



# **The Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission: Results of an experiment**

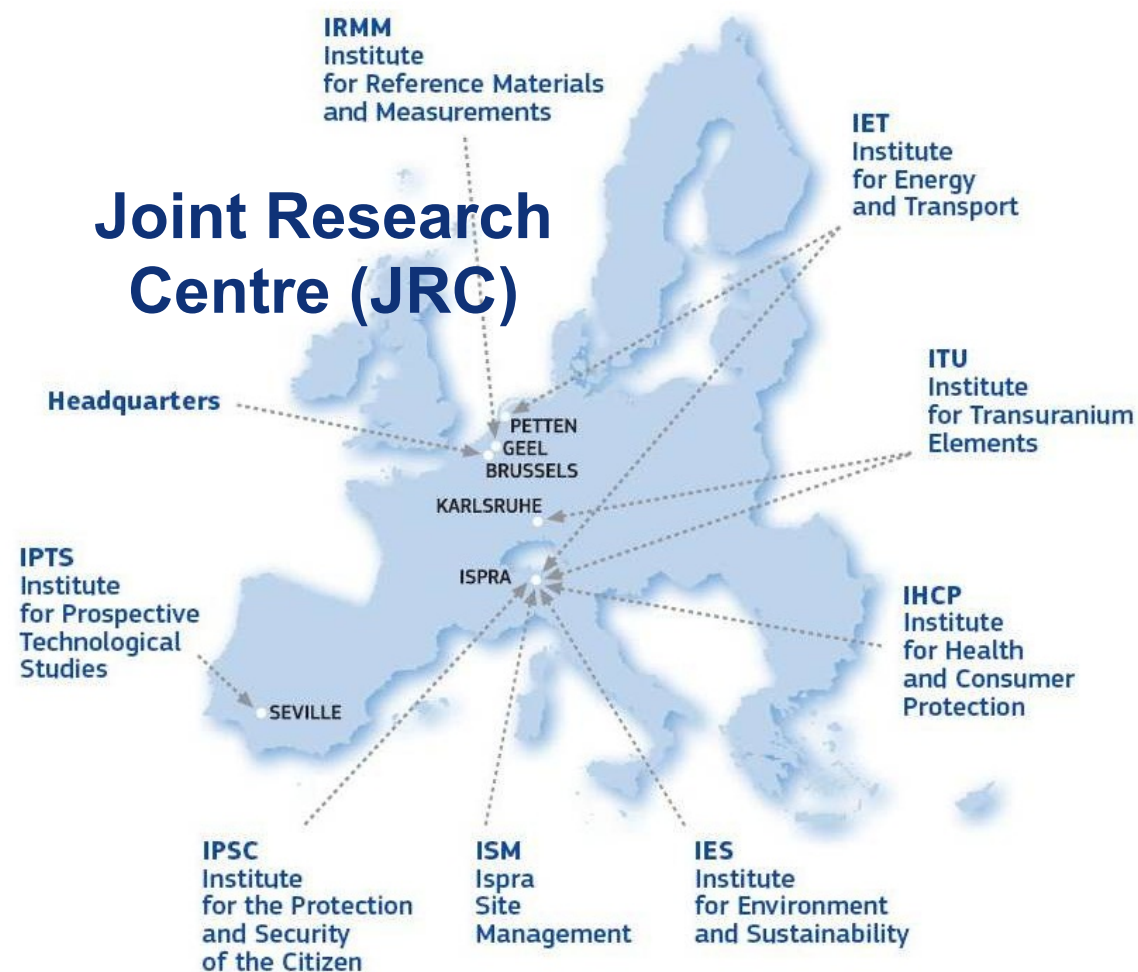
***Dr Jan Marco Müller  
European Commission***



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## Science advice in the Commission didn't start with the CSA



The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the **in-house science service** of the European Commission. The mission of the JRC is to **provide scientific-technical support** to European policies, throughout all stages of the policy cycle. The JRC is independent of national or private interests.

- Founded in 1957
- 7 Institutes in 5 countries
- 3000 staff
- Budget: 375 M Euro / year  
+ 78 M earned income



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## 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Pr

*The Panel would like to see the JRC play a key role in identifying the future problems and needs of the policy making process.*

*To achieve this important objective the Panel suggests that the JRC should go through the classical pattern in which a research institution is not expected to act as a policy advisor in the policy processes.*

*The Panel urges the President and the Commission to make its links to university knowledge go beyond the traditional to exercise a proactive policy advice role. For example, the creation of a "Chief Scientific Adviser to the Commission" within the Commission's profile Chief Scientific Adviser response to the Commission.*

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## EU needs 'br

By Pallab Ghosh  
Science correspondent, BBC

European commissioner  
MEPs need better, more  
"brutal" scientific advice  
UK government's chief  
has said.

Professor John Beddington  
that Europe should follow  
president's lead and step  
scientific agenda.

"Compared with the new  
Washington line-up, Europe  
science advice looks very  
deficient," he said.

Professor Beddington is  
efforts to update Europe's  
and is calling for more  
independent advisers.

US President Barack Obama  
scientists to senior position  
policy.

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COMMISSION  
European  
Research Area

## Preparing Europe for a New Renaissance A Strategic View of the European Research Area

First Report of the European Research Area Board – 2009

### The ERA Milestones

We will know the ERA is a shared responsibility in 2030 when we see:

- The EU has a fully functioning, independent Chief Scientific Advisor, supporting its decision-making with the best available evidence, horizon-scanning and future scenario planning.
- A more educated citizenry is trained in science and technology issues to be able to participate in policy debate.



***"We also need a fundamental review of the way European institutions access and use scientific advice.***

***In the next Commission, I want to set up a Chief Scientific Adviser who has the power to deliver proactive, scientific advice throughout all stages of policy development and delivery.***

***This will reflect the central importance I attach to research and innovation."***



***- José Manuel Barroso, 15 September 2009***



[...]

Honourable Members,

I have committed to translating these priorities into the organisation of the next College, once I have been confirmed by the European Parliament. But I can already share with you today my commitment to some organisational changes:

**I will create a Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Civil Liberties** including citizens' and minority rights, as a reflection that the EU is a community of rights and values.

**I will also create a Commissioner for Internal Affairs and Migration, including security.** One of the key tasks of this Commissioner will be to develop a truly common approach to migration in line with the political guidelines – promoting the integration of legal migrants, fighting illegal migration and related criminal activities, and ensuring solidarity between Member States.

**I will set up a Commissioner for Climate Action,** to reflect the fact that climate change is a challenge that needs to be addressed across the whole range of our policies. A dedicated Commissioner for Climate Action will also send an important signal to the world that, independent of the level of ambition that comes out of Copenhagen, Europe is serious about maintaining momentum for action.

We also need a fundamental review of the way European institutions access and use scientific advice. In the next Commission, **I want to set up a chief scientific adviser** who has the power to deliver proactive, scientific advice throughout all stages of policy development and delivery. This will reflect the central importance I attach to research and innovation.

