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### **Senior Expert Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission**

Mr. Piper is currently a senior expert for international energy relations in the Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission. He is responsible in particular for the implementation of the energy co-operation agenda with Canada and the United States. He also handles general external energy security issues and the external dimension of the EU's energy policy.

Mr. Piper is a graduate of Leeds University in the UK where he studied International History and Politics. Following twelve years in the private sector in the UK, he joined the Directorate General for Energy of the European Commission in 1991 where he handled coal issues. In 1998 and 1999 he worked at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris on international coal issues, where he was responsible for relations with the Coal Industry Advisory Board (CIAB). Upon his return to the European Commission, he worked briefly on coal policy and state aid issues, before transferring at the start of 2000 to the maritime policy unit in the newly merged Directorate General for Energy and Transport. In January 2001 he was reassigned to work as the assistant to the European Commission's co-ordinator on developing the newly-launched EU-Russia Energy Dialogue.

From 2003 onwards, he also began to work on wider external energy issues, including being a major contributor to the Commission Communication on the development of energy policy for the enlarged European Union, its neighbours and partner countries. He assisted in the preparation and follow up of the 2005 Memorandum of Understanding on Energy with Ukraine, on energy issues in the context of the regional Baku Initiative (countries of Central Asia, Southern Caucasus, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova) and with China (specifically on the MoU on Carbon Capture and Storage, and on the Joint Declaration on Climate Change). He was also responsible for the work of the EU-Russia Energy Dialogue's Thematic Groups on the investments and the infrastructures and the joint reports that were produced by these two groups at the end of 2006.

In 2007 he transferred to the External Relations Directorate General where he worked on the general promotion of an EU external energy policy and, more particularly, on energy relations with the countries of the Eastern ENP, Russia and Central Asia.

In September 2010, he transferred back to the Directorate General for Energy to work in the International Relations unit before being appointed to his current position in December 2015.