




## Personnel News



European  
Parliament



**Hans-Gert Pöttering**  
President of  
European Parliament

Nationality: DE   
Working languages:  
DE, EN

### Pöttering Elected President of Parliament


Mr Pöttering studied law, politics and history at the universities of Bonn and Geneva and the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales in Geneva. He received his Doctorate from Columbia University. Mr Pöttering has been a member of the European Parliament since 1979 and was the EPP-ED Group Chairman from 1999 to 2007. As President of the European Parliament he succeeds Socialist Josep Borrell Fontelles.



European  
Commission



**Dirk Ahner**  
Director-General  
DG REGIO

Nationality: DE   
Working languages:  
DE, EN, FR

### Ahner Appointed Director-General of REGIO


Dirk Ahner has been appointed Director-General of the Regional Policy DG. Before his promotion, Mr Ahner served as Deputy Director-General in DG Agriculture and Rural Development. He has many years of experience in the Agriculture DG, holding posts including Director and Head of Unit, among others. Mr Ahner held several academic posts before beginning his service at the European Union. He holds a Doctorate in economics.



European  
Commission



**Fokion Fotiadis**  
Director-General  
DG Fisheries and  
Maritime Affairs

Nationality: GR   
Working languages:  
GR, EN, FR

### Fotiadis New Director General DG FISH


Mr Fokion has taken up his position as Director-General of DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs after his appointment in November. Prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Director-General in DG External Relations. Mr Fotiadis has held various posts within the External Relations DG, including Asia Director and Head of Unit for several different regions. Mr Fotiadis has also held several positions within the DG Competition. Additionally, he acted as the Director of the EC delegation to Bucharest. He received his PhD in Economics/Econometrics from Freiburg University.



European  
Commission



**Jorgen Holmquist**  
Director-General  
DG MARKT

Nationality: SE   
Working languages:  
SE, EN, FR

### Holmquist New Director General DG MARKT


Jorgen Holmquist has taken up his post as Director-General of Internal Market and Services Directorate-General. Before this appointment, Mr Holmquist served as the Director General of DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs. He previously held the position of Deputy Director-General of DG Budget and Director in DG Agriculture. Mr Holmquist has also served in various posts within the Swedish government. He holds a degree in economics from the University of Stockholm.



European Court  
of Justice



**Alexander Arabadjiev**  
Judge at European  
Court of Justice

Nationality: BG   
Working languages:  
BG, FR, EN, RU

### Arabadjiev Judge at Court of Justice

Alexander Arabadjiev has been appointed Judge at the European Court of Justice. Mr Arabadjiev has served as a judge previously in Bulgaria at the District Court of Blagoevgrad, Regional Court of Blagoevgrad, and the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of Bulgaria. He was also a member of the European Commission of Human Rights, a member of the European Convention on the Future of Europe, and a member of the Bulgarian National Assembly. Mr Arabadjiev received his legal training at St Kliment Ohridski University in Sofia.

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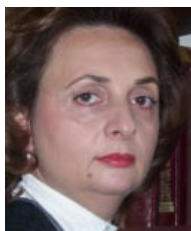
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European Court  
of Justice



**Camelia Toader**  
Judge at European  
Court of Justice

Nationality: RO   
Working languages:  
RO, FR, DE, EN, IT

### Toader Appointed Judge at Court of Justice


Camelia Toader has been appointed as a judge at the Court of Justice. Ms Toader has previously served as Judge at the Court of First Instance in Romania and at the High Court of Cassation and Justice in Romania. She has also held the post of Head of European Integration Unit at the Ministry of Justice. Additionally, her past experience includes work as a professor at several European universities. Ms Toader received her Doctorate in Law from the University of Bucharest.



EPP-ED Group



**Joseph Daul**  
EPP-ED Group  
Chairman

Nationality: FR   
Working languages:  
FR, DE

### Joseph Daul Elected EPP-ED Group Chairman


Joseph Daul has been elected Group Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament. Mr Daul replaces Hans-Gert Poettering, who has been elected President of the Parliament. Mr Daul has been an MEP since 1999, serving as the chairman of several committees. Prior to that, he served as mayor of Pfettisheim. He also acted as Vice-Chairman of the Kochersberg Intercommunal Community. Mr Daul graduated from the Institute for Advanced Studies in National Defence. He is a farmer by trade.