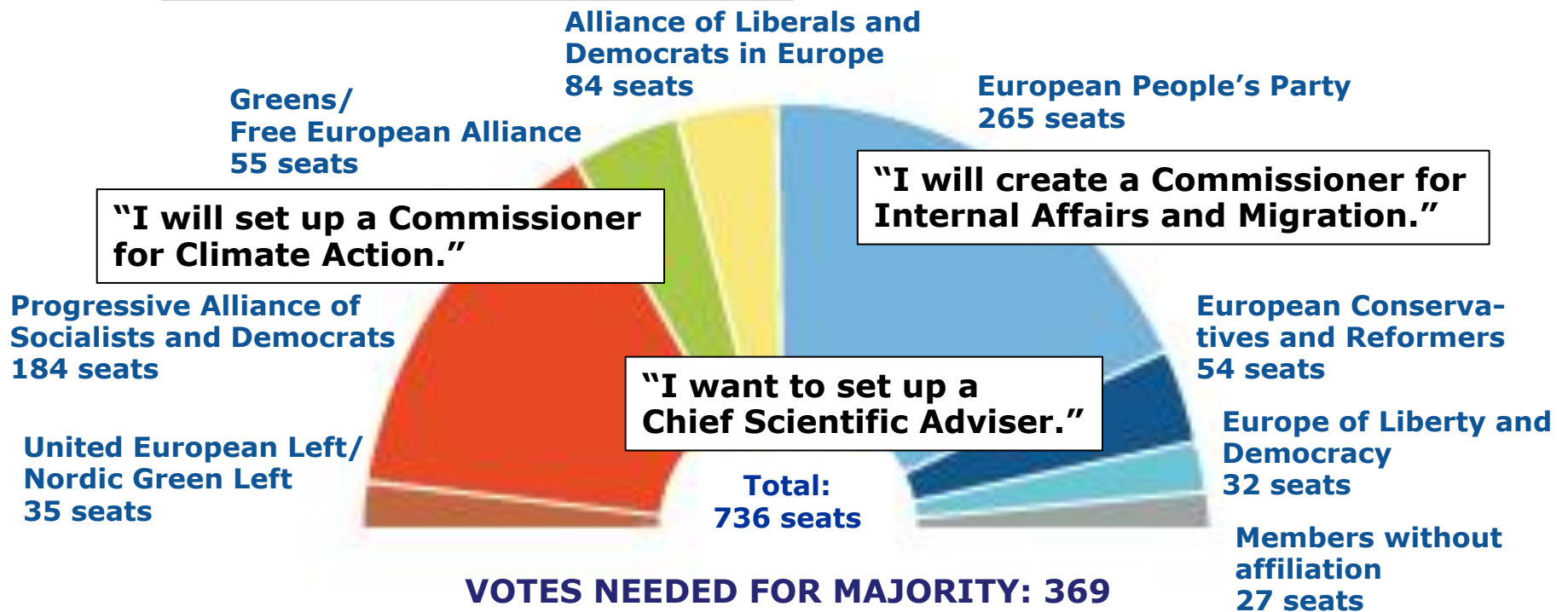




# Composition of the European Parliament in September 2009

**"I will create a Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Civil Liberties."**

**President Barroso was re-elected with 382 votes.**





## DISCUSSION PAPER

**A Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to the European Commission:**

**Background, requirements and options for implementation**

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## II. 1 Scope of a CSA in the European Commission

As function of the options discussed later the CSA could have the following tasks<sup>4</sup>:

- Scientific Advice:
  - provide robust scientific advice to the President;
  - ensure that Commission policy-making takes into account robust scientific evidence (note that this would operate at the level of DGs and of the President/College);
- Risk assessment and management:
  - Provide advice to the President in the field of risk assessment and management, e.g. in crisis situations, based on|robust scientific evidence/models;
- Anticipation:
  - Proactively identify future societal challenges which may be tackled by scientific-technical responses as well as scientific-technical developments which may create societal challenges and thus require policy action; the issues to be examined must be in the remit of EC policy making and potentially have a major impact on the EU.

The CSA would be able to act on his/her own initiative, or on demand ("request").

An additional function that may be envisaged for the CSA is to be an advocate for science in policy making towards the public. Indeed, in the interest of transparency this might be seen as a requirement.



Concerning its institutional setup, five options can be identified:

- Option 1: a CSA on Commissioner level, either being the Commissioner for Research himself or a different person;
- Option 2: a CSA as DG or DDG of the JRC, but with an own office + core staff functionally attached to the President;
- Option 3: a CSA as a senior adviser attached to the President, potentially with a formal status and related powers;
- Option 4: a CSA as an external adviser (or group of external advisers) to the President;
- Option 5: a CSA with a position similar to the European Data Protection Supervisor outside the European Commission.

**Table 3: Strengths and weakness of different implementation options**



	<b>OPTION 1 (Commissioner)</b>	<b>OPTION 2 (DG / DDG)</b>	<b>OPTION 3 (Senior Adviser)</b>	<b>OPTION 4 (External Adviser)</b>	<b>OPTION 5 (Outside EC)</b>
Influence on decision- making	+++	++	++	--	--
Influence on the policy cycle	+	++	+	+	+
Ease of implementation	--	+++	+++	+++	---
Credibility / Scientific Standing	+	++	+++	+++	+++
(Perceived) Independence	--	++	+++	+++	+++
Access to JRC and other EC resources	++	++	++	--	+





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**SCIENCE AND BETTER REGULATION – THE ROLE OF THE CHIEF  
SCIENTIFIC ADVISER**

January 2010

- The Commission's Chief Scientific Adviser should report directly to the President of the European Commission and should be responsible for ensuring the integrity, quality and effective operation of the scientific advisory system.
- The position of Chief Scientific Adviser should be at a level equivalent to that of a Director-General of the European Commission.
- A central unit to support the Chief Scientific Adviser should be established.
- A steering group, chaired by the Chief Scientific Adviser, should be established to oversee and co-ordinate the use of science by the Commission and its agencies.
- The Chief Scientific Adviser should establish a new policy for the collection and use of scientific advice.
- A policy for managing risks posed by new technologies should be drawn up by the Chief Scientific Adviser.
- A policy for improving public acceptance of the use of scientific evidence in decision-making should be drawn up and implemented by the Chief Scientific Adviser.
- The Chief Scientific Adviser should develop and publish mandatory written principles that define the quality of studies, information, and data to be used in scientific assessments.
- The Chief Scientific Adviser should require significant risk assessment opinions to be independently peer-reviewed.
- Mandatory guidelines for the presentation of scientific advice to risk managers and policy-makers ("internal risk communication") should be drawn up by Chief Scientific Adviser.



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION - PRESS RELEASE

### Appointment of Chief Scientific Advisor

Brussels, 05 December 2011 – President Barroso has today appointed the Commission's first Chief Scientific Advisor, Professor Anne Glover. Professor Glover will provide high-level and independent scientific advice throughout all stages of policy development and delivery. The Chief Scientific Advisor will provide advice directly to the President, and will give regular updates on major scientific and technological developments.

President Barroso said: "I am delighted to appoint Professor Anne Glover to the post of Chief Scientific Advisor. I believe her outstanding background and calibre will bring invaluable expertise to the Commission. She has a strong track record in leading the Scottish Science Advisory Committee which made her the standout candidate for this post."

#### Background

President Barroso announced his intention to appoint a Chief Scientific Advisor in a speech to the European Parliament on 15 September 2009. President Barroso has personally interviewed a range of candidates for the post. Professor Anne Glover will report directly to the President. Administrative support to the Chief scientific Advisor will be provided by the Bureau of European Policy Advisors (BEPA).



