

## Personnel News



Committee of the  
Regions



**Michel Delebarre**  
–President–

Start: 01/03/2006  
Nationality: FR  
Working Languages:  
French, English

### Delebarre elected President of CoR

MICHEL DELEBARRE has been elected the President of the Committee of the Regions for the term of 2006–2008. He will take over from PETER STRAUB as of 1 March 2006. Mr Delebarre serves as Mayor of Dunkirk and MP. He has been a member of the Committee of the Regions since 1998 and has chaired the Party of European Socialist Group (PES). LUC VAN DEN BRANDE, Senator of the Flemish Parliament (Belgium) and member of the European People's Party (EPP), has been elected first Vice-President.



Committee of the  
Regions



**Luc van den Brande**  
–First Vice–President–

Start: 16/02/2006  
Nationality: BE  
Working Languages:  
French, English

### Luc van den Brande elected First Vice–President of CoR

LUC VAN DEN BRANDE has been elected First Vice–President of the Committee of the Regions. Senator Van den Brande, a former Minister–President of Flanders and member of the Flemish Parliament, will serve for two years. MICHEL DELEBARRE MP, Socialist Mayor of Dunkerque, France, was elected President of the assembly for the first half of its 2006–2010 mandate, following agreement between the political groups.



European  
Administrative  
School



**David Walker**  
–Director–

Start: 10/02/2006  
Nationality: GB  
Working Languages:  
English, French

### Walker officially announced Director of EAS

DAVID WALKER was officially announced the Director of the newly established inter-institutional training centre, the European Administrative School (EAS) on 10 February 2006. The EAS was created a year ago to provide training for staff of all the European institutions. Mr Walker has worked for the European institutions for over 32 years. His most recent posts were head of the Commission's Training Unit from 1997 to 2000 and Director of Human and Financial resources in the Directorate-General for Interpretation.



Permanent  
Representation  
of North Rhine-  
Westphalia to the



**Hans-Hermann Stein**  
–Director–

Start: 01/03/2006  
Nationality: DE  
Working Languages:  
German, English

### North Rhine–Westphalia Representation appoints new di- rector

HANS-HERMANN STEIN has been appointed the new Director of the Permanent Representation of North Rhine–Westphalia to the European Union as of 1 March 2006. He will take over from MANFRED DEGEN, who assumed a new post at the Permanent Representation of the Federal Government of Germany to the European Union as of 15 February 2006.

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Coordination  
Committee for  
the Radiological,  
Electromedical  
and Healthcare IT  
Industry



**Nicole Denjoy**  
–Secretary General–

Start: 01/01/2006  
Nationality: FR  
Working Languages:  
French, English

## COCIR opened new office and elected Secretary General

The European Coordination Committee for the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry (COCIR), has opened the new office in Brussels in the Diamond Building. NICOLE DENJOY has been appointed the Secretary General as of 1 January 2006. She has over 20 years experience in international healthcare and the regulatory sector. As a major partner in policy and regulatory dialogue on the future of healthcare in Europe, COCIR has opened his branch office in Brussels to better facilitate dialogue with policymakers and the European institutions.



European  
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Development  
Agencies



**Jacques Evrard**  
–President–

Start: 27/01/2006  
Nationality: BE  
Working Languages:  
French, English, Dutch

## New President of EURADA elected

JACQUES EVRARD has been elected the new President of the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA) as of 27 January 2006. His term in office lasts for two years. Before joining EURADA, Mr Evrard served as Director of Department of International relations at The Brussels Entrepise Agency.



The U.S. Mission to  
the European Union



**Jennifer Kane**  
–Commercial Attaché–

Start: 01/01/2006  
Nationality: US  
Working Languages:  
English

## The U.S. Mission to the EU welcomed Kane

JENNIFER KANE has been assigned as Commercial Attaché to the U.S. Mission to the European Union as of January 2006. The U.S. Mission responds to the needs of U.S. exporters, particularly SMEs, related to the EU. Ms Kane's portfolio includes the Safety/Security industry, food and nutritional supplements, and Customs matters. During her previous assignment in Boston, MA, she provided export counseling related to partner identification, product marketing, market penetration, export logistics, and regulations. She has been with the U.S. Department of Commerce for six years and prior to that worked as a consultant to the U.S. Trade and Development Agency. Her assignment in Brussels is for four years.



The U.S. Mission to  
the European Union



**Chris Sherwood**  
–Commercial Specialist–

Start: 09/01/2006  
Nationality: GB US FR  
Working Languages:  
English, French, German,  
Polish

## New Commercial Specialist at the U.S. Mission to the EU

CHRIS SHERWOOD is the new Commercial Specialist at the U.S. Mission to the EU's Foreign Commercial Service section. He covers policy areas relating to the information & communications technology sector, including data protection, telecommunications regulation, audiovisual, and Internet policy. In addition, he is responsible for the WEEE & RoHS Directives and the Services Directive. Attached to the Department of Commerce, his role is primarily centred on assisting US businesses (especially SMEs) with understanding the EU and relevant regulation. Before joining the U.S. Mission on 9 January 2006, Mr Sherwood was Account Director at EPPA, where he had been since 2001. Prior to that, he had worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers Management Consulting Services.

