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### Vítor Caldeira

**President of the European Court of Auditors**

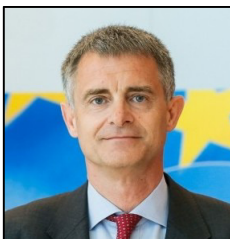
Vítor Caldeira was appointed as a Member of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in 2000. He is currently serving in his third term as President of the European Court of Auditors, after originally being elected in January 2008. As President of the Court, he is responsible for chairing Court meetings and ensuring its decisions are implemented, supervising the performance of the Court's work, and representing the Court in its external relations with other institutions of the European Union and Supreme Audit Institutions. Prior to his appointment to the ECA, Mr Caldeira was the Deputy Inspector General of Finance at the Portuguese Ministry of Finance.



### Maroš Šefčovič

**European Commission Vice-President for Energy Union**

Maroš Šefčovič is a Slovak career diplomat and, since November 2014, Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Energy Union. In this capacity, he leads the 'Energy Union' project team within the Commission, which is comprised of 14 Commissioners. From 2010 to 2014 he was Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of Inter-Institutional Relations and Administration. In 2009-2010, he was European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth. From 2004 to 2009, he was the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the European Union. A diplomat by profession, he served between 1992 and 2004 in Zimbabwe and Canada, and as an Ambassador to Israel. He graduated from the University of Economy in Bratislava and the Moscow State Institute for Foreign Relations. He holds a degree as Doctor of Law and a PhD of European Law from Comenius University. He also studied at Stanford University, USA. He has recently published a book on his first mandate as Vice-President entitled, *Driving the EU forward – straight talks with Maroš Šefčovič*.



### Alberto Pototschnig

**Director of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)**

As Director of ACER, Mr Pototschnig prepares the work of the Administrative Board. He adopts and publishes the opinions, recommendations and decisions that have received a favourable opinion of the Board of Regulators. Before joining the Agency, he was a Partner in Mercados EMI, a Madrid-based international consultancy specialising in the energy sector. He has previously worked at the Italian Transmission System Operators, the Italian International Regulatory Authority, AEEG, and as CEO of the Italian Electricity Market Operator.



## Leigh Hancher

**Professor of European Law at the University of Tilberg and is also attached to the Amsterdam Office of Allen & Overy LLP as Counsel**

Leigh Hancher has lectured on European and national electricity law issues throughout Europe, North America and Japan at both academic and commercial conferences and has published widely on electricity law in many leading journals. Professor Hancher has also acted as an advisor to the European Commission and the European Parliament on energy issues. Her expertise lies at the intersection between competition law and sector-specific regulation, with a particular emphasis on access pricing and conditions, State aid and cross-subsidisation.



## Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk

**Head of the Energy project at the Polish Institute of International Affairs**

Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk has a PhD in Economics and MA in Administration. Her research interests concentrate on the EU's energy policy, with particular emphasis on the internal market, both in electricity and gas, as well as EU energy security and the concept of Energy Union. Her recent work focused on the research project "Nuclear Energy in Poland: Balance Sheet and Future Outlook," which resulted in a report covering findings of public opinion research, both quantitative and qualitative, taken by the PISM. She dealt with the issues of domestic energy sector and regional electricity markets as a former employee of the Energy Regulatory Office in Poland



## Erki Must

**European Court of Auditor's transport and energy performance audit unit**

Erki Must is the task leader of European Court of Auditors' performance audit, "Has the security of energy supply been effectively improved by EU internal energy market policy measures and spending on energy interconnectors and storage infrastructure?" He joined the ECA in 2005 and works in the Energy and Transport performance audit unit of the Court of Auditors. Must has a MA degree in political science.



## Péter Balás

**Head of the Support Group for Ukraine**

Péter Balás joined the European Commission in November 2005 and was Deputy Director-General in DG Trade until July 2014. Since April 2014, he has been Head of the Support Group for Ukraine. From 2002 to 2005 he was Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the WTO. Between 1994 and 2002, he was working first at the Ministry of Economy and later at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Budapest. He was appointed Deputy State Secretary for international economic relations in 1996. Péter Balás was also Director-General from 1991 to 1994 in the Ministry of International Economic Relations in Budapest. In the period 1991-1986 he worked in Geneva as Deputy Head of the GATT Representation of Hungary. Prior to this, from 1982 to 1986, he held the post of Director at the Ministry of Foreign Trade. Mr Balás holds a Doctor's degree in Economics from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences.



## László Varró

**Head of Gas, Coal and Power Division of the International Energy Agency**

The division undertakes the analysis of gas, coal and electricity markets and policy developments with a special focus on supply-demand balance, capacity investments, supply security issues as well as the implications of climate policy for the gas and electricity systems. Before joining the IEA in 2011, László worked in the private sector as the Director for Strategy Development at MOL Group, a publicly quoted integrated energy company. Before MOL Group, he was the Head of Economics and Price Regulation at the Hungarian Energy Office, the national gas and electricity regulator in Hungary. László is an economist by training with graduate degrees from the Corvinus University in Budapest and the University of Cambridge.



## Francis Joret

**Head of the Pre-accession and Neighbourhood Policies Unit at the European Court of Auditors**

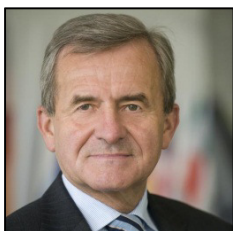
Francis Joret is the head of the Pre-accession and Neighbourhood Policies unit at the European Court of Auditors, which is conducting a performance audit on “EU Assistance to Ukraine”. He has worked at the ECA since 1991, and has been involved in various financial and performance audits of EU own resources, agriculture expenditure, and external assistance to candidate and neighbourhood countries. He received his Masters in Management at the Catholic University of Louvain in 1976.



## Gerassimos Thomas

**Deputy Director-General of DG Energy**

Gerassimos Thomas was appointed as Deputy Director General in DG Energy in September 2014. Prior to his current assignment he had professional assignments as: Director for Finance and cooperation with EIB Group, EBRD and IFIs in the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN); member of the EIB and EIF Board of Directors and observer at the EFSF Board (2009-14); Head of cabinet of Joaquin Almunia, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs (2006-2009); Head of unit - free movement of capital and financial integration in the Directorate-General of Internal Market and Services (DG MARKT) (2004-2006); Deputy Spokesman for Commission President Romano Prodi (2003-2004) and Spokesman for economic and monetary affairs under Commissioner Pedro Solbes (1999-2004). He has studied economics, business administration and international relations in Athens, London and Brussels.



## Szabolcs Fazakas

**Hungarian Member of the European Court of Auditors**

Szabolcs Fazakas is a Member of Chamber III of the Court, which focuses on external actions. He is the responsible member for the ECA’s performance audit, “EU Assistance to Ukraine.”



## Phil Wynn Owen

**UK Member of the European Court of Auditors**

Phil Wynn Owen is a Member of Chamber II of the Court, which focuses on structural policies, transport and energy. He is the responsible member for the ECA’s performance audit, “Has the security of energy supply been effectively improved by EU internal energy market policy measures and spending on energy interconnectors and storage infrastructure?”