

Personnel News



European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators



Alberto Pototschnig
Executive Director
Nationality: IT

Pototschnig appointed Executive Director at ACER

The European Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) has appointed Alberto Pototschnig as its first Executive Director. Pototschnig is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mercados Energy Markets International, a specialist consultancy firm. He has worked on regulatory and related issues in a number of different capacities over a long period, including a spell with the Italian Energy Regulatory Authority (AEEG); as the first CEO of the Italian Electricity Market Operator; and as an Adviser to the Italian Government. He has been an Adviser to the Florence School of Regulation since 2004. With the appointment of Pototschnig, ACER has taken an important step forward, towards becoming operational in March 2011.



DG COMP



Fabienne Ilzkovitz
Director
Nationality: PL/ BE
Working Languages: FR, PL, EN, DE
Start Date: 01.06.2010

Ilzkovitz appointed at DG COMP

Fabienne Ilzkovitz has been appointed as the Director of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Competition (DG COMP), dealing with markets and cases in the fields of health, transport, post and other services. She left her current position as Head of the Unit "Product markets, competitiveness, competition and innovation policies" in the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs of the European Commission on June 1. Ilzkovitz is also an Associate Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, and at the Brussels Business School (ICHEC).



European Brands Association



Doug Baillie
President
Nationality: UK
Working Languages: EN
Start Date: 19.04.2010

Doug Baillie joins European Brands Association

Doug Baillie, President of Unilever Western Europe, is the new President of AIM, the European Brands Association. He takes over from Gianni Ciserani, President Western Europe Procter & Gamble, and will hold the office for two years. Baillie's career has spanned various sales and marketing positions across the world. He was appointed to his current position at Unilever in May 2008, succeeding Kees van der Graaf, also joining the Unilever Executive Committee at the same time. Through AIM, he also serves on the Boards of ECR Europe (Efficient Consumer Response) and CIAA (Confederation of the Foods and Drink Industries of the EU).

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AMICE



Asmo Kalpala

President

Nationality: FI

Working Languages:

FI, EN, DE

Start date:

24.05.2010

Asmo Kalpala re-elected as AMICE President

Asmo Kalpala has been re-elected as the president of AMICE for a second, and final, term of three years. He had been instrumental in the creation of AMICE, the Association of European Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives, through the merger of two predecessor organisations in 2007, and was the association's inaugural president. Kalpala is the President and CEO of the Tapiola Group, one of the largest insurance groups in Finland and the leading mutual insurer in the country. He has held top management positions in Tapiola since 1980, becoming Chairman in 1987 and President in 1994. Kalpala is a Vice President of the Federation of Finnish Financial Services and a member of the Consultative Panel of CEIOPS.



European Food Information Council



Philip Springuel

Communications and Business Development

Manager

Nationality: BE/US

Working Languages:

EN, FR, ES

Start date: 15.04.2010

EUFIC welcomes new colleague: Springuel

Philip Springuel, the new Communications and Business Development Manager, will be managing external communications for EUFIC, including www.eufic.org and other websites. Springuel will also manage business and institutional development. He was the global Project Director for World Kidney Day from 2006 to 2008, and recently held communications and outreach assignments with EuropeAid and Avocats Sans Frontières. He has 15 years of EU policy experience inside the media, public affairs and association management. EUFIC provides access to science-based information to promote consumer understanding.



Bureau of European Policy Advisers



Jean-Claude Thébault

Head

Nationality: FR

Start date: 01.05.2010

Jean-Claude Thébault appointed Head of BEPA

At the invitation of President Barroso, Jean-Claude Thébault has been appointed as the Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA), the in-house think-tank of the President of the European Commission. He succeeded Vítor Gaspar. Prior to this, Thébault served as Deputy Secretary-General to the Secretariat-General of the Commission, and as the Deputy Head of President Barroso's private office, which he joined in November 2004 as a Principal Adviser. Since joining the Commission in 1979, Thébault has held several management posts. He has a degree in Public Law and has completed graduate studies in International Law.



