

## Movers and Shakers | 26 October 2015

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### European Parliament:

#### *Vice-Presidents of the Committees, Subcommittees and the Delegations:*

**Edward CZESAK (ECR, PL)** elected as Vice-President of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (D-ACP).

#### *National parties:*

**Rikke KARLSSON (ECR, DK)** left the Danish People's Party (DF) and became independent. Ms KARLSSON said the reason for her departure was that for a long time, she had requested to see the accounts of the two political foundations.

#### *European Parties:*

European People's Party: **Joseph DAUL (FR)** and MEP **Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ WHITE (ES)** were

re-elected President and Secretary-General of the Party respectively. The ten Vice-Presidents who were elected are:

- Commissioners: **Johannes HAHN (AT)**, **Jyrki KATAINEN (FI)** and **Marianne THYSSEN (BE)**
- MEPs: **David Mcallister (DE)**, **Antonio TAJANI (IT)**, **Jacek Saryusz-Wolski (PL)**, **Kinga Gál (HU)** and **Paulo RANGEL (PT)**
- Ex-MEP **Corien WORTMANN-KOOL**
- Irish Minister of State for European Affairs and Data Protection **Dara MURPHY**

*Rapporteurs:*

**Theresa GRIFFIN (S&D, UK)** confirmed as Rapporteur on the New Deal for Energy Consumers Communication.

**European Commission:**

*Cabinets:*

Corina Crețu's team: Gabriel ONACA left his position as Deputy Head of Cabinet.

*Directorate Generals:*

Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI) – Directorate G Rural development programmes II: **Neda SKAKELJA** is the new head of Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Sweden Unit, replacing **Søren KISSMEYER-NIELSEN**.

European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) – Directorate B Investigations II: **Ernesto BIANCHI** is the new Director, replacing **Nicholas ILETT**.

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE) – Directorate A Policy Development and Co-ordination: **Joost PAARDEKOOPER** is the new acting Head of Common fisheries policy and aquaculture Unit, replacing **Ernesto BIANCHI**.

Secretariat-General: **Maud SCELO**, currently Financial Services and Capital Markets Union press officer in the Spokesperson's Service, will join the UK Task Force as of 1 November.

**European External Action Service (EEAS):**

**Pedro SERRANO** appointed Deputy Secretary General for CSDP and Crisis Response as of 1 November 2015, replacing **Maciej POPOWSKI**.

EU Delegation to the United Nations - New York: Ambassador **João VALE DE ALMEIDA** took up his role as Head of Delegation on 16 October, replacing Thomas MAYR-HARTING.

**European Central Bank (ECB):**

Governing and General Councils: **Philip LANE** appointed as the new Irish Governor and therefore he joins both Councils in replacement to **Patrick HONOHAN**.

***What's New:*** **Michael DIEMER** appointed first Chief Services Officer as of 1 January 2016. The new

role of Chief Services Officer will manage all administrative services, IT services, human resources and a newly created finance business area. He will report to the ECB Executive Board.

#### **European Agencies:**

Fusion for Energy: **Johannes SCHWEMMER** appointed as new Director on 21 October 2015 for a five-year term, replacing **Pietro BARABASCHI**.

#### **Public Affairs:**

Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP): **David BALDOCK** will be stepping down from his role as Director of the Institute in 2016.

SME Europe: MEP **Bendt BENDTSEN (EPP, DE)** was elected during the EPP Congress in Madrid as the new President.

#### **News in a nutshell:**

*Poland:* will hold a parliamentary election on Sunday 25 October. The main political parties are the ruling centre-right Civic Platform (EPP), the right-wing Law and Justice (ECR), the centre-right Polish People's Party (EPP), which is currently the junior partner in the Civic Platform-led coalition government.

*Portugal:* President **Anibal CAVACO SILVA**, Social Democratic Party (EPP), asked incumbent Prime Minister **Pedro PASSOS COELHO**, Social Democratic Party (EPP) to form a government despite his lack of parliamentary majority.

*United Kingdom:* Prime Minister **David CAMERON**, Conservative (ECR) promised that he will set out his proposals for EU reform in early November.

*Plenary session:* MEPs are heading to Strasbourg from Monday 26 to Thursday 29.



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