

EC to create separate energy directorate

The European Commission has decided to create a separate Directorate General for energy in 2009, according to EC spokesperson Johannes Laitenberger. At present energy is handled by the wider directorate general for transport and energy, although Andris Piebalgs is a dedicated energy commissioner. "The EC has decided to create a separate DG for energy, as an autonomous directorate in 2009. This will be subject to the work of a task force that will present its results in May 2009, and sometime in 2009 we expect the new DG Energy will become operational," Laitenberger says. He says the EC currently has no other plans for structural changes, such as the creation of a climate directorate to mirror the new energy directorate.

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