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Patrick CHILD has specific responsibility for the Commission's research and innovation policy on clean energy technologies as well as in the environmental and climate sector. He is the Commission representative and elected chair of the steering committee of Mission Innovation (a coalition of 23 countries committed to doubling research in clean energy by 2020). He is also responsible for the overall co-ordination of the EU's Horizon 2020 research and innovation budget (EUR 77 billion for 2014-2020).

Until April 2016, Patrick Child was Managing Director of the European External Service with responsibility for administration and finance, covering human resources policy, security and the budget. Before he took up this post in 2011, he was director in the External Relations Directorate General in the European Commission responsible for the management of the network of Commission delegations. He has previously served as head of cabinet for External Relations Commissioners Benita Ferrero-Waldner and before that Chris Patten from 1999-2004.

With a background in the UK Finance Ministry, he joined the European Commission in 1994, where he started in the Economic and Monetary affairs Directorate General before becoming Commission press spokesman for economic and monetary union from 1995-2004. Mr Child studied mathematics at Cambridge University. He is married with two children.

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