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### **Jerzy Kurella**

*Vice-President of the Management Board, acting CEO*

Mr Kurella was appointed Vice-President of the Management Board of PGNiG SA on the 14 June 2013. He is also a Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Board of EuRoPol GAZ SA.

In 2002–2007, he worked for PGNiG in such capacities as Managing Director for Legal Support and Managing Director for Negotiations, being responsible for the legal aspects of unbundling of the transmission system operator, debt restructuring, repurchase of Eurobonds and listing of the Company shares on the Stock Exchange.

From 2007, he served as Member of the Management Board, and then as Vice-President of the Management Board of BOT GiE S.A., being responsible for the BOT Group's strategy and integration, its management and development, including supervision of the IT Department and Central Purchasing and Logistics Department, as well as legal support of BOT.

From September 2008, he held the position of President of the Management Board of Wojskowe Towarzystwo Budownictwa Społecznego Sp. z o.o., and from 2009 to June 2012 he was employed as Vice-President of the Management Board of Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego. From July 1st 2012, he served as Adviser to the President of the BGK Management Board. He has sat as a member or chairman on multiple supervisory boards of such companies as PF-K Gaskon S.A., Investgas.S.A., BOT GiE S.A., BOT Elektrownia Turów S.A, BOT Elektrownia Bełchatów S.A., KUKI S.A. and Krajowy Fundusz Kapitałowy S.A.

He graduated in Law and Administration at Warsaw University.



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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.