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# Mandate of the Chief Scientific Adviser

- To **provide independent expert advice** on any aspect of science, technology and innovation **as requested by the President**;
- **Upon a request by the President**, to provide analysis and opinion on **major policy proposals being submitted to the College** touching upon issues of science, technology and innovation; in particular the Chief Scientific Advisor will **provide authoritative guidance on interpretation of scientific evidence in presence of uncertainty**, and **will be involved in strategic emergency planning**;
- To **build relationships with high-level advisory groups** (e.g. European Research Area Board), the scientific Committees of the Commission, the EU agencies (European Medicine Agency, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control), the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies;





# Mandate of the Chief Scientific Adviser (continued)

- To build relationships with similar structures in Member States and other countries;
- To advise on novel science, technology and innovation issues arising both in the context of the EU and internationally; to serve as an early warning conduct point on issues that might arise when scientific progress entails either opportunity or threat for the EU;
- To communicate the scientific values on which specific Commission proposals are based in order to enhance public confidence in science and technology, and in general to promote the European culture of science and technology widely within Europe and abroad.



# Institutional setup of science in the EC 2012-2014



**José Manuel Barroso**  
President of the  
European Commission

**Secretariat-General (SG)  
Impact Assessment Board**

**Bureau of European  
Policy Advisers (BEPA)**



**Professor Anne Glover**  
Chief Scientific Adviser to  
the President

**European Commissioners (including Máire Geoghegan-Quinn,  
Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science)**

**Directorates-General,  
including:**



**DG Research and  
Innovation (RTD)**



**Joint Research  
Centre (JRC)**

**"Policy for Science"**

**"Science for Policy"**



# **Resources of the CSA Office**

**2012: 2 scientific staff, 1 admin staff**  
**2013: 3 scientific staff, 2 admin staff**  
**2014: 3 scientific staff, 1 admin staff, 1 trainee**

**Annual budget:**  
**60,000 Euro**

**(+ 40,000 Euro for the meetings of the  
President's Science and Technology Advisory Council)**





# Positive Experiences





# Establishment of the President's Science and Technology Advisory Council



- Advised the President on overarching societal questions regarding science and technology and was chaired by the CSA
- 16 Members from across disciplines and across the ERA Member States
- Delivered two reports on science and society, and S&T foresight

# Establishment of the European Science Advisers Forum

## Terms of Reference European Science Advisers Forum (ESAF)

### Mandate

The European Science Advisers Forum is an independent and informal network of government science advisers in Europe.

The aim of the European Science Advisers Forum is to provide a platform on which government science advisers in Europe can

- discuss and explore potential consensus on the scientific dimension of European-wide policy challenges
- communicate with each other in emergency situations,
- exchange experiences and best practices,
- promote evidence-based policy-making in Europe.



## Fostering global science advice







# Establishment of the EU Agencies Network for Scientific Advice (EU-ANSA)



European Environment Agency



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SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH



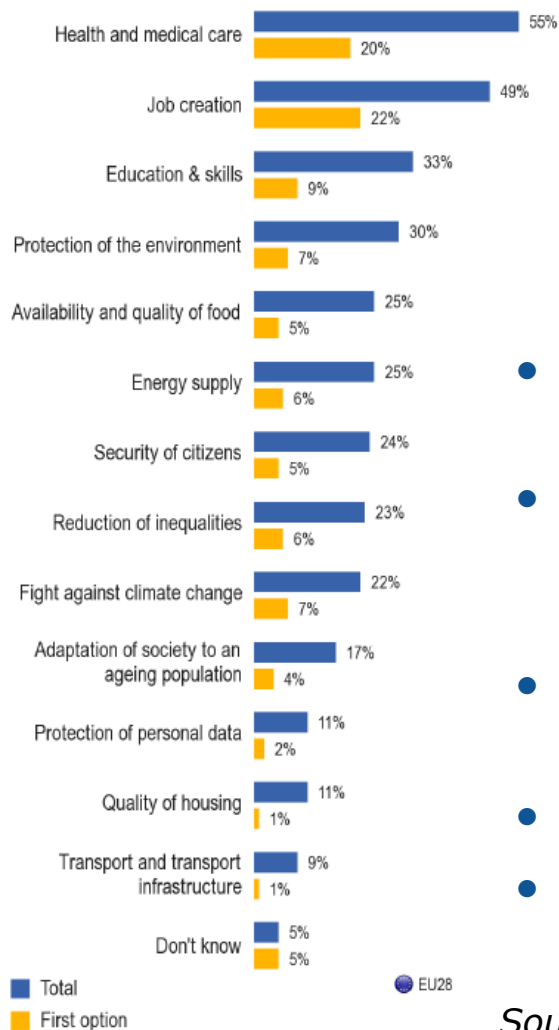
European Agency  
for Safety and Health  
at Work





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Commission

QB3. Over the next 15 years, what should be the priorities when it comes to science and technological innovation?



(MULTIPLE ANSWERS POSSIBLE)  
Base: All respondents in EU28 (N= 27,910)

## Establishment of a Commission-wide foresight network

- Many Directorates-General had foresight teams/functions, but these were not coordinated
- In February 2014, the CSA team set up an internal foresight network, which now comprises 235 staff from 21 Directorates-General
- Foresight workshops were held in March/April 2014
- 2014 Eurobarometer survey and focus groups
- Science and Technology fiches (files) on 45 topics

Source: Special Eurobarometer 419





## Establishment of a close collaboration with Science Academies

Academies play a key role as evidence providers because...

- they have a unique convening power to gather the very best experts on a given topic from across Europe, across disciplines and across institutional backgrounds
- they are able to make authoritative, relevant and scientifically sound statements thanks to their vigorous peer-review process and their extraordinary reputation
- they provide a bridge between the European and the national level because they are trusted by the European institutions, the national governments and the citizen

**European Academies**



**Science Advisory Council**



**Euro-CASE**

**ALLEA**

ALL European  
Academies



Federation of European  
Academies of Medicine



# Acting as a "scientific ombudsman" and champion for evidence in the EC

Professor Anne Glover CBE

Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission  
Berlaymont 08/039

Rue de la Loi 200

B-1049 Brussels/Belgium

RE: Draft regulation on endocrine active chemicals

Dear Prof. Glover,

We, the undersigned are writing to draw your attention to imminent decisions by Commission to set a regulatory framework for so-called endocrine disrupting chemicals.



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## Looking for real transparency – an open letter to the European Commission's Chief Scientist

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## EU science chief wants greater voice for experts

Anne Glover says that better access to evidence helps policy-makers to make informed choices.

