

Dr. Alexander Italianer

Prior to becoming Director General for Competition on 18 February 2010, Alexander Italianer was from 2006 Deputy Secretary General in charge of the Better Regulation Agenda and Chairman of the Impact Assessment Board.

He holds a graduate degree in econometrics and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Groningen (the Netherlands), and was a research associate at the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL) before joining the European Commission in 1985. After 10 years in its Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs, he worked successively in the cabinets of President Santer, Commissioner Verheugen, Commissioner Telička and President Barroso, interrupted by a brief spell, from 2002-2004, as director for International Economic and Financial Affairs.