



## WEB SEMINAR ENERGY

### PHILIP LOWE

*Former Director general for Energy 2010-2014 and for Competition 2002-2010, European Commission*

Philip Lowe was born in Leeds in 1947. He read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at St John's College, Oxford and has an M. Sc. from London Business School.

In 1968, he started his professional career in the manufacturing industry. He also followed the two-year M.Sc. Programme at London Business School.

At the end of 1973, he joined the European Commission where he worked in the fields of loans and borrowings, steel restructuring and regional development before becoming Chef de Cabinet of Bruce Millan, European Commissioner for Regional Policies in 1989.

In 1991, he was appointed Director of Rural Development in the Directorate General for Agriculture.

From 1993 to 1995, he was Director of the Merger Task Force in the Directorate General for Competition.

In January 1995, he was seconded to be Chef de Cabinet of Neil Kinnock, European Commissioner for Transport and Transeuropean Networks.

In December 1997, he was appointed Director General for Development; he was responsible in particular for the negotiation of the EU-ACP Cotonou Partnership Agreement and the EU-South Africa Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement.

In June 2000, he was appointed Chef de Cabinet to Vice-President Neil Kinnock, who is responsible for the administrative reform of the Commission.

From September 2002 he was Director-General of the Competition DG until he took up his current appointment as Director-General of the Energy DG in February 2010.