*The* FOUNDATION *for* VACCINE RESEARCH

WORKING TO SECURE OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

December 18, 2013

Mr. José Manuel Barroso  
President of the European Commission  
Berlaymont Building  
200 Rue de la Loi, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1049 Brussels, Belgium

cc:

Mrs. Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission  
Mrs. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science  
Mr. Tonio Borg, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy  
Mr. Neven Mimica, Commissioner for Consumer Protection

# Being an ambassador for European science and technology

First E.U. Science Adviser: 'We Are Sitting On a Goldmine'

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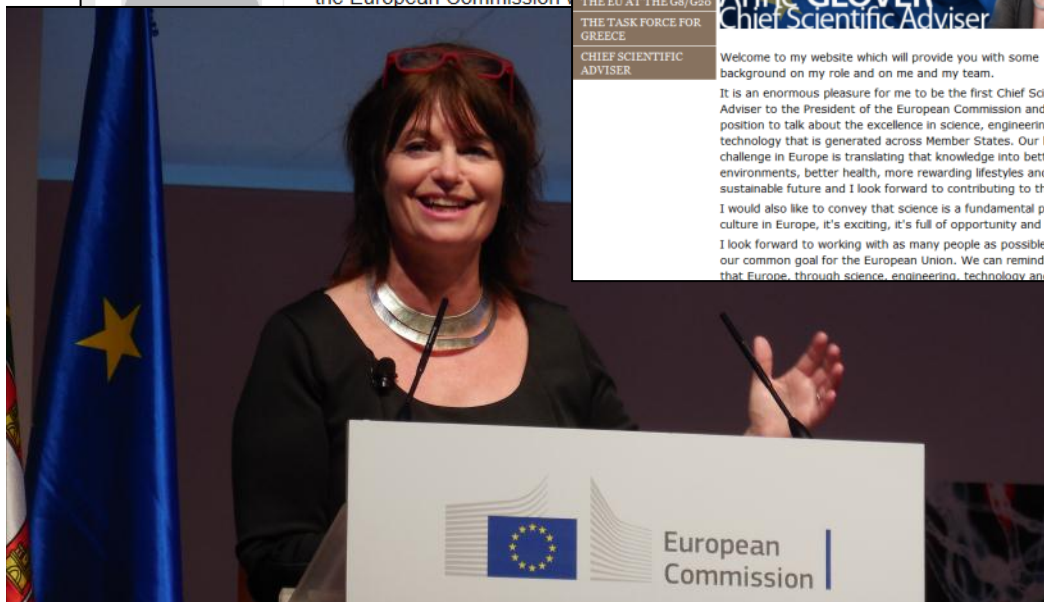
By Jop de Vrieze | 14 February

Last month, Scottish microbiologist Anne Glover was appointed as the first European chief scientist for the European Commission.



Energising Europe  
through science

Professor Anne Glover CBE  
Chief Scientific Adviser  
President of the European Commission





# Being a role model for women and the young generation



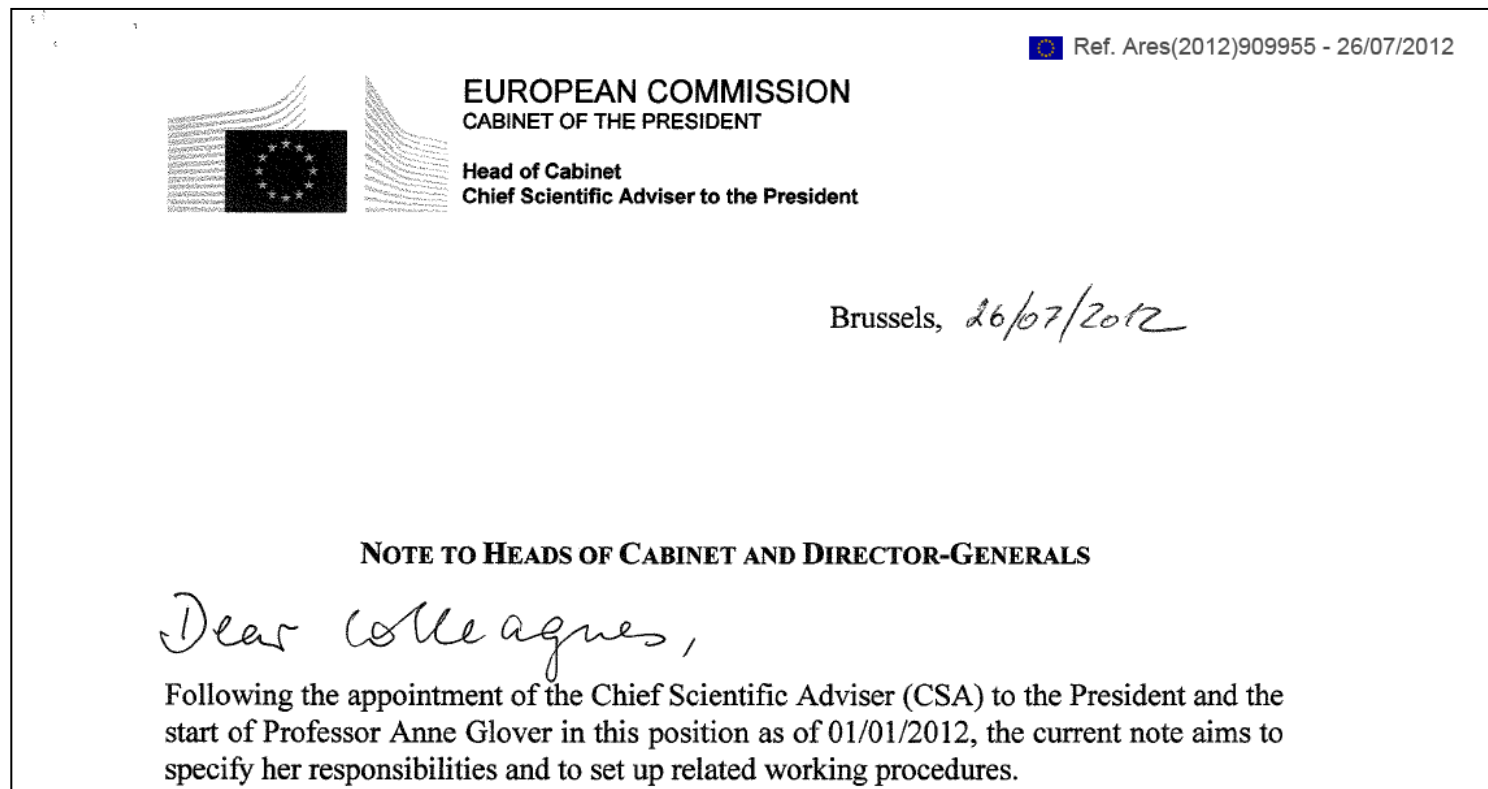


# Negative Experiences





# July 26, 2012: The terms of reference of the CSA are sent to all services of the European Commission

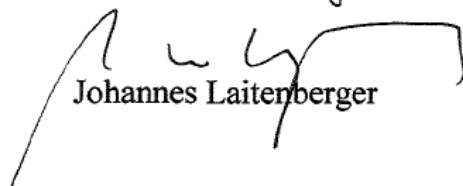




In order to establish efficient working procedures as outlined above, all Commission services which rely significantly on scientific advice are asked to nominate a CSA Correspondent. Please communicate your nominations by 31/08/2012 to [ana-maria.costa-freitas@ec.europa.eu](mailto:ana-maria.costa-freitas@ec.europa.eu) and/or [jan.mueller@ec.europa.eu](mailto:jan.mueller@ec.europa.eu) .

We count on your support to make this new function established by the President a success, with the aim of fostering science, engineering and technology as key driver for European growth.