HOSPODÁRSKÉ NOVINY

Hospodářské noviny



**Radek Honzák**  
–Journalist–

Start: 01/01/2006  
Nationality: CZ  
Working Languages:  
Czech, English

## New correspondent of Hospodářské noviny in Brussels

RADEK HONZÁK has been appointed the Brussels correspondent for Hospodářské noviny, a Czech national newspaper, as of 1 January 2006. Hospodářské noviny, a business daily, is a subsidiary of the Handelsblatt and Wall Street Journal Europe newspapers. Mr Honzák holds degrees in English from the Charles University in Prague and in Journalism from City University, London. He previously worked as deputy foreign editor of Lidove noviny, another Czech national daily, and as its correspondent in the United Kingdom.

## Events 27/02-05/03/2006

### EVENT OF THE WEEK

Tu 28/02



13:00 - 14:30

## Enlargement and European project: It is reconcilable?



This debate will be led by Jacques Barrot, Commissioner for Transport and Energy. This event is part of the Lunch Debate series hosted by Eur-IFRI.

Jacques Barrot

Eur-Ifri Conference room  
Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28  
1040 Brussels



Eur-IFRI - Institut Français des  
Relations Internationales

Invitation only, members only

Tu 28/02



08:00 - 09:30

## Taxation and the Competitiveness Agenda



Laszlo Kovacs

A Breakfast Policy Briefing with Laszlo Kovacs, European Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union. It is Open to EPC members, officials from the EU institutions and the media. This briefing is part of the activities under the EPC Programme on Growth and Jobs. The Growth and Jobs programme monitors and analyses the core issues linked to the Lisbon Agenda, which aims for Europe to become the most competitive, knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010.

Crowne Plaza Europa Hotel  
Rue de la Loi 107  
1040 Brussels

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Mon 01/03



12:00 - 14:30

## Gas Liberalization, Security of Supply and Investment



Mr. J. Laurelut, director of GRTgaz (Paris, France) and 2006 president of GTE (Gas Transmission Europe) leads this conference discussing The Green Paper. The paper on the security of energy supply which the Commission adopted in November 2000 launched an unprecedented debate on energy policy. While the EU is developing the most fully integrated energy market in the world, this process is not backed up by the necessary measures to guarantee the security of external supplies of oil or natural gas.

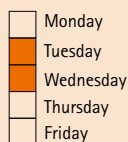
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Energy System Analysis and  
Planning (ESAP)

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Tu 02/03 -  
Wed 03/03



09:30

## Public hearing on conservation of biodiversity



A public hearing in the framework of the third study group on exploratory opinion "Conservation of biodiversity"

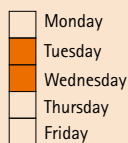
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Tu 02/03 -  
Wed 03/03



07:30 - 17:30,  
08:00 - 17:30

## European Aromatics Outlook Conference & Pricing



Volatility and opacity of markets have long been facts of life for those trading on the aromatics markets. The rapid increase in demand growth for aromatics and derivatives, particularly in Asia, has caused European producers and buyers to evaluate their competitiveness on a global level.

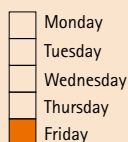
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Fri 03/03



09:00 - 16:00

## Where is the Money for Women's Rights?



The current dominant sense in the funding of gender and women's rights is one of scarcity - too few interested funders, with too little money to support existing gender rights organisations and initiatives. This Roundtable aims to focus on how European foundations can increase their commitment to such initiatives.

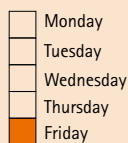
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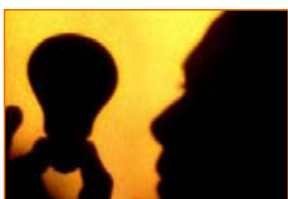
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## Sustainable construction and renovation: The Energy Days conferences



First day of the „Sustainable construction and renovation: The Energy Days“ conferences. These conferences will bring together a number of leading Belgian and European specialists and practitioners, who will clearly explain the new “energy” legislation and its consequences on our daily life, as well as validated technical and financial solutions.

Brussels Expo, Palace 5  
Place de Belgique 1,  
1030 Brussels



Pour la Solidarité

Registration required

Dutch, French

## Happy Birthday



Georgios Papastamkos

-MEP-

05.03.1955



Ainara Gomez Lopez, European Affairs Officer at Delegation de la Comunidad Valenciana in Brussels, 26.02.1977 ★ Karlheinz Maldaner, Degussa AG Liaison Office Brussels, 01.03.1948 ★ Diamanto Manolakou, MEP, 01.03.1959 ★ Dr. Ingeborg Gräßle, MEP, 02.03.1961 ★ Brian Crowley, MEP, 04.03.1964 ★ Anne van Lancker, MEP, 04.03.1954 ★ Marcello Vernola, MEP, 04.03.1961 ★ Johannes Blokland, MEP, 05.03.1943 ★ Lambert van Nistelrooij, MEP, 05.03.1953 ★ Paul Verges, MEP, 05.03.1925

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