
UPEI ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

UPEI, the voice of Europe's independent fuel suppliers, is pleased to announce the election of Matthias Plötzke as its new President, for a three-year period starting on 1 January 2022.

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 will end on 31 December 2021.

Matthias Plötzke is the Director General of the German medium sized-energy industry association MEW (Mittelständische Energiewirtschaft Deutschland) and has held the position of Vice President of UPEI since January 2019.

Replacing Matthias Plötzke as Vice President is Christian Heise (DCC Denmark - Ireland), who was elected to the position on the same occasion.

The three remaining Vice Presidents of the UPEI Board remain unchanged since January 2021 and are Erik de Vries, (NOVE, the Netherlands), Johan Deleu (Brafc0, Belgium) and Ivan Inđráček (SČS, Czech Republic), whose mandates run until 31 December 2023.



"I am thrilled to continue on the good path UPEI has set, especially in these challenging times for the energy sector.

I believe UPEI previous President Brian Worrall, together with our network of experts, has put the association in a unique position to provide an effective response to the policy debates and the next milestones at European level.

I look forward to consolidating the voice of independent fuel suppliers, and to working together with UPEI members to make sure it is heard."

- Matthias Plötzke

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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.