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Razvan Nicolescu appointed Chair of the Administrative Board of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

At the 16th Administrative Board meeting which took place today in Ljubljana, Razvan Nicolescu and Piotr Woźniak were appointed respectively Chair and Vice-Chair of ACER's Administrative Board, which is in charge of the Agency's governance. The Board appoints the Director of ACER, adopts the Agency's work programme and exercises budgetary powers.

The newly appointed Chair is currently Romania's Minister for Energy and was previously the Board's Vice-Chair between 2010 and 2014. He was designated as member of the Administrative Board by the Council on the European Union in December 2009.

Razvan Nicolescu graduated from the Power Engineering Faculty of the Politehnica University of Bucharest. Between 2006 - 2008 he attended the MBA programme of Solvay Business School. His entire career has been related to the energy sector in which he has held various positions, including those of Director of the biggest Romanian Oil company (Petrom) and of Romania's representative to the EU for energy issues.

Upon his appointment, Mr Nicolescu stated: "I thank my colleagues for their confidence and the former chairman for the great job done. I will put all my energy in achieving the success of the Agency. ACER has a crucial role in the completion of the internal market. The EU institutions responsible, the European Commission, European Council and European Parliament should ensure that the Agency has the required resources to fulfil its tasks."

Piotr Woźniak is a former Minister of Economy of Poland. He was designated by the Council of the EU as member of the Administrative Board in 2009.

On the occasion of the nominations, Lord Mogg, Chair of the Agency's Board of Regulators, commented: "I have been inspired by the close collaboration between the Administrative Board, the Director and the Board of Regulators, each respecting their competencies. I welcome the appointment of Razvan Nicolescu as Chair and Piotr Woźniak as Vice-Chair of the Administrative Board and I am sure that they will further the present collaboration."

Today three new Administrative Board Members and Alternates participated in their first meeting: Jochen Penker (Director at the Austrian Ministry of Economy), Pál Kovács (Deputy Minister of Hungary) and Romas Švedas (former Deputy Ambassador of Lithuania to the EU).

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