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Nick Winsor

President of ENTSO-E; CEO National Grid (UK)

Nick joined the Board of National Grid in April 2003 as Group Director responsible for UK and US Transmission operations and, prior to this, he was Chief Operating Officer of US Transmission for National Grid. Nick has extensive international experience in both the EU and the US. He has been National Grid's Assembly Member of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity since 2009 and was elected as its President in June 2013. Nick is also a member of Commissioner Oettinger's CEO group on the EU Infrastructure Package and the Energy Roadmap to 2050, and is the Chairman of CIGRE UK (International Council on Large Electric Systems).

Nick joined National Grid Company plc in 1993, becoming Director of Engineering in 2001. Prior to this, Nick started his career with the state owned Central Electricity Generating Board in 1983 where he served in a variety of technical engineering roles.

Nick joined the Board of Kier Group as a Non-Executive Director in 2009.



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Magdalena Andreea Strachinescu Olteanu

Head of Unit, New energy technologies, innovation and clean coal, DG Energy, European Commission

Andreea Strachinescu works with the European Commission in the Directorate General for Energy as Head of Unit for new energy technologies, being responsible for the development of the policy and actions on non-nuclear energy research and innovation.

Ms. Strachinescu studied mechanical engineering and business administration in Bucharest, Romania and she has a Master of Science in International Economics from H.E.C. Montreal, Canada.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Ms. Strachinescu worked for public administration in Romania and Canada, in the field of economic development and international trade policies and actions.



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Roland Festor

EU Affairs Director at OGP

A French citizen, Roland has an engineering degree from the École Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées in Paris and comes to OGP with 35 years of industry experience.

Mr Festor began his career as a structural engineer before joining Total's Exploration & Production division in 1977. He led the company's operations in the United Kingdom (where Total is one of the biggest oil & gas producers), Indonesia and Angola before completing his time at Total as Senior Adviser within the Africa Division.

A long-time proponent of upstream safety, he served on the board of Oil & Gas UK until 2011 and was part of its 'Step Change for Safety' leadership team. He has also held positions in several other national oil & gas associations. Mr Festor was recently elected as a non-executive director of Oil Spill Response Limited, the cross-industry body set up to quickly respond to spill emergencies.