Nokia



**Serge Ferré**  
New Head of Nokia's  
EU Representation  
Office

Nationality: FR   
Working languages:  
FR, EN, ES, DE

### Ferré Head of Nokia EU Representation Office


Serge Ferré has been appointed the new Head of Office of Nokia's EU Representation Office. Until his promotion he served as the Vice-President Strategy Nokia Multimedia "Global" and Nokia Networks "EMEA". Mr Ferré was previously a Managing Director at Bang & Olufsen France and a Managing Director at Nokia France. Mr Ferré holds MBA degrees from the ESSEC Graduate School of Business and from the University of Toronto and a Master of Laws from the University of Paris.



CEA



**Michaela Koller**  
Director-General of  
CEA

Nationality: DE   
Working languages:  
DE, EN, FR

### Koller Appointed Director General CEA

Michaela Koller has been appointed Director-General of CEA, the European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation. Ms Koller is currently a Member of the Management Committee of the European Savings Banks Group. Trained as a lawyer, she has gained her experience of financial services interest representation at both the European and international level. Ms Koller has been called upon to serve as member of various advisory groups established by the Commission and has regularly testified in hearings organised by EU institutions. Amongst other projects, she was also instrumental in the creation of the European Banking Industry Committee.

## Recruiting in Brussels?

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Events



24/01  
09:30-16:30

**Rail Freight Dedicated Lines: From Dream to Reality**

Major stakeholders will attend the third annual conference of the New European Wish: Operating Project for a European Rail Network. New OPERA is dedicated to achieving a long-term scenario of a core network predominantly dedicated to rail freight. Delegates will review past action and discuss future plans for implementing the goals outlined for this project.

Association of European Railway Industries  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

18/01-28/01

**International Green Week Berlin**



This international fair for the food, agricultural, and horticultural industries will feature commercial and non-commercial agricultural, forestry, and landscaping exhibits, as well as international food and luxury items and organic products. Additionally, more than 250 symposia, seminars, and forums with topics related to IGW will be held simultaneously.

Messe Berlin GmbH  
Berlin  
Registration Required,  
Entrance Fee  
[More information](#)

24/01

**Opening of Valencia Film Season**



The first Valencian Film Season in Brussels will open with a showing of the film Sorolla's Letters (Cartas de Sorolla). The season will continue throughout 2007 with a Valencian production featured each month. The films will cover a variety of subjects ranging from immigration, history, Jewish culture, and the adaptation of novels.

Fundación Comunidad Valenciana-  
Región Europea  
Berlyamont Building  
Registration Required  
[More information](#)

25/01-26/01

**Regional Policy Responses to Demographic Challenges**



With participation from Commissioner Hübner and CoR President Delebarre, this conference will focus on three main themes: managing and benefiting from demographic change, addressing the diverse needs of diverse regions, and the importance of sharing best practice between regions. It aims to show how EU regional policy allows regions to respond to demographic challenges.

EC Regional Policy Directorate General  
Charlemagne Building  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

24/01-28/01

**World Economic Forum**



Over 2,000 leaders from business, politics, academia, the media and civil society will gather for the annual meeting to discuss the elements that will shape the global agenda for the coming year. This year's theme is "The Shifting Power Equation", and delegates will reflect on the changing forces affecting the world economy.

World Economic Forum  
Davos, Switzerland  
Invitation Only

[More information](#)

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Consulting Group

**Armand Warin**

**Vernissage**  
Friday, 26th January 2007  
6:30 pm

**Address**  
Boulevard Saint Michel 47  
1040 Brussels



22/01  
17:00

### The Cyprus Issue After the Accession of Cyprus to the EU

Mr Yiorgos Lillikas, Foreign Minister of Cyprus, will present a keynote speech on the issue of Cyprus after its accession to the European Union at a Transatlantic Institute public programme. His speech will be followed by a Q & A period.

