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The new book, Directory of Public Life – Europe 2010/2011, contains an Index by Subjects in English in addition to the German subject index. The second German-English edition offers a concise overview of the new institutional architecture and personnel of Europe with 200 new entries, from A. “European Union”, to E. “Economy“, J. “Citizens and Citizens’ Activities”, and P. “Culture and Arts”, as well as other significant changes: new European Commissioners, an overview of European finance and banking, international development aid, renewable energy, the range of student organizations and those Christian communities not belonging to ecumenism.

The first person elected to be President of the European Council as the representative of all of the governments of EU member states is the Belgian Christian Democrat, Herman Van Rompuy; the Socialists provided the first European Foreign Minister, Catherine Ashton (GB), who holds the official title of “*High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security and Vice-President of the Commission*”.

In a lengthy process starting on 27 November 2009, the new EU Commission (2009-2014) designated and gathered – with the consent of the European Parliament – under the guidance of its already acting President, Dr. José Manuel [Durão Barroso](http://www.durao-barroso.eu) (PT), on 17 February 2010 for its first meeting. There were also numerous personnel changes within

the Directorate-Generals of the 26 European Commissioners: Two brand new Directorate-Generals have been added, *Climate Action CLIMA* and *Energy ENER*.

In view of the serious debt and financial problems of some of the Member States, EU governments have agreed to reform the system of financial supervision; three supervisors are supposed to monitor banks, insurance companies and securities: the *European Systemic Risk Board ESRB* in Frankfurt am Main, the *Committee of European Banking Supervisors CEBS* in London, the *Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors CEIOPS* in Frankfurt am Main and the *Committee of European Securities Regulators CESR* in Paris. The European Parliament created the *Special Committee on the Financial Economic and Social Crisis CRIS*. The finance ministers of the twenty most influential industrial and emerging countries (G20) are now joined together in a *Group of Twenty Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors*.

Because the use of renewable energy by the EU and in many other states will be highly forced, such as through energy efficiency action plans, Directory of Public Life – Europe 2010/2011 also lists other associations based in Brussels: the *European Forum for Renewable Energy Sources EUROFORES* and the *European Federation of regional agencies for energy and the environment /Fédération européenne des agences régionales de l'énergie et de l'environnement FEDARENE*. (H. Nature and Environment).

In a new chapter, “*Other Christian Communities*,” in addition to the Ecumenical religions, the *New Apostolic Church International* in Zurich (11 million members) and the *The Christian Community International* in Berlin (35,000 members) are included; the chapter also includes the new revelation communities, i.e. *The First Church of Christ and Scientist TFCCS* in Boston (400,000 members).

In the field of life sciences, energy and the environment, there is the 10 year old *European Academies' Science Advisory Council EASAC*, a federation of national academies of EU States which in spring 2010 transferred its headquarters from London to Halle at the German Academy of Sciences, Leopoldina e.V.

The *European Committee for Iron and Steel ECISS* in Brussels has a new structure: the committees have been newly designated along national standard-setting institutions in Dusseldorf, London, Milan and Saint-Denis La Plaine Cedex (FR). Two important new

entries in the completely revised edition of the new Directory of Public Life – Europe 2010/2011 are dedicated to the two Holocaust memorials and concentration camp documentation centers, the *Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum/Państwowe Muzeum w Oświęcimiu-Brzezince in Poland* and the *Memorial in Theresienstadt (Terezin) / Památník Terezín* in the Czech Republic.