

Profiles of the Speakers

David O'SULLIVAN

Director General, DG TRADE, European Commission

David O'Sullivan is currently the European Commission's Director General for Trade. His services support the EU's Trade Commissioner, Peter Mandelson, in negotiating bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, ensuring that foreign markets are open for EU businesses and that the international rules agreed are actually applied, so that trade policy contributes to the Commission's headline goals of prosperity, solidarity and security both in the EU and around the world. The post of Director General for Trade has brought David O'Sullivan back to the Department in which he started his Commission career, first in Brussels and then in the Commission's Tokyo office.

David O'Sullivan was Secretary General of the European Commission from June 2000 to November 2005, Head of Cabinet of Commission President Romano Prodi and Director General for Education and Training. He also has extensive experience in EU social and employment policy. Mr O'Sullivan has a background in economics, graduating from Trinity College, Dublin and having completed postgraduate studies at the College of Europe, Bruges. He holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Dublin Institute of Technology. He is also a Member of the Consultative Board of the Institute for International Integration Studies at Trinity College, Dublin.

Aad L. GOUDRIAAN

President of DAF Trucks

Chairman of ACEA Commercial Vehicle Board

Aad Goudriaan has been President of DAF Trucks since 2005. Additionally, he has also been Vice President of PACCAR. Between 2002 and 2005, Aad Goudriaan occupied different positions at DAF Trucks N.V. where he was successively Director of Operations, Member of the Board of Management and President. He began his career at DAF in 1989.

Prior to that, he has worked at various positions related to the offshore industry at Heerema/McDermott International.

He holds a BA degree in Nautical Technical Engineering and a Masters' degree in Business Administration Nijenrode/Wharton University.

Daniel CASPARY

Member of the European Parliament (PPE-DE, DE)

Daniel Caspary is a member of the EP Committee on International Trade and a substitute of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy.

He is a member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union of the German Bundestag since 2007. He is also a member of the European Energy Forum since 2004. From 2002 to 2004, he was an authorized representative of the MVV Energie AG.

During his studies in technical economics at the University of Karlsruhe, Daniel Caspary was committed in local politics, being District Chairman of the Junge Union for Nordbaden, then Assistant to the Vice-Chairman of the Christian Democratic Parliamentary Group in the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg.

Reinhard SCHULTE-BRAUCKS

Head of the Automotive Industry Unit, DG Enterprise, European Commission

Dr Reinhard Schulte-Braucks has been head of the Automotive Industry Unit of the Commission's Enterprise Directorate-General since April 2004. He looks after the industry's competitiveness and is responsible for regulations relating to the type approval of motor vehicles and tractors. At the European Commission, Dr Schulte-Braucks has worked in the areas of anti-trust, completion of the internal market and enterprise policy. Among other things, he was involved in abolishing the steel quota system, deregulating the telecommunications industry and formulating the Commission's proposals for a new system of control of chemicals (REACH).

Before joining the Commission in 1981, he worked as a member of the Law department of Munich Reinsurance Company. He graduated in Law after studies at the Universities of Freiburg and Lausanne. He also earned a Master of Laws degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Doctor in Law degree from the University of Göttingen.

Juan RAMOS GARCIA

Chief Technology Section, Transport Division & Secretary to WP.29, UNECE

Juan Ramos Garcia has been working at the UNECE since 1998 when he started as Economic Affairs Officer before becoming Chief of the Technology Section of the Transport Division. All that time, he has also been Secretary to the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

From 1977 to 1998, he worked for the Spanish Ministry of Industry and Energy in Madrid where he was responsible for Motor Vehicle Type Approval and Periodical Technical Inspection, excepted for the years 1992 to 1996 when he was responsible for the development of Directives on vehicle's active and passive safety at the Economic Commission of the European Union in Brussels.

Juan Ramos Garcia graduated from the Madrid Polytechnic University in mechanical engineering.

Andreas RENSCHLER

Board of Management Daimler AG, responsible for Daimler Trucks

Andreas Renschler has been a member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG since October 1, 2004 and is responsible for Daimler Trucks.

He started his career at Daimler in 1988 at the Organization and Data Processing department and has occupied different positions in the company since. He was previously Executive Vice President of the Mercedes Car Group and Head of Business of the Unit Smart gmbh in 1999 until 2004.

Before joining Daimler, Andreas Renschler obtained an MBA at the Eberhard-Karls University Tübingen. He studied Economic Engineering and graduated from Technical College Esslingen.

Fotis KARAMITSOS
Director, DG TREN, European Commission.

Fotis Karamitsos is Director of the Logistics, Innovation, Co-modality and Maritime Transport Directorate (G) within the Directorate General Energy and Transport (DG TREN) of the European Commission.

The Directorate is responsible for the development and follow-up of the implementation of Maritime transport policy and Inland Waterways, but also Intelligent Transport Systems and GALILEO, Logistics, Coordination of Energy and Transport RTD. It also covers policy on Urban Transport and Clean Vehicles.

Fotis Karamitsos is with the European Commission for the last 25 years, where he has worked on various Transport issues, as well on Telecommunications, Information society, Environment and Tourism.

Before joining the Commission he worked with the World Health Organisation's programme on Greater Athens Pollution Control and on the Greek Academic and Public Sectors.

He holds degrees in Civil Engineering and Transportation planning from the Technical University of Athens and from Leeds University.

Arild B. IVERSEN
President & CEO of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics AS

Arild B. Iversen was appointed President & Chief Executive Officer of Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics as of April 1, 2007. He is based at the company's corporate headquarters in Oslo, Norway.

From 2003-2007 he was Group Vice President for Shipping and Logistics at Wilh. Wilhelmsen ASA.

Mr Iversen has held various positions with the Wilh. Wilhelmsen group since 1979, including 18 years in liner services. He also had the responsibility for international marketing and customer contact.

From 1995-1999 he was head of the Wilh. Wilhelmsen office in Singapore

Mr Iversen is a business graduate of the Norwegian School of Management (BI).

Jorma HALONEN
Vice President of AB Volvo & Deputy CEO, Volvo Group

Mr Halonen is Executive Vice President of AB Volvo and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Volvo Group since 1 November 2004. Prior to that he has been President & CEO of Volvo Truck Corporation between 2001-2004. Mr Halonen is Chairman of Mack Trucks, Volvo Buses, Nissan Diesel, Volvo (China) Investment Company and Volvo Asia Truck Operations. He is member of the Boards of Volvo Trucks, Volvo Trucks North America, Renault Trucks, Volvo Construction Equipment and Volvo Financial Services.

Prior to joining Volvo, Jorma Halonen held various positions within Scania between 1990-2001, becoming President & CEO for Scania Latin America in 1998.

Mr Halonen holds a Bachelor of Science (Economics) from Helsinki (Swedish) School of Economics, Finland.