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## Press Release

### **New Chair for European Banking Industry Committee**

The European Banking Industry Committee, the representative committee of the main European financial sector federations, has just elected its new Chair, Christopher Pleister, President of the European Association of Cooperative Banks and of the National Association of German Co-operative Banks (BVR)<sup>1</sup>. He will thus succeed Nicolas Mérindol, Chief Executive Officer of the Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne representing the European Savings Banks Group, who in turn becomes vice-Chair of EBIC. The Secretariat will be run by the European Banking Federation, with a view to rotate again after one year.

Founded in 2004, EBIC is committed to providing a common voice to the EU banking sector at large regarding EU financial legislation initiatives and banking practices and to maintaining an open and fruitful dialogue with the EU institutions and international bodies. As an advisory committee, EBIC is regularly called upon to provide expertise in the field of financial services.

The Committee is currently focusing on initiatives in the area of Consumer Credit and Mortgage Credit; it has also produced several key positions for the banking industry in the fields of the financial services' market integration process in a post-FSAP environment, the Capital Requirements Directive, Anti Money Laundering and others. These positions can be viewed on <http://www.eubic.org>.

For further information on EBIC, please contact the EBIC member organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> Bundesverband der Deutschen Volksbanken und Raiffeisenbanken (BVR)



## European Banking Industry Committee

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