

## **Christoph Leitl is re-elected as President of EUROCHAMBRES: 20 million companies ready to drive the future of Europe**

Christoph Leitl is re-elected as President for a new term during the 126th Plenary Assembly – Board of directors, that took place in Rome today. Mr. Leitl has been the President of EUROCHAMBRES since January 2018.

Mr. Leitl said: “Chambers of Commerce and Industry have a crucial role helping our businesses to strengthen Europe’s competitiveness. I want to channel the knowledge, capacity and connectivity of the European Chamber network at EU level in order to contribute to a positive agenda that creates opportunities for our entrepreneurs and our citizens. I will urge policy-makers to help our businesses, rather than hinder them. We must work together to convert the positivity around the 2019 European elections into an ambitious agenda for the years ahead.”

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry are key to European political leader realizing their goals: innovation, employment, skills, education and bringing prosperity to the people. Politicians can define goals, but companies can realize them, and they need the support of Chambers to do so!

Mr. Leitl’s mandate will focus on three main priorities:

1. Free and fair trade in a developed single market, but with extending international trade agreements to all parts of the globe.
2. A better SME regulatory framework with less bureaucracy, access to skilled staff and help in digital transformation.
3. Europe as an innovative pioneer in addressing climate and environment challenges a leader in implementing circular economy.

Christoph Leitl was born in 1949 in Linz, Austria. He is member of the board of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber and also Chairman of the Global Chamber Platform with 100 million members.

### **New EUROCHAMBRES Deputy Presidents**

EUROCHAMBRES’ Plenary Assembly also elected 3 new Deputy Presidents:

- Stephan Müchler – President & CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Southern Sweden
- Wladimir Dlouhy – Head of Czech Chamber of Commerce
- Ian Talbot – CEO Chambers Ireland

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