*Thank you in advance!*

  
Johannes Laitenberger

  
Anne Glover

Dear colleague

We have taken due note of your request to appoint a CSA correspondent for services that rely on scientific advice. As this is not the case for DG [REDACTED], we understand the request is without object for our DG and hence we will not proceed with such a nomination.

Kind regards



# The European Commission ignoring the presence of the CSA at the ESOF 2012 Conference in Dublin (07/2012)



## BLUE PLANET

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Research and innovation

## Putting Europe at the heart of science

For five days in July, Dublin was the world capital of science, as it hosted the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF). The largest biennial scientific conference of its kind, ESOF brought together over 5,000 attendees – scientists, policymakers, stakeholders and journalists – from all over the world to discuss the best of European science and address the world's major scientific challenges.

Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, led a strong Commission team. In her keynote speech, she called for science to be put at the heart of Europe, and Europe to be put at the heart of science. She explained how the Commission intended to do its part with an increased budget under Horizon 2020, bringing together for the first time all the EU funds for research and innovation in order to fund excellent science, competitive industries and research for a better society.

### Investing in research and innovation

At a time of tight budgets and decreasing national science expenditure, budget negotiations will be very tough. The Commission has therefore taken a series of



Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn poses with Irish President Michael D. Higgins and high level representatives from the international science and policy community, including Dominique Roston, Robert-Jan Smits and Helga Nowotny.

Area. A symposium was organised jointly with ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) under the ESOF 'global partnership symposia series', which covered also Africa, US and China, with eminent scientists from Europe and our partners discussing critical global scientific topics. Other workshops covered such issues as

contributed to their success, with their different career paths. Speakers included Dr Daniel Funeriu, former Romanian Research Minister, Professor Anil Kokaram, an entrepreneur in digital effects for the film industry, and Dr Silvia Giordani, who recently won the L'Oréal-Unesco prize for Women in Science.



# The Commission answers to a Parliamentary Question regarding public statements of the CSA on GMOs as follows:

EN

E-007606/2012

Answer given by Mr Barroso on behalf of the Commission  
(3.10.2012)

[...] The Commission wishes to use the opportunity to clarify to the Honourable Member the role of the Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA). The CSA reports directly to the President of the Commission and has the task to provide independent expert advice to the President on any aspect of science, technology and innovation and the potential opportunities and threats to the EU stemming from new scientific and technological developments. Likewise, the CSA has a role in enhancing public confidence in science and technology and to promote the European culture of science. In this context, the CSA has a role in stimulating societal debate on new technologies and to communicate the existing scientific evidence about such technologies. **The CSA has a purely advisory function and no role in defining Commission policies. Therefore, her views do not necessarily represent the views of the Commission.**



# **July 10, 2013: The only time the CSA attended a meeting of the College of Commissioners (talking about an innovation-friendly societal environment)**



## **Oct 7, 2014: The first time the President appears in public with his CSA**





# **The Chief Scientific Adviser and the NGOs**





# Oct 24, 2013: Moderating a consensus meeting between two opposing scientific camps in the field of endocrine disruptors

Heated chemicals debate continues with open letter to EU chief scientist

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Eighty-one scientists have sent a letter to the European Commission president's science advisor urging the

## Bridging the EDC divide

Under the watchful eye of the EU chief scientific advisor, scientists involved in the endocrine debate have thrashed out areas of agreement

### Meeting on endocrine disruptors

Office of the Chief Scientific Adviser, European Commission, Brussels, 24.10.2013

### Conclusions agreed by the participants

1. The participants appreciate the initiative of the Chief Scientific Adviser to help discuss the remit of scientific consensus around issues on endocrine disrupting substances (EDCs).
2. EDCs are a good example where scientific advice is an essential element for environment and health related policy-making.
3. There is substantial agreement as well as uncertainty on scientific issues around EDCs. Some of the main consensus and uncertainties are as follows:

and that the existence of EDCs is not proven experimentally, as such a step is not possible in biological experiments.

It is widely accepted that there are many substances, based on animal studies, which such chemicals act, so that they are important for EDCs.

Equally, the scientists agreed that EDCs contribute to, and interact with, other factors. The minutes do not reveal who was supporting the "no-threshold" approach, but if effects are exhibited by low-dose exposures to EDCs will be a no threshold, they say.





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## The EU Chief Scientific Adviser and endocrine disrupting chemicals

New evidence the role's existence enabled undue influence at the top of the European Commission

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**The Innovation Principle**  
"Stimulating Economic Recovery"

**Open Letter to Mr. José Manuel Barroso**  
President of the European Commission  
Rue de la Loi 200  
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**Mr. Herman Van Rompuy**  
President of the European Council  
Rue de la Loi 175  
1048 Brussels

**Mr. Martin Schulz**  
President of the European Parliament  
Rue Wiertz 60  
1047 Brussels

9 October 2013

Dear Presidents,

As major investors in European innovation, we welcome the focus of European leaders

6. Require the obligatory ex-post evaluation of the effectiveness of risk management legislation, regulation or administrative decisions in addressing the issue originally identified as causing concern and provide for the amendment/reversal of such measures where:

- new evidence becomes available to demonstrate an acceptable balance of risks
- ex-post evaluation demonstrates no material impact on the issue originally identified as giving rise to concern

7. Provide a formal power for the Chief Scientist of the European Commission to review the use of scientific evidence in risk management legislation, regulation or administrative decision and to require further scientific assessment where appropriate

Dr. Marijn Dekkers  
Chairman of the Board of Management  
Bayer AG

Dr. Helga Rubsamen  
Chief Executive Officer  
Curis GmbH

Kurt Bock  
Chairman of the Board of  
Executive Directors  
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Novartis AG

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President and Chief Executive  
Royal Philips

Jean-Pierre Clamadiou  
Chief Executive Officer  
Solvay S.A.

Michael Mack  
Chief Executive Officer  
Syngenta AG

# The CSA office receives the first access to documents (= freedom of information) request – there will be many more

Dear Secretariat General (SG),

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

- on the topic of endocrine disrupters (also spelled: disruptors), all correspondence (including emails), the list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings between the Chief Scientific Adviser of the European Commission (and her representatives) and the following organisations and/or individuals:
  - The President of the European Commission José Manuel Barroso (and his representatives)
  - European Policy Centre (EPC)
  - European Risk Forum (ERF)
  - Plastics Europe
  - Julie Girling
  - Ragnar Löfstedt
  - Mark Walport
  - Ian Boyd
  - UK Government
  - The German Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR)

(between April 2011 and July 2013).

