**Highlight:**

**Pablo Amor appointed Director of the ERC Executive Agency**

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Today, Mr Pablo Amor has been appointed as director of the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA). He was already ERC Executive Agency director *ad interim* since January 2011 and will take up the new post on 1 August 2012.

Pablo Amor joined the ERC Executive Agency in February 2009 as Head of the Grant Management Department. Before working for the ERC, he was the Head of Communications of the European Commission's Directorate General for Research.

Prior to this, Pablo Amor was Counsellor for Science, Technology & Education at the European Commission Delegation in Washington DC since 1997, dealing with joint EU-US projects. He also worked at the European Commission Delegation in Uruguay since 2002; first as Head of Cooperation, responsible for the identification and execution of cooperation projects for Uruguay and Mercosur, and then as Acting Head of Delegation for Uruguay and Mercosur.

Pablo Amor holds an MBA degree from Stanford University with a specialisation in Finance and Public Management. He also obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering and is a licensed engineer in Spain, his home country.

The ERC is composed of an Executive Agency and a Scientific Council. Based in Brussels, the Executive Agency implements the FP7's "Ideas" Specific Programme and at present has over 350 staff members.

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