

UPEI APPOINTS NEW SECRETARY GENERAL

Brussels, 3 December 2018: UPEI, the Brussels based association representing Europe's independent fuel suppliers is pleased to announce the appointment of Cécile Nourigat as Secretary General.



Cécile Nourigat's appointment takes effect as of 3 December 2018. She will be based in the Brussels office of UPEI and takes over from Yvonne Stausbøll, who steps down after 5 years in the post.

Cécile Nourigat has nearly 10 years' experience working in public affairs in Brussels and brings extensive knowledge of the energy and transport sectors, and in particular transport fuels, most recently as public affairs manager of the European and World LPG Associations.

Commenting on the appointment, Brian Worrall, President of UPEI, says: *"On behalf of UPEI, I am delighted to welcome Cécile as our new Secretary General and look forward to working with her. Cécile has an excellent track record in the energy and transport sector. Her experience will be valuable in working together with policy makers and an increasingly broad community of stakeholders to ensure that independent fuel suppliers are able to effectively contribute to the energy transition. I take this opportunity to thank outgoing Secretary General, Yvonne Stausbøll, for her work with the association."* **THE END**

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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.