Note the interest in the correspondence with other CSAs



# Jan 03, 2014: The access to documents requests get bigger

1. All documents exchanged within your BEPA staff, including by yourself, in the last two years on the topic of endocrine active/disrupting chemicals/pesticides/biocides (collectively called here "endocrine disruptors"), notes, drafts, minutes, memo's, e-mails, comments, etc.
2. All documents exchanged by your BEPA staff in the last two years on the topic of endocrine active/disrupting chemicals/pesticides/biocides (collectively called here "endocrine disruptors"), notes, drafts, minutes, memo's, e-mails, comments, etc. in the interservice consultations with SG and the DG's on endocrine disruptors
3. All documents exchanged by your BEPA staff and you in the last two years on the topic of endocrine active/disrupting chemicals/pesticides/biocides (collectively called here "endocrine disruptors"), notes, drafts, minutes, memo's, e-mails, comments, etc. with SG and other DG's beyond the interservice consultation
4. All documents exchanged by your BEPA staff and you in the last two years on the topic of endocrine active/disrupting chemicals/pesticides/biocides (collectively called here "endocrine disruptors"), all briefing notes, drafts, minutes, memo's, e-mails, comments, etc. with the Commissioners, including members of the cabinets
5. All documents exchanged by your BEPA staff in the last two years on the topic of endocrine active/disrupting chemicals/pesticides/biocides (collectively called here "endocrine disruptors"), all briefing notes, drafts, minutes, memo's, e-mails, comments, etc. with external stakeholders and parties

Submitted by Pesticide Action Network Europe





# April 30, 2014: The access to documents requests get bigger and bigger

Under the right of access to documents in the EU treaties, as developed in Regulation 1049/2001, I am requesting documents which contain the following information:

all correspondence (including emails), the list of meetings with detailed minutes and any other reports of such meetings on the topics of pesticides, Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs), the precautionary principle, the innovation principle, and GMOs between the chief scientific adviser to the Commission's president, Anne Glover and/or her office staff; and representatives of the following organisations/bodies:

- European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC)
- European Crop Protection Association (ECPA)
- EuropaBio
- Monsanto
- Croplife (Europe and US; Croplife International)
- Freshfel Europe
- Bayer
- BASF
- Syngenta
- Syngenta Foundation
- European Risk Forum
- European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC)
- European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC)
- International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)
- Public Research Regulation Initiative (PRRI)
- BusinessEurope
- American Chemistry Council
- American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU)
- US Chamber of Commerce
- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (UK)
- DG Environment

or any lobby firm or consultancy working on their behalf;

Between December 2011 and 30 April 2014.

Submitted by  
Corporate  
Europe  
Observatory  
(CEO)



## **May 20, 2014: Discussing with NGOs how the use of scientific evidence by the Commission could be improved**



**Pesticide  
Action  
Network  
Europe**



**Health and  
Environment  
Alliance**



**GREENPEACE**



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# There were letters of support coming in

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In turn, a strong and society and decision-makers within the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p> <p>The policies initiated by the Commission have contributed to progress in the particular to underline the effort the Commission has dedicated which we consider to be a valid and sustainable long-term growth.</p> <p>We feel that the importance of the European Scientific Community unanimously advocate that the independent voice for science implementation of the European in ensuring a sustainable future.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p><i>Francesco Sette</i></p> <p>Francesco Sette ESRF Director General and Chair</p> <p>On behalf of:</p> <p>Prof. Rolf Heuer, Director General Prof. Iain Mattaj, Director General Prof. Alvaro Giménez Cañete, Director General Prof. Tim de Zeeuw, Director General Prof. Tony Donnè, EUROfusion Prof. Massimo Altarelli, Chair Prof. William G. Stirling, Director</p>	<p><b>ALLEA</b> ALL European Academies</p> <p><i>Academia Europaea</i></p> <p>To The President Designate of Mr Jean-Claude Juncker 1049 Brussels BELGIUM</p> <p>Dear President Designate</p> <p>As presidents of the national academy networks – representing countries from the Council of Europe Member States (EASAC) technology from 21 European countries in medicine and medical science would like to bring to your attention (CSA) to the President of the European Commission.</p> <p>Over the past 2.5 years, you have been the current holder of the position of Prof. Glover for her initiative across the EU, for bringing foresight onto the agenda and public voice on issues of science innovation.</p>	<p><b>CANCER RESEARCH UK</b></p> <p><b>EGAN</b> European Genetic Alliance Network</p> <p><b>amrc</b> Association of Medical Research Councils</p> <p>Dear Mr Juncker</p> <p>Congratulations on your appointment forward to working with you.</p> <p>We write to highlight our support for the Commission President – we</p> <p>It is crucial that science and innovation be at the heart of all aspects of policymaking and EU law on peoples' health.</p> <p>The Chief Scientific Adviser vision a reality. A designated voice of the research and policy.</p> <p>We acknowledge the achievement has worked tirelessly to promote her efforts.</p> <p>We urge you to maintain the vision and research. We also ask you to scope of the position: this is to support researchers, and help build</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Woolnough – Executive Director Rebecca Wood – Chief Executive Charles Kernahan – Interim Director Nicola Perrin – Head of Policy</p>	<p><b>Deutsches Museum</b></p> <p>Two years ago President Juncker set up an independent expert task force to advise on innovation. On several occasions, the present holder of this position has done excellent work, especially in the dialogue between science, society and the public.</p> <p>From our point of view, the role of the Chief Scientific Advisor is vital in the dialogue with the citizen. It is our opinion that this position should be in the Commission and should be</p> <p>Dear Mr Juncker, we welcome the President of the European Commission connected with this task.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p><i>Wolfgang M. Heckl</i></p> <p>Wolfgang M. Heckl General Director, Deutsches Museum On behalf of the Directors</p> <p>Ian Blatchford Fiorenzo Galli</p> <p>Thomas Grenon Claudie Haigneré Camille Pisani</p>	<p><b>European Federation for Science Journalism</b></p> <p>Home About Us Changing landscapes Our vision Our plans Membership</p> <p>Promoting science journalism in a rapidly changing world</p> <p><b>30</b> Why we think that Europe needs a Chief Scientific Advisor – Open letter to Jean-Claude Juncker, President-elect of the European Commission</p> <p><i>efsj, slider</i></p> <p>Why we think that Europe needs a Chief Scientific Advisor Open letter to Jean-Claude Juncker, President-elect of the European Commission</p> <p>Dear Mr Juncker,</p> <p>We are writing in support of the recently created position of Chief Scientific Advisor (CSA) to the President of the European Commission. This post was inaugurated by Mr Barroso, who in 2012 appointed Prof Anne Glover to the post.</p> <p>We are aware of the fact that several institutions and groups have written both for and against the work of Prof Glover and the opportunity for Europe to continue with the post of Chief Scientific Advisor. In particular we would like to draw your attention to a letter written by nine NGOs (including Greenpeace) which has complained about the fact that "Until now, the role of Chief Scientific Adviser has been unaccountable, opaque and controversial". The letter also cited the highly controversial issue of genetically modified organisms, claiming to speak on behalf of the media and in the public interest.</p> <p>As science journalists, we strongly believe that increased accountability and transparency is required at all levels of the European decision-making process, including in the function of the CSA role. Furthermore, we strongly believe that available scientific evidence must be the cornerstone to start building a consensus, especially on such controversial issues. At the same time we know that there are issues in which the best available scientific evidence is not conclusive, and the uncertainty for society – and policy makers – to face and live with.</p> <p>It is to this end, that we call on you to appoint a successor for the post of Chief Scientific Advisor with a five year term office at your earliest convenience. This will allow the Advisor to present to all European citizens and media the best available scientific evidence. The Chief Scientific Advisor must be given a mandate to analyze and discuss with the media, all the vast myriad of factors – including financial, economic, cultural, social, and even psychological – that can and often do negatively affect the scientific process, sometimes weakening its conclusions.</p> <p>Joost van on behalf of the European Federation for Science Journalism</p>
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# July 22, 2014: NGOs ask for the CSA post to be "scrapped"



Brussels, 22 July 2014

To the President-elect of the European Commission, Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker

Subject: The position of Chief Scientific Advisor to the President of the European Commission

Dear Mr Juncker,

We are writing to you to express our concerns regarding the position of Chief Scientific Advisor to the President of the European Commission. This post was created by Commission President Barroso at the suggestion of the United Kingdom, and was held by Ms Anne Glover since January 2012. The mandate of the Chief Scientific Advisor (CSA) is "to provide independent expert advice on any aspect of science, technology and innovation as requested by the President".<sup>1</sup>

"The post of Chief Scientific Adviser is fundamentally problematic as it concentrates too much influence in one person, and undermines in-depth scientific research and assessments carried out by or for the Commission directorates in the course of policy elaboration."

