

## **Rob Wainwright**

Director of Europol  
(appointed April 2009)

Rob Wainwright was born in 1967 in Carmarthen, Wales, UK.

Having graduated in 1989 from the London School of Economics, University of London with a BSc, he joined the UK Civil Service where he held various managerial functions. His broad experience during this period covered organised crime, counter-terrorism and intelligence analysis.

Between 2000 and 2003, Mr. Wainwright was the Head of the UK Liaison Bureau at Europol, and he was also managing the Europol National Unit in London. The Liaison Bureaux are a key link in Europol's cooperation with the EU member states.

In 2003, he was promoted to the position of Director International of the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), where he was responsible for its international operations and for developing and implementing the UK strategy against facilitated illegal immigration.

From 2006 onwards, he was Chief of the International Department of the UK Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). In this leading role, he was overseeing 20,000 law enforcement cases each year as well as establishing the international strategy and operational capabilities of the newly formed agency. His mandate extended from SOCA's international operations and global partnerships to the worldwide network of SOCA liaison officers.

Rob Wainwright is married with three children. He speaks English, Welsh and Spanish and his interests include history and literature.