

Dániel Pataki
President of the National Communications Authority
Hungary (NCAH)



Dániel Pataki was born in Budapest in 1972. Specializing in international relations and public services, he graduated from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences.

After finishing his university studies, he completed a postgraduate management program in Paris. He started his career in Paris at Totalgaz's International Directorate. From 1997, he worked for one year at Vivendi Telecom Hungary's Business Development Directorate – first as an economic analyst, then as a business market manager. From 1999 till the end of 2001 he worked first as senior consultant then as Manager responsible for the communications at Andersen Management Consulting Division, Budapest. In early 2002 he was appointed Strategic Director of Vivendi Telecom Hungary.

From June 2002 he acted as Deputy Secretary of State in charge of communications at the Ministry of Informatics and Communications. He was responsible for the creation of the Act on Electronic Communications and the Act on the Post (both came into force on 1 January 2004).

Since 1 January 2004 he has been appointed to the President of the National Communications Authority for five years. The NCAH is the independent national authority that regulates the electronic communications and postal sector in Hungary. In 2005 he was awarded with the Order of Merit (Knight's Cross) of the Republic of Hungary for his work promoting the development of the info-communications sector.

Actually he is the Vice President of the European Regulators Group/Independent Regulators Group (ERG/IRG) and will chair these organisations in 2008.

Beside his native Hungarian, Mr. Pataki speaks English, French and Italian.