Diplomat Communications



Christian Ardhe

Partner

Nationality: SE

Working Languages:

EN, FR, SE

Start date: 27.05.2010

Ardhe joins Diplomat Communications as Partner

Christian Ardhe, Director for European Affairs at the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, has become a Partner in Diplomat Communications' Brussels office. He had previously worked as Director for European Affairs and Deputy Head of the Brussels office for the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise. During his nine years in the Brussels office, Ardhe worked actively in the fields of communication and lobbying. He is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee, the EU's consultative body, and has previously worked in the European Commission. Ardhe is a lawyer by training, having specialised in labour law and collective bargaining.



Social Platform



Pierre Baussand

Acting Director

Nationality: FR

Working Languages:

FR, EN

Start date: 24.05.2010

Social Platform appoints new Acting Director

Pierre Baussand has replaced Roshan Di Puppo as Acting Director of Social Platform while she is away on maternity/parental leave. He will hold the position until September 2011. Baussand has been with Social Platform since 2006, managing the FRAND working group, mobilising members to move forward two essential directives on anti-discrimination and maternity leave and, more recently, coordinating all policy activities. Before Social Platform, Baussand worked as a Project Coordinator for the European Disability Forum. He has a BA in Political Science from Sciences-Po Lyon, a degree in Arab Studies and a degree in Journalism.

Events outlook: Highlights for the next two weeks

07 – 08 JUNE

Towards a European Energy Community for the 21st Century?

The importance of the creation of a European Energy Community was made clear in a declaration adopted by President Buzek (right, who will open this conference) and the former EC President, Jacques Delors on 5 May. This two-day conference explores this issue.

DG Transport and Energy/Spanish Parliament, European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak Building [More](#)



07 – 11 JUNE

Gender Mainstreaming in Regional Cooperation

The purpose of the event is to gain a profound understanding of the institutional and political approaches of gender mainstreaming and the gender policies of, and within, the European Union, as well as to discuss regional approaches to gender equality and gender mainstreaming in Latin America and Europe.

Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation, 118 Avenue de Cortenbergh [More](#)

09 JUNE

European Budget: Impossible or Necessary?

The purpose of this conference is to break a taboo: holding a political debate on the European budget has become a matter of urgency, and yet the debate has still not been launched. This event aims to back the European Parliament's request for a review of financial perspectives, and to discuss the budget in the context of reinforced economic governance.

Confrontations Europe, Rue du Luxembourg, 19-21 [More](#)

10 JUNE

Openforum Europe Summit

Subtitled "Openness at the Heart of the EU Digital Agenda", this summit will ask: what are the links between open government, stakeholder engagement, and innovation? How do we balance the benefits of transparency with concerns about privacy and security? How will "government clouds" work and who will own your data? Neelie Kroes (below), Vice President and Commissioner for Digital Agenda, will be among those taking part.

OpenForum Europe, Autoworld, Parc du Cinquanteaire [More](#)

10 JUNE

How Do Democracies In Europe, The Middle-East and South Asia React To Terror?

Co-hosted by Alexander Nuno Alvaro MEP, this special hearing will discuss the ways in which democracies react to terrorism. Efraim Halevy, former director of Mossad, Vikram Sood, former director of RAW, and Gilles De Kerchove, coordinator of EU Counter Terrorism, will speak.

Friedrich-Naumann Foundation, European Parliament, ASP 5G3 [More](#)

10 JUNE

Green Jobs – Decent Work!

This event is billed as a dialogue with social partners on working conditions in the new sustainable economy. It will be co-hosted by Elisabeth Schroedter MEP, Reinhard Butikofer MEP and Guyla Hegyi.

The Greens/EFA in the European Parliament, European Parliament, Room 1G3 [More](#)



10 JUNE

The European Ombudsman & Reform of the EU's Financial Rules

The European Commission is due to present its proposal to reform the financial rules for EU-funded projects and programmes in mid 2010. During this seminar, the Ombudsman will outline his suggestions for the reform of financial regulation.