"Until now, the role of Chief Scientific Adviser has been **unaccountable, intransparent and controversial.**"

"We hope that you as the incoming Commission President will decide not to nominate a chief scientific adviser and that instead the Commission will take its advice from a **variety of independent, multi-disciplinary sources, with a focus on the public interest.**"



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## Scientific scrutiny in Europe is essential

We and many organisations across Europe have written to President elect of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker to ask him not to abolish the post of Chief Scientific Advisor. Our letter is in response to a call from environmental NGOs to "scrap this position." We support the object to this proposal and to any attempt to undermine the integrity and independence of scientific advice at the highest level of the European Commission.

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## Don't scrap Europe's chief scientific adviser

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## Should the EU scrap scientific advice?

*Summer blog: Allowing the Commission's chief scientific adviser position to become a casualty of the GM crop war would be a disservice to EU policymaking.*

by [Dave Keating](#) on 17.08.2014 / 12:05 CET

PUBLISHED: 31 JULY 2014

## Scientists rush to the defence of EU Chief Science Adviser

### EC Chief Scientific Adviser position gets strong backing

Hundreds of scientists have come out in support of the European Commission's Chief Scientific Adviser position after calls were made for the job to be scrapped. Talha Khan Burki reports.

Research organisations, charities, and academics, including the Royal Institution and the European Academies' Science Advisory Council, have criticised a proposal to scrap the position. The various committees, European agencies, and the scientific community at large to achieve some measure of coordination, particularly in terms of formulating a response to the various committees, their letter, pointing out that the role had the support of "business lobbies". But by mentioning Glover's comments on genetically modified crops rather than focusing solely on



Anne Glover, EU chief science adviser

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"The intention of our letter was to stimulate a debate about [...] **the risks that continuing the CSA position poses to scientific policy advice in general.** [...] Far from being anti-science, our message is that there should be more objective and diverse expertise available to policy-makers than any single adviser could reasonably be expected to provide. [...] President Barroso's experiment of establishing a CSA position [...] **undermined expert research undertaken by European agencies and independent scientists.**"

"The question is how to ensure that the best representation of wide-ranging scientific advice is available to you and your colleagues. The CSA position does not and cannot fulfil this purpose. This is not because of a lack of resources but **because of the fundamental flaws of the role itself.**"



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## Activists urge EU to scrap science advisor job

August 19, 2014

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## NGO backlash to Chief Scientific Advisor position grows

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## Beware the omniscient scientific adviser

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Europe's Science Chief seeks to eliminate scientific discourse

By Brian John

European NGOs fight about the future of science advice to the EU

La science aux mains des lobbies

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“The former decision of the outgoing Commission President to appoint a Chief Scientific Adviser should be maintained. But the role should be strengthened and enlarged to oversee the **elaboration and application of new methods of impact assessment of EU legislation** as a key input for improving policy and regulatory quality. The CSA’s task should also involve the **tracking and tracing of forefront scientific development, surveying and overviewing science and innovation communication and delivering foresight studies**. All works and recommendations of the CSA must be **public, including any dissenting opinions.**”





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Chief Scientific Adviser to the President

Brussels, 23 September 2014

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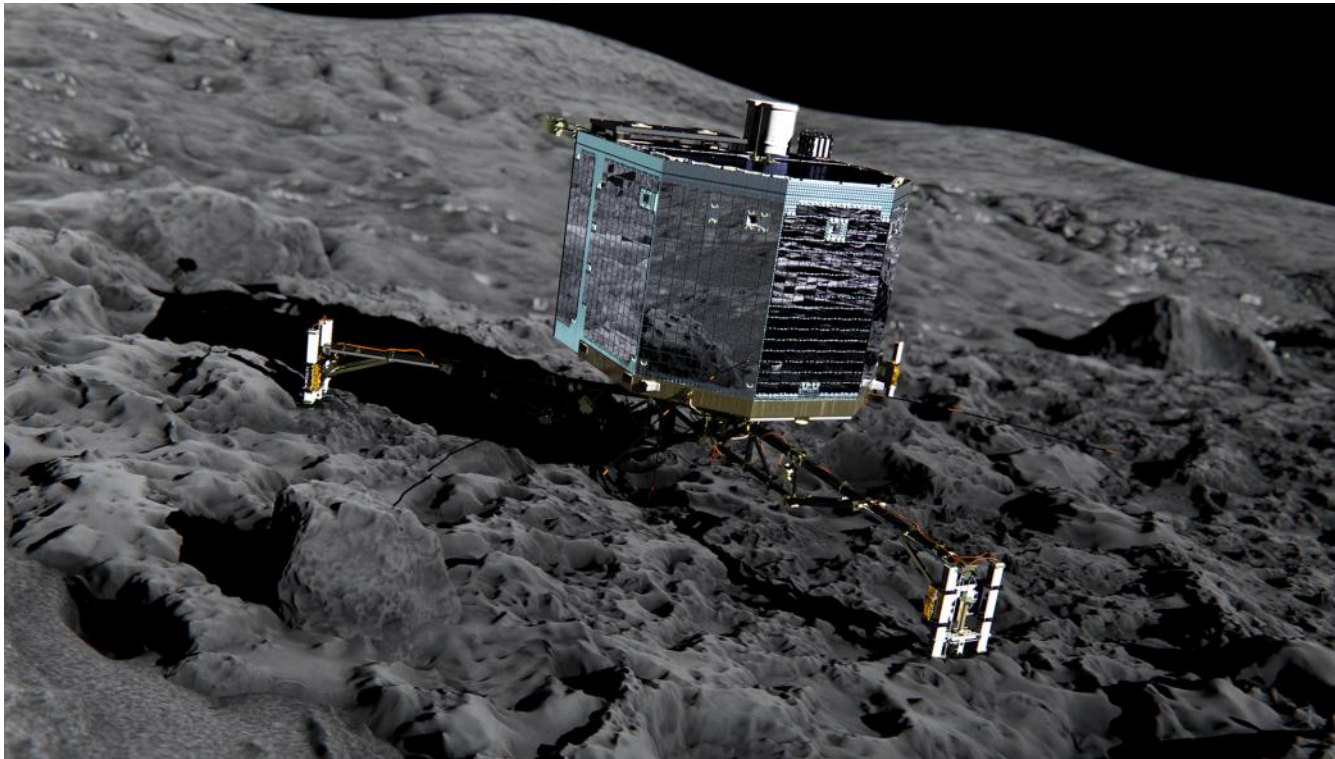
**Subject: The Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission: Mandate, achievements, experiences and options for the future**

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Mandate and institutional setting

The creation of the post of Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission was announced by President Barroso in his speech in the European Parliament on 15 September 2009: *"We also need a fundamental review of the way European institutions access and use scientific advice. In the next Commission, I want to set up a*

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system should evolve.**



**On November 11, 2014, at 6:03 pm,  
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e-mail that the CSA position ceased to exist  
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BY NINA PULLMAN

Monday 24th November 2014, 12:14 London

## Industry slams decision to scrap chief science advisor

Decision sparks fears that 'voice of science will be stifled' in key policy issues after EU scraps role of chief scientific advisor

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## Silencing the voice of scientific reason

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## Researchers attack Brussels for ousting top scientific adviser Professor Anne Glover

EC will scrap Professor Glover's role at the end of the year

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## Scientists Decry Axing EU Head Scientist Post

Researchers in Europe are universally dismayed over the decision to eliminate the European Commission's Chief Scientific Advisor role.

