

Daniel Dobbeni (born 1952)



Daniel Dobbeni holds a degree in Industrial Engineering, a diploma in Middle Management from the Vlerick Management School and attended the General Management Program at CEDEP in Fontainebleau, France. He began his career at Belgonucléaire, subsequently moving to Intercontrol (a French company) and Laborelec, the Belgian research laboratory for the electricity sector, before joining Electrabel in 1997 as head of the Generation and Transmission Planning Department. Involved right from the start in the creation of the transmission system operator, he joined CPTe, the organisation that gave rise to Elia, in 1999 as Chief Officer Energy Movements. In 2003, he was appointed CEO and chairman of the Executive Committee of Elia. During his career, he played an active role in various committees for the Electric Power Research Institute, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, UCTE and the Research & Innovation DG of the European Commission. Beginning in 1999, he held various positions at ETSO (European Transmission System Operators), which he chaired from 2005 to 2009. In 2006, he was appointed chairman of Synergrid, the Federation of Electricity and Gas Operators in Belgium. In December 2008, he was appointed as the first President of the European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity (ENTSO-E), the new association of transmission system operators. Following the acquisition of 50Hertz Transmission in 2010, he became chairman of the board of Eurogrid International, the holding company created by Elia and Industry Fund Management for their joint acquisition. He also chairs the Aufsichtsrat, the supervisory board of 50Hertz Transmission. He is a director of APX Endex, the power exchange operating in Belgium, the UK and the Netherlands, and a director of HGRT, a core shareholder in Powernext, the French power exchange.