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Guntram Wolff appointed Director of Bruegel

Bruegel's members yesterday confirmed the decision of its Board of 13 May 2013 to appoint Guntram Wolff as Director. Dr. Wolff replaces Jean Pisani-Ferry, who left Bruegel at the end of April to take up a position in the French government. This appointment is the culmination of a search process begun in November 2012, led by [José Manuel Campa](#).

Guntram Wolff responded to his appointment with the following statement: "I would like to thank the Board and members for the confidence they are entrusting in me. I will strive to support each Bruegel team member in achieving their fullest potential under my leadership and ensure that Bruegel scholars will continue providing excellent and innovative policy recommendations. Bruegel's strength lies in our close interactions with our members."

Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the Board, said: "This moment of leadership change is a crucial one for Bruegel. I trust the choice made unanimously by the Board to be the best one possible for the think-tank and its future. And I trust Guntram to steer the institution through changing waters and help it maintain and surpass its reputation as a source of quality, open, evidence-based and policy-relevant research."

The Director is responsible for the management of Bruegel. He is appointed for a period of three years, twice renewable.

Bio

Guntram Wolff was Deputy Director of Bruegel from July 2011 to April 2013 and Acting Director during May-June 2013. His research focuses on the EU economy and governance, macroeconomics and global finance. He joined Bruegel from the European Commission, where he worked on the macroeconomics and governance reforms of the euro area. Prior, he was an economist at the Deutsche Bundesbank, where he coordinated the research team on fiscal policy. He also worked as an adviser to the International Monetary Fund. He is currently a member of the French prime minister's Conseil d'Analyse Economique, teaches at Université Libre de Bruxelles and serves on the advisory board of the European Studies center of Corvinus University Budapest. He holds a PhD from the University of Bonn, studied economics in Bonn, Toulouse, Pittsburgh and Passau and previously taught economics at the University of Pittsburgh. Guntram is fluent in German, English, French and has good notions of Bulgarian and Spanish.

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