European Ombudsman, Eastman Building, Parc Léopold [More](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sharon Margaret Bowles
Chairwoman, Committee on Economic & Monetary Affairs
12.06.1953

★ Ivo Belet MEP, 07.06.1959 ★ Kay Swinburne MEP, 08.06.1967 ★ Dr. Udo Bullmann MEP, 08.06.1956 ★ Tilo Gerlach, President, Association of European Performers' Organisations, 09.06.1967 ★ Neil Corlett, VP, European Association of Communication Directors, 10.06.1966 ★ Rolandas Paksas MEP, 10.06.1956 ★ Astrid Lulling MEP, 11.06.1929 ★ Mualla Çirakli, Brussels Representative, Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, 12.06.1982 ★ Giovanni Collino MEP, 15.06.1954 ★ María del Pilar Ayuso González MEP, 16.06.1942 ★ Johannes Cornelis van Baalen MEP, 17.06.1960 ★ Kerstin Godfrey, Managing Director, Euronord International, 18.06.1949 ★ Emilio Menéndez del Valle MEP, 20.06.1945

Job Market

Please mention European Agenda when you apply.



Internal Communications Officer

The European Science Foundation is looking for an Internal Communications Officer. The successful candidate will be expected to develop, coordinate and implement an internal communications strategy for the ESF and its Member Organisations.

Organisation: **European Science Foundation**
Deadline: **4 June** [➔ More](#)



Policy Officer

The EEB is looking for a Policy Officer in the field of Agriculture and Bio-energy. The successful candidate will mainly focus on agricultural issues in the run-up to the review of the Common Agriculture Policy, including making preparations for the EU Financial Perspective after 2013, and for EU policies relating to bio-energy.

Organisation: **European Environmental Bureau**
Deadline: **6 June** [➔ More](#)



Parliamentary Officer

The Scottish Government Office is looking for a Parliamentary Officer. The office assists Scottish Ministers and their officials in carrying out their EU related business and work closely with the UK's Permanent Representation to the EU.

Organisation: **Scottish Government EU Office**
Deadline: **9 June** [➔ More](#)



Governmental Affairs Manager

Ford Motor Company has an exciting opportunity for an experienced Governmental Affairs Manager to join the established European lobbying team in Brussels. The successful applicant will be required to proactively manage Ford's governmental affairs matters in Europe.

Organisation: **Ford Motor Company**
Deadline: **11 June** [➔ More](#)



Spokesperson

The role is to work in the OHR Press Office in Sarajevo as one of three spokespeople, advising on press policy, and dealing with day to day press work, interviews and statements and press conferences. The incumbent will stand in for the Director of Communications as required.

Organisation: **Office of the High Representative**
Deadline: **15 June** [➔ More](#)



Director of Administration and Finance

MSF Supply is the procurement centre for Médecins Sans Frontières Belgium, offering logistic services integrated into field missions: technical support, order management and administration, bids for tender and purchase of material, quality control, warehousing and delivery of goods to the field.

Organisation: **MSF Supply**
Deadline: **15 June** [➔ More](#)



Policy and Advocacy Officer

The European Network on Debt and Development works for social justice through research and advocacy work on issues relating to finance for developing countries. The purpose of this role is to work in the Eurodad team to help take forward its work on development finance issues.

Organisation: **Eurodad**
Deadline: **20 June** [➔ More](#)



European Government Affairs Manager

EuroCommerce, the European association representing retailers, wholesalers, and international traders to the EU, is looking for an experienced European Government Affairs Manager to oversee their policies on public affairs and coordinate with national members on these issues.

Organisation: **EuroCommerce**
Deadline: **23 June** [➔ More](#)



Secretary General

The Airport Regions Conference is an association of cities and regions across Europe with an international airport. Today, there are more than 30 cities and regions in ARC, representing about 100 million citizens, hosting major hub airports in Europe along with other major and regional international airports in 18 European countries.

Organisation: **Airport Regions Conference**
[➔ More](#)