

UPEI NEW PRESIDENT AD INTERIM

UPEI, the voice of Europe's independent fuel suppliers, announces that Matthias Plötzke, elected UPEI President during the Autumn General Meeting 2021, has decided to resign from the German association MEW and subsequently from his role within UPEI. Johan Deleu (VARO, Belgium) will take up the role of UPEI President ad interim.

At its General Meeting held in Brussels as a hybrid event on 21 and 22 October, the UPEI membership elected Matthias Plötzke as President of the Presiding Board, taking over from Brian Worrall (DCC, Ireland), whose mandate has ended on 31 December 2021.

Matthias Plötzke decided though to resign from his role as Director General of the German medium sized-energy industry association MEW (Mittelständische Energiewirtschaft Deutschland), and hence from his role as UPEI President.



Johan Deleu

As a formal consequence, awaiting the new elections to take place, UPEI Vice President Johan Deleu (VARO, Belgium) will take up the role of President ad interim. Together with the Secretariat, he will oversee UPEI's day-to-day business.

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UPEI represents nearly 2,000 European importers and wholesale/retail distributors of energy for the transport and heating sectors, supplying Europe's customers independently of the major energy producers. They are the interface between producers and consumers, using their own infrastructure and flexibility to supply existing demand for conventional and renewable liquid fuels, as well as non-liquid alternatives as part of the energy transition. They cover more than a third of Europe's current demand. The organisation brings together national associations and suppliers across Europe.

Independent fuel suppliers bring competition to Europe's energy market and are able to respond rapidly to changes affecting supply, contributing to security on a local, national and regional level. They have developed and maintain a comprehensive infrastructure for the sourcing, storage and distribution of transport and heating fuels, with a commitment to delivering a high-quality service to all consumers, including those in remote areas.

Since 1962 UPEI has been advocating for a level playing field and fair competition to ensure an affordable, sustainable, and secure energy supply for Europe's consumers. Today, in the context of the transition to a low carbon economy, UPEI and its members are also addressing the challenges of adapting the product range and meeting consumer demand through market-oriented solutions.

With its strong track record in pioneering the supply of renewable fuels in the EU, UPEI's members remain committed to delivering and embracing new, cost effective solutions which further promote energy efficiency and reduce pollutants and emissions.

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