

ECSEL JU elects a new Chair for its Public Authorities Board

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At its meeting of 25 November 2019, the ECSEL Joint Undertaking Public Authorities Board elected Mag. Doris Vierbauch (Austria) as their Chairperson. Ms. Vierbauch thereby also becomes a vice-chair of the Governing Board. The Public Authorities Board and the Governing Board, also on behalf of the entire ECSEL JU community, extended very warm thanks to the outgoing PAB Chair, Mr. Ben Ruck (Netherlands), whose high level of professionalism and drive have served the ECSEL JU community so well.

“With ever increasing global competition for the European Electronic Components and Systems (ECS) Industry and the transfer from “Horizon 2020” to the new framework programme “Horizon Europe” very challenging times are lying ahead of us.” She states. “Within the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, the European Commission, Participating States and Industry join forces to strengthen EU’s competitiveness and technological sovereignty. I have been part of this endeavour for more than 10 years and look forward to contributing in my new role to further develop a sustainable future for the key digital technologies in Europe. I also want to thank the Public Authorities Board for their trust”.

About ECSEL Joint Undertaking:

ECSEL JU operates an ambitious Research, Development and Innovation programme that will combine EU funding (from Horizon 2020) together with National funds from ECSEL Participating States and the Private sector, to leverage a total investment approaching 5Bn EUR over its lifetime: Electronic Components and Systems (ECS), being at the core of virtually all economic sectors, have unparalleled impact for the economy and for society and in Europe, and are therefore a Key Enabling Technology of considerable significance for Europe.

The Public Authorities Board is responsible for all matters related to calls for proposals and allocation of public funding operated by the ECSEL JU, while the Private Members Board is responsible for drafting the multiannual strategic research and innovation agenda and proposes the research and innovation activities plan. The Governing Board is the highest governance body of the JU, that has overall responsibility for the strategic orientation and the operations of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking, and supervises the implementation of its activities. The Executive Director is the chief executive responsible for the day-to-day management of the ECSEL JU in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board.

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