ExxonMobil Chemical, who will retire in March 2010. Meessen is Vice President Europe at SABIC (Saudi Basic Industries Corporation) and has an extensive background in European polyolefins business. He has held various positions within DSM (which he joined in 1987) and SABIC where he became Director Demand Chain Management in 2001, Director Business Unit LL/LDPE in 2004, Managing Director Polymers and Member of the SABIC Europe Managing Board in 2008.



European
Bioethanol
Fuel
Association



Lutz Guderjahn
President
Nationality: DE 
Start date:
01.01.2010


Lutz Guderjahn elected President of eBIO

The Board of Directors of eBIO, the European Bioethanol Fuel Association, has elected Lutz Guderjahn as its new President. He succeeds Ramón de Miguel, who had held the Presidency of eBIO since its inception in 2005. Guderjahn is Chief Operating Officer (COO) of CropEnergies AG, one of Europe's leading bioethanol fuel producers and a subsidiary of the German Südzucker Group. He is a founding member of eBIO and has held the position of Vice President since 2008. Guderjahn has served on the Executive Board of CropEnergies since 2006. During his career, he has held different positions in the Südzucker Group and its subsidiaries.



Avisa
Partners



Charles Seidenberg
Director
Nationality: FR/IT 
Working Languages:
DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, NL
Start date:
01.12.2009


Charles Seidenberg joins Avisa Partners

Charles Seidenberg has joined the Avisa Partners consultancy as a Director. A former case-handler in the European Commission's Directorate General for Competition, Seidenberg brings more than 15 years of competition and finance experience to Avisa Partners. He will broaden Avisa's offering with extensive competition and State aid expertise as well as corporate finance and strategy experience.



Steptoe &
Johnson



Darren Abrahams
Partner
Nationality: UK 
Start date:
01.01.2010

Abrahams made Partner at Steptoe & Johnson

Steptoe & Johnson LLP has made Darren Abrahams a Partner. Abrahams is an English barrister. His practice is focused on EU regulatory requirements and related commercial issues in the environment and life sciences area. Abrahams joined the firm's Brussels office in 2004 as part of a team of lawyers experienced in EU regulatory law, competition, and trade. He received his L.L.M. and LL.B. from University College London.

Events outlook: Highlights for the next two weeks

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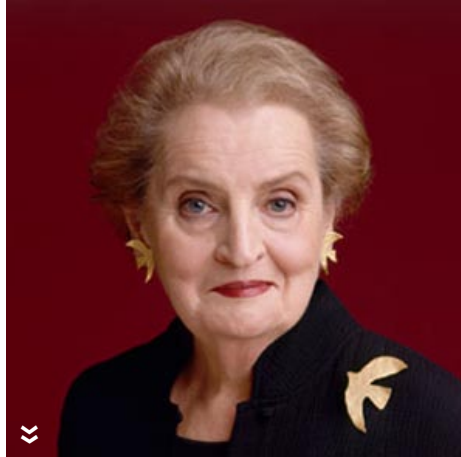
EESC Debates Art and Climate Change

This promises to be a major gathering of individuals from across the cultural sector, including artists and scientists involved in climate science. The aim is to explore the complex and subtle cultural dimensions of climate change, and identify areas for further activity through joint projects by artists and scientists.

European Economic and Social Committee

Rue Belliard 99

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26 JAN

Future Role of Brussels

Among the issues to be addressed in this conference is whether Brussels can act as an interface between the local population and EU officials. The major obstacles will be ascertained in an attempt to offer possible explanations for the obstacles to the integration of the local and European level. With Jean-Luc Vanraes, Minister for Finance and Budget of the Brussels Region.

Ludwig von Mises Institute Europe

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Inauguration of European Parliament Working Group

The Working Group on Innovation, Access to Medicines and Poverty-Related Diseases is being established to better integrate the European Union's response on health related issues, specifically on HIV/AIDS, TB, malaria and other neglected diseases, as well as to ensure coherent policies on these topics.

Médecins Sans Frontières, European

Parliament 3rd Floor JAN Building

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27 JAN

Women, Peace & Security

To mark the 10th anniversary of the UN's resolution on women, peace and security, and last September's UN resolution mandating peacekeeping missions to protect women, the Security and Defence Agenda is organising a debate to be led by five key figures: Madeleine Albright (above), Anders Fogh Rasmussen (below), Catherine Ashton, Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega and Margot Wallström.

Security and Defence Agenda,

Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi

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27 JAN

The WTO Conference: Was it Worth a Try?

The Doha Round, launched in 2001 in the wake of the attacks on the World Trade Center, has seen its agenda shrink and its conclusion postponed at each ministerial conference. Are the negotiations moving towards a workable deal or are they heading for an impasse? Will the crisis complicate the conclusion of the Doha Round?

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Press Club on new Faces of the European Union

Forum 311, with the support of The Centre, organises a live debate with five journalists from major publications across Europe to discuss the new faces of the European Union. This will be a lively and informal discussion on the new personalities of the EU and their priorities for the next five years.

Forum 311/The Centre

Avenue Marnix 22

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One Year of Obama: Have Differences Narrowed?

This seminar will be a stocktake of transatlantic relations after the first year of the Obama administration. It will focus on four areas: multilateralism, climate change, Pakistan/Afghanistan and the Middle East. Have differences between the EU and US narrowed during 2009? Is cooperation more effective?

Heinrich Böll Foundation EU Regional Office/

FRIDE, CEPS Conference room

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Zuzana Roithová
Group of
the European
People's Party

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★ Bruno Gollnisch MEP, 28.01.1950 ★ Thomas Mann MEP, 28.01.1946 ★ James Nicholson MEP, 29.01.1945 ★ Zuzana Roithová MEP, 30.01.1953 ★ Roberta Angelilli MEP, 01.02.1965 ★ Jacques Barrot, VP Commission for Justice, Freedom and Security, 03.02.1937 ★ Sir Robert Atkins MEP, 05.02.1946 ★ Stavros Lambrinidis MEP, 06.02.1962 ★ Françoise Castex MEP, 07.02.1956 ★ John Attard-Montalto MEP, 07.02.1953 ★ Françoise Castex MEP, 07.02.1956

Job Market

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Communications Officer

The American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU) is now hiring for a Communications Officer, to be responsible for: drafting text for publications, the website and other materials; designing layouts for flyers and other publications, providing counsel on message development; and conducting research and interviews as needed.

Organisation: AMCHAM

Deadline: 04 February

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Executive Assistant

EAVI – the European Association for Viewers' Interests – is looking for a forward-thinking, motivated, executive assistant to the Secretary General in all areas of his work who can offer high quality results in tasks of a varied nature.

Organisation: EAVI

Deadline: 15 February

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Research Assistant

The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) is seeking a Research Assistant to work under the supervision of the Secretary General at the TEPSA secretariat. The post requires good organisational and as well as the ability to communicate efficiently with different actors and a sound knowledge of European research and European affairs.

Organisation: TEPSA

Deadline: 31 January

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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

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Office Manager

EuSalt – the European Salt Producers' Association – is looking for a full-time Office Manager. Candidates should have at least five years' experience in managing a small office environment (covering personnel, office administration, some accounting).

Organisation: EUSALT

Deadline: 18 February

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Administrative Assistant

The European Renewable Energy Research Centres Agency (EUREC) is looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant to perform a number of different administrative tasks at EUREC's offices, situated in the Renewable Energy House in Brussels.

Organisation: EUREC

Deadline: 31 January

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