By Bob Grant | November 17, 2014

## Concern voiced at axing of EU chief scientific adviser post

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European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker has announced the decision to scrap the post of chief scientific adviser to the Commission has

## Scientists criticise decision to scrap EU chief scientific adviser post

Written by Web News Editor on 18 November 2014. Posted in News

Leading figures in the science community have expressed dismay over the decision to terminate the role of the EU's chief scientific adviser, which was created in 2012, was filled by Professor Anne

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## Juncker please note: You need more, not less science

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## Commission bids Glover a silent farewell

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By Mike Stones+  
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## Europäische Kommission setzt wissenschaftliche Chefberaterin ab

Anne Glover, die wissenschaftliche Chefberaterin der Europäischen Kommission, verliert ihr Amt. Die Kommission verlangt die Absetzung.

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By Hank Campbell | November 14th 2014 12:16 PM | 10 comments | Print | E-mail | Track Comments

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Professor Anne Glover, the first Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission, has been sacked.

Well, not technically, the European Commission has simply not extending her position. The Commission's speech for 'there are a lot more anti-GM Europeans voting than there are resisters'.

they really do not like you.'

## Chief scientist is forced out after green campaign

## Britain's EU adviser who backs GM farming is ousted: Campaigners claim victory in fight against foods after her job is scrapped

Lobbyarbeit erfolgreich

## Juncker sagt wissenschaftlicher Beratung Ade

Greenpeace und andere Lobbyisten hatten Druck ausgeübt. Jetzt hat Juncker pariert. Der Posten des Wissenschaftlichen Chefberaters für die EU-Kommission ist abgeschafft

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Juncker has given in to the lobbyists from Greenpeace

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## A Victory for Anti-GMO Forces and a Blow to Science

By Keith Kloor | November 13, 2014 8:02 am

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The campaign by Greenpeace and other anti-GM groups to force the European Union's hand has succeeded. James Wilsdon, a professor at the University of Sussex, laments this timing of the announcement:

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## Jean-Claude Juncker 'sacks' EU scientific adviser over her pro-GM views

European Union's chief scientific adviser forced out over her support for GM crops amid an outcry from the scientific community over her sacking

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## When Evidence becomes a Nuisance

(November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014) The new European Commission is no longer interested in retaining a Chief Scientific Advisor, CSA. This not only silences Anne Glover's plainly audible voice in Brussels, it also means there will be no successor. It's a catastrophic loss, thinks Brynja Adam-Radmanic.



## EU scraps science advisor role – now are you happy, Greenpeace?

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### A Win for Science-Based Policy Making

EU Commission terminates Chief Scientific Advisor position after pressure from CIEL and partners

By David Azoulay and Lainey Sidell

Science is a critical tool for policy making, in particular on issues relating to human health and the environment. In some cases, science can give very definite answers; in others, there is uncertainty. Recognizing the wider social questions and context when taking decisions, policymakers need to have access to clear, balanced, and authoritative views on the state of science.

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### Juncker und die Alphaforscher

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Süddeutsche Zeitung vom 14.11.2014 / Ressort: Wissen

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SCIENZA E RAZIONALITÀ

di Simone Maccaferri

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Par DFI

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## Nell'Europa di Juncker c'è ancora spazio per la scienza?

DA MORENO COLAIACOVO - 29/11/2014

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È sicuramente troppo presto per giudicare l'operato di Jean-Claude Juncker, da poche settimane alla guida della Commissione Europea. Ma per la comunità scientifica, che ha fatto con il piede i segnali che



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## EU science adviser was vital independent voice

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Even before she took up the job of EU chief scientific adviser in 2012, Professor Anne Glover made it clear she would be independent.

"For me to have any value or credibility," she said, "I need to focus on evidence and not on political considerations."

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### MEPs question axing of key science role

Written by James O'Brien on 19 November 2014 in News

MEPs have queried the European commission's commitment to science-based policymaking, following the revelation that the post of chief scientific adviser (CSA) has been scrapped in the newly appointed European political strategy centre



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Professor Anne Glover får gå när EU avskaffar tjänsten som



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The European Commission's chief scientific adviser falls afoul of the green lobby.



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BY MICHAEL SPECTER



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CHIEF SCIENTIFIC ADVISER

Anne GLOVER  
Chief Scientific Adviser

Welcome to my website which will provide you with some background on my role and on me and my team.  
It is an enormous pleasure for me to be the first Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission and to be

Glover的网上工作档案在原欧盟委员会卸任后于11月1日封存。图片来源：EC



# **Conclusion 1: The CSA experiment was a failure**

- 1. Lack of adaptation of the CSA model to the European Commission environment**
- 2. Lack of communication and integration into Commission procedures**
- 3. Lack of moral support by the Commission President**
- 4. Lack of human and financial resources**
- 5. Lack of transparency**







## **Conclusion 2: The CSA experiment was a success**

**Europe is finally talking about the  
importance of science advice and  
how to deliver it!**





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*Dear President Juncker,*

#### The role of the Chief Scientific Adviser

The European Union Select Committee, at its meeting on 25 November, discussed the discontinuation of the role of Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to the President of the Commission. The House of Lords Science and Technology Committee has also discussed this matter, and this letter reflects the views of both Committees.



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## European Commission unveils long-awaited science advice plans

Team of expert researchers will bridge between politicians and wider science community.

Alison Abbott

13 May 2015

### Principles for transparency, excellence and independence in scientific advice to the European Commission

Science is a vitally important tool in government policy. In some cases science can give very definite answers, in other cases there is uncertainty. Recognising the wider societal questions and context when taking decisions, policy makers need to be given clear, balanced, authoritative views on the state of the science.

#### General policy principles

Involve the public and, where appropriate, policy makers in shaping the questions that scientific research might address.

Respect the role of science in the policy process: "on tap, but not on top". There is an important position for science in advisory processes, but science on its own may be able to do little to determine the right course of action, particularly in contentious debates where there is high scientific uncertainty and/or disagreement about desired outcomes, and where societal considerations are prominent.

Report publicly to the decision-maker. The advice and appraisal of evidence, given directly from the advisor/advisory committee to the person or people making the decision, should be made available.



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# Thank you for your attention!

