

## Personnel News



European  
Commission



**Maroš Šefcovic**  
European Commissioner  
Nationality: SK

Start date:  
01.10.2009

### **Maroš Šefcovic is Slovakia's new EU Commissioner**

Maroš Šefcovic has been nominated to replace Ján Figel' as Slovakia's European Commissioner. In his new post, he has taken over Figel's portfolio of education, training, culture and youth. Šefcovic was previously Slovakia's Ambassador to the European Union. He was Director General for European Affairs in the Slovak Foreign Ministry in the year before Slovakia's admission to the EU, has an extensive background in the Foreign Service of the Slovak Republic. Šefcovic holds a JUDr. degree in International Law and a PhD degree in European Law from Bratislava Law Faculty.



Council of  
Europe



**Thorbjørn Jagland**  
Secretary General  
Nationality: NO

Start date:  
01.10.2009

### **Jagland elected Secretary General of CoE**

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) has elected Thorbjørn Jagland as Secretary General of the organisation. He will serve a five-year term. Jagland was voted in to the post by an absolute majority, beating Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz. He has previously held two of the most influential governmental positions in Norway: Prime Minister (1996-97) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2000-2001). Jagland has been President of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting) since 2005 and Member of Parliament for Buskerud County since 1993. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Oslo.



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CHAMBRES



**Alessandro Barberis**  
President  
Nationality: IT   
Working Languages:  
EN, IT  
Start date:  
01.01.2010

### **Barberis as the new EUROCHAMBRES President**

Alessandro Barberis, President of the Turin Chamber of Commerce, has been unanimously elected by EUROCHAMBRES' Plenary Assembly as the new President of the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He will take over his new function on 1 January 2010, succeeding to Pierre Simon, who had held the Presidency since 2006 and who was in turn elected Honorary President. Barberis has been President of the Turin Chamber of Commerce since 2004 and, since 2008, the Vice President of the ICC – International Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that, he was Managing Director and Vice Chairman of FIAT, Italy's biggest automobile manufacturer. At present, he also serves as an advisor to a number of Italian companies.

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European  
Network and  
Information  
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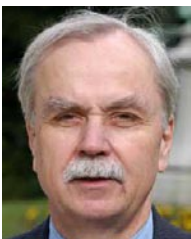
**Udo Helmbrecht**  
Executive Director  
Nationality: DE   
Working Languages:  
DE, EN  
Start date:  
16.10.2009

### **Helmbrecht is the new ENISA Executive Director**

The European Network and Information Security Agency, ENISA, has appointed Udo Helmbrecht as its new Executive Director. Helmbrecht replaces outgoing ENISA Executive Director Andrea Pirotti, who originally announced the change in April. Before taking up his new position, Helmbrecht had been working as President of the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI). He presented himself to the European Parliament, the ITRE Committee (Committee on Industry, Research and Energy), making a statement and responding to MEP questions, in a 'hearing' on 16 April.



CER



**Johannes Ludewig**  
Executive Director  
Nationality: DE   
Start date:  
14.10.2009

### **Ludewig re-elected as CER Executive Director**

The General Assembly of the Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER) has unanimously decided to renew the mandate of CER Executive Director Johannes Ludewig until the end of 2011. Ludewig was first appointed to this position in 2002 and was unanimously re-elected for the first time in 2006. A former CEO of Deutsche Bahn (1997–1999), he has extensive experience in public administration and politics. Ludewig spent more than 20 years in the German Ministry for Economics and in the office of the German chancellor. Since 2006, he has assumed an honorary function as head of the German commission set up to monitor the national government's efforts to reduce bureaucracy (the "Normenkontrollrat").



European  
Federation  
of Parquet  
Importers



**Jürgen Früchtenicht**  
President  
Nationality: DE   
Working Languages:  
DE, EN, ES, PT  
Start date:  
28.09.2009

### **EFPI re-elects its Board of Directors**

The European Federation of Parquet Importers (EFPI), the association of leading European importers of engineered and solid wood floorings, has unanimously re-elected its Board of Directors. EFPI's first President, Jürgen Früchtenicht (Amorim/Portugal) was re-elected as President for the next Board mandate. Bjarne Pedersen (Timberman/Denmark), member of Euparal/GFA, was re-elected as EFPI's Vice-President and Ton Wieringa (Fetim/Holland) as Treasurer. The Board's mandate will last until 15 November 2010. Früchtenicht began his career in 1979 after receiving an MBA at the Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken.



EUREL



**Andreas Landwehr**  
Secretary General  
Nationality: DE   
Working Languages:  
DE, EN

### **Landwehr elected Secretary General of EUREL**

At its annual General Assembly, EUREL, the Convention of National Societies of Electrical Engineers of Europe, elected Andreas Landwehr as its new Secretary General. EUREL is a non-profit organisation and represents 15 member societies in 15 countries and more than 200,000 electrical engineers across greater Europe. Landwehr is currently the Representative and Head of the Brussels Office of VDE, the German Association for Electrical, Electronic and Information Technologies. He holds a Master's degree in political science from Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich. Landwehr will take over his new assignment in addition to his VDE duties and responsibilities.