Transatlantic Institute  
Sofitel Europe  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

22/01 –  
23/01

### Working Together to STOP Cervical Cancer

Representatives from organizations involved in the prevention of cervical cancer will gather for a workshop to identify areas of common interest and develop a coordinated action plan to better address cervical cancer at the European level.

European Cervical Cancer  
Association (EcCA)  
Renaissance Hotel  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

23/01  
12:30 –  
15:00

### European Mobility Policy

The German Transport Forum will host a working lunch on the topic of a modern European Mobility Policy. The Forum aims to promote competitive transport infrastructures in Europe.

Deutsches Verkehrsforum  
Altiero Spinelli Building  
Invitation Only

[More information](#)

23/01  
18:30

### GSM Europe's New Year Reception

GSM Europe will host an evening reception to ring in the new year. Sanjiv Ahujam CEO, Orange Group, and Fabio Colasanti, Director General, Information Society and Media, will deliver the keynote addresses.

GSM Europe  
Musée BELvue  
Invitation Only

[More information](#)

23/01  
19:00 –  
20:00

### Globalised Networks: A Force for Good or Evil?

Charles Gave, CEO of GaveKal and Philippe Gijssels of Fortis Bank Belgium will be featured in a debate considering the real impact of the integration of formerly poor yet huge economies such as China and India into the world economy.

Stockholm Network  
Hotel Amigo  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

24/01 –  
25/01

### FP7 Information Days

This event addresses researchers preparing project proposals under FP7, focusing on cognitive systems, interaction, robotics, digital libraries and content. It will help participants build consensus on trends in research and facilitate sharing of ideas.

EC, DG Information Society & Media  
Luxembourg  
Registration required

[More information](#)

24/01  
12:30 –  
14:00

### Whetting the Appetite for New EU Food Labelling Rules

As the Commission considers a new Europe-wide food labeling system, this debate will focus on what the content of a new system should include. Policy makers, business representatives and nutrition experts will offer their views on the subject.

Friends of Europe  
Bibliothèque Solvay  
Registration required

[More information](#)

25/01  
09:30 –  
17:30

### Men and Gender Equality in Europe

With the participation of Commissioner Špidla and other policy makers, this conference will examine gender equality and the role of men in family and work sectors. Delegates will consider EU gender policy and good practice in private and public life.

European Movement International  
EESC  
Jacques Delors Building  
Registration Required

[More information](#)

### Happy Birthday



Markos Kyprianou  
European  
Commissioner for  
Health

22.01.1960

★ Rolf Diemer, European Commission, Head of Unit, DG Taxation and Customs Unit, 22.01.1968 ★ Barbara Kudrycka, MEP, 22.01.1956 ★ Elizabeth Lynne, MEP, 22.01.1948 ★ Joseph Muscat, MEP, 22.01.1974 ★ Dr. Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann MEP, 23.01.1955 ★ Lasse Lehtinen, MEP, 23.01.1947 ★ Britta Thomsen, MEP, 23.01.1954 ★ Dr Ingo Friedrich MEP, 24.01.1942 ★ Pierre Wiertz, General Manager, EDANA, 25.01.1957 ★ Ryszard Czarnecki, MEP, 25.01.1963 ★ Roger Helmer, MEP, 25.01.1944 ★ Ashley Mote, British MEP, 25.01.1936 ★ Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, 26.01.1953 ★ Peter Power, European Commission, Spokesperson for Trade, 26.01.1966 ★ Luis de Grandes Pascual, MEP, 27.01.1945 ★ Vincenzo Lavarra, MEP, 27.01.1954 ★ Karel De Gucht, Belgium Minister of Foreign Affairs, 27.01.1954 ★ Lorenzo Morselli, Spokeperson of Café Babel, 27.01.1979 ★ Glyn Ford, MEP, 28.01.1950 Bruno Gollnisch, MEP, 28.01.1950 ★ Thomas Mann, MEP, 28.01.1946 ★