

### **Designation of ACER's first Director**

On 6 May 2010, the Administrative Board of the [Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators](#) (ACER) designated Mr Alberto Pototschnig as the first Director of ACER, following a favourable opinion from the ACER Board of Regulators. His term of office is 5 years (renewable once for up to 3 years).

Mr Alberto Pototschnig is currently Chair and CEO of Mercados EMI Europe. He has worked on regulatory and related issues in a number of different capacities over a long period, including with the Italian Energy Regulatory Authority (AEEG) during its early days; as the first CEO of the Italian Electricity Market Operator; and as advisor to the Italian Government. Since 2004, he is an advisor to the Florence School of Regulation. He is an econometrician by training.

*The newly elected ACER Board of Regulators' Chair, Lord Mogg stated:*

*"We warmly welcome the designation of Mr. Pototschnig as the Agency's first Director who is charged with setting up and managing the Agency. He can count on the full support of all national regulators represented in the Agency's Board of Regulators. Much has been achieved over past 10 years through the framework of CEER and ERGEG. With ACER, the previous cross-border regulatory gap will be addressed and energy market integration should move up a gear. Work is already well underway on 10-year network development plans in electricity and gas and the first ever EU-wide framework guidelines for network codes."*