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## Events outlook: Highlights for the next two weeks

27 NOV

### Local Enterprises Stepping Up: From Global Crisis to New Opportunities

At this year's CEEP conference, local enterprises will gather to discuss the effects of the global crisis on their businesses and most importantly to look for solutions. Being the infrastructure for private businesses' prosperity, local enterprises have to remain active and innovative in order to offer the best possible tools for global recovery.

CEEP, EESC Building, 99, rue Belliard [More](#)



28 – 29 OCT

### Poverty & Social Exclusion: Launch of EU Year 2010

Almost 80 million people are currently living in poverty in the EU. The 2010 European Year for combating poverty and social exclusion aims to promote solidarity, equality and tolerance while combating stereotypes and stigmatisation. This two-day conference will feature range of events around this subject.

European Commission, Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170 [More](#)

29 OCT

### The Post-2010 (Lisbon) Strategy: EESC Conference

This conference is designed to enable civil society representatives to discuss with policy makers on the state of the implementation of the Lisbon Strategy during the crisis and identify their priorities for the post-2010 agenda. Conference results will be submitted to the March 2010 European Council. Swedish Minister for EU Affairs Cecilia Malmström (below) will attend.

EESC, rue belliard 99 [More](#)

29 OCT

### The European Council Meeting

At its autumn meeting, the European Council is expected to focus mainly on institutional issues, on climate change, on the economic and financial situation as well as on illegal immigration. Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt (above) will chair the European Council.

Council of the European Union - Justus Lipsius Building, Rue de la Loi 175 [More](#)

04 NOV

### Smart Politics: Digital Policy Priorities for the European Union

This breakfast debate will offer a timely opportunity for a strategic discussion on the key digitally driven priorities for Europe in the new legislature, building on the recently launched EIF Report on "The Digital World in 2025: Indicators for European Action".

European Internet Foundation Private Salon, Members Area, European Parliament [More](#)



03 NOV

### MEP Awards 2009

The 5th annual MEP Awards, hosted by The Parliament Magazine, will take place with the recent European election buzz still fresh in people's minds. This year boasts an all new stakeholder advisory group, screened interviews of all the MEP award nominees and the organisations who nominated them, as well as special guests and widescreen TV coverage throughout the night.

The Parliament Magazine, Stanhope Hotel [More](#)

05 NOV

### European Public Affairs Awards 2009

The European Public Awards is an opportunity to recognise and reward the outstanding work of individuals and organisations on issues and campaigns over the past twelve months across ten categories. This year, two new categories join the roster: in-house communications team of the year and web 2.0 campaign of the year.

Dods, 1 Boulevard Charlemagne [More](#)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Klaus-Heiner Lehne,  
**Chairman of Committee on Legal Affairs**  
28.10.1957

★ Kurt Lechner MEP, 26.10.1942 ★ Edite Estrela, Vice-Chairwoman of Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, 28.10.1949 ★ Marietje Schaake MEP, 29.10.1978 ★ Giorgos Papakonstantinou MEP, 30.10.1961 ★ Francesca Balzani MEP, 31.10.1966 ★ Helmut Weixler, Head of Press Office, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, 01.11.1957 ★ Louis Michel MEP, 02.11.1947 ★ Siiri Oviir MEP, 03.11.1947 ★ Regina Bastos MEP, 04.11.1960 ★ Sidonia Elzbieta Jedrzejewska MEP, 05.11.1975 ★ Christine de Veyrac MEP, 06.11.1959 ★ Derk Jan Eppink MEP, 07.11.1958 ★ Dr. Kinga Göncz Vice-Chairwoman of Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, 08.11.1947 ★

## Job Market

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### Communications and Policy Assistant

FEMA, the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations, is looking for a new Communications and Policy Assistant to join the FEMA Secretariat, with a 1-year contract. The position will be located in Brussels, starting in January 2010.

Organisation: FEMA

Deadline: 30 October



### Head of EU Policy, European Division

BirdLife International is seeking a Head of EU Policy for its European Division office, based in Brussels. The post will lead and coordinate the EU policy work of the European Division, supporting the development of views and positions of the BirdLife Partnership on relevant policy issues.

Organisation: BirdLife International

Deadline: 18 November



### Internship

ECRN (The European Chemical Regions Network) is offering an internship. The successful candidate will support the organisation of all ECRN internal and external events and activities. The internship is on a full time basis for at least three months, starting on 4 January 2010.

Organisation: ECRN

Deadline: 30 October



### WWF EPO Economist

WWF, the global conservation organisation, is looking to fill a position in its Brussels European Policy Office to work as an Economist. The post holder, working closely with the WWF European network of national organisations, will shape and lead the EU budget review project.

Organisation: WWF

Deadline: 23 October



### Global Communications Manager

European Advisory Services (EAS) provides global expertise on food and nutrition policy to governments, industry and trade bodies across the world. EAS currently has a vacancy for someone to lead its global communications activities.

Organisation: EAS

Deadline: 23 October



### Communications Associate

The World Bank's (WB) Brussels Office, which plays a pivotal role in deepening WB partnership with the European Union Institutions, Belgium and Luxembourg, is seeking a Communications Associate.

Organisation: World Bank

Deadline: 15 November



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