

EREF Press Release

Savvas Seimanidis re-elected as EREF President

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Savvas Seimanidis was unanimously re-elected as EREF President for the next two years by members of the [European Renewable Energies Federation \(EREF\)](#).

Upon his renewed appointment, Mr Seimanidis said: "We agree with EU Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič that 2016 will be the year of delivery for the Energy Union. This means setting the proper foundation for a stable, secure, and competitive renewable energy future and implementing the ambitious Paris goals."

Speaking at the [REA-EREF EU-UK Energy Policy Conference](#) in London, Mr Seimanidis added: "EREF as a federation of national associations from all parts of the EU can provide the EU institutions and Member States with a direct hands-on experience. We will continue to reach out to them in order to get the Union back on a progressive pathway integrating the whole society towards a clear strategy for the envisaged energy system transformation . EREF will continue assisting the Commission in its efforts to reform the European electricity market and grid and making them fit for renewables. We will also work closely with the other renewable energy associations to provide Commission and Parliament with sound recommendations for the revision of the Renewable Energy Directive on the way to achieving our long-term decarbonisation objectives."

Dr. Dörte Fouquet, Managing Director of EREF highlighted: "Building the foundation for the future is important, but we have to build on existing binding commitments. We encourage the European Commission to ensure the achievement of the 2020 renewable energy targets and to reconsider the level of ambition for 2030."

She added: "For the last two decades, well-designed national support mechanisms have driven European renewable energy deployment forward. The new directive should continue acknowledging their role. It should embed them in a clear and strong framework that encourages flexibility and creates a level-playing field. This means upholding priority access and dispatch for renewables, as well as encouraging and enabling prosumers across Europe."

EREF a federation of national renewable energy associations from EU Member States represents all renewable energy sectors at EU institutions. Its objective is to promote the interests of independent power, fuel and heat production from renewable sources and to establish non-discriminatory access to the European energy market. EREF strives to create, maintain and further develop stable and reliable framework conditions for renewable energy sources.

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Next to Mr Seimanidis, EREF's new Board is composed of the following representatives:

- Claude Blanc-Coquand (EAF, France)
- Göran Bryntse (SERO, Sweden)
- Stepan Chalupa (OZE, Czech Republic)
- Claudius da Costa Gomez (Fachverband Biogas, Germany)
- Jan Hinrich Glahr (BWE, Germany)
- Stefan Hantsch (IG Windkraft, Austria)
- Rainer Hinrichs-Rahlwes (BEE, Germany)
- Preben Maegaard (Eurosolar Denmark)
- Anne Pénalba (FHE, France)
- Morten Victor Petersen (Danish Small Wind Turbine Association)
- Antonio Sa Dá Costa (APREN, Portugal)
- Nina Skorupska (REA, United Kingdom)
- Piotr Wisniewski (PIGEO, Poland)

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