

## **EUROCHAMBRES announces change of CEO**

Arnaldo Abruzzini will stand down as CEO of EUROCHAMBRES on 30 June. Mr Abruzzini has held the role with the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry for 21 years. The 9 June General Assembly of EUROCHAMBRES unanimously agreed that Ben Butters, the current Deputy CEO, should be appointed as the new CEO from 1 July.

“During the past 21 years, EUROCHAMBRES has been equipped to respond to all the main challenges it has faced. This is the result of the strong commitment of people who have been working here with utmost commitment and competence, developing strategies that allowed to meet the demands of all members and the business community. I am proud to leave an organization very well prepared, now, to meet the next challenges to come, for the benefit of the European business community”, said Abruzzini.

Christoph Leidl, President of EUROCHAMBRES, stated: “Arnaldo Abruzzini has steered EUROCHAMBRES through a momentous period for the EU and the European economy. The EU has enlarged from 15 member states to 27 during this period, taken on greater competences and experienced both rapid growth and dramatic recessions, not least now. Throughout all of this, EUROCHAMBRES has developed in influence and impact and Arnaldo has been central to this progress.”

Ben Butters has been with EUROCHAMBRES since 2008, having previously worked in and around the EU institutions for several years. He will take up the CEO position in the midst of an unprecedentedly challenging period for the European business community. President Leidl added: “The crisis is underlining the importance of the role that Chambers play and how crucial the EU is to our economy. Ben has the full support of the European Chamber network in working with EU policy-makers to chart an effective, coordinated recovery process for our business community.”

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