

**Richard Cowart -- Director of European Programs
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Richard Cowart is the Director of European Programs for the Regulatory Assistance Project, a nonprofit institute that has advised governments in more than 18 nations and 40 US states on energy and environmental policy. He recently opened the RAP office in Brussels, working with the European Commission and EU Member States on power and climate issues.

One of the most experienced regulatory commissioners in the US, Richard served as Commissioner and Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) for thirteen years (1986-1999). He also served as President of the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners, Chair of the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment, and Chair of the National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry. In 2004 he received NARUC's Kilmarx Award for sustained, national contributions on energy and environmental policies.

Recently, his work has focused on GHG reduction strategies for the power and natural gas sectors as an advisor to the cap-and-trade designers in California and Oregon, the RGGI states in the Northeastern US, and the US Congress.

Before his appointment to the Vermont PSB, Mr. Cowart was Assistant Professor and Director of the Program in Planning and Law at the University of California, Berkeley. He received his B.A. from Davidson College, and the J.D. and Master of City Planning degree with honors from the University of California, Berkeley.

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