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Dear Kristof,

ENEP membership: notice of resignation

With regret, I write of behalf of the Council (governing board) of the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) to offer notice of resignation of the Institution's membership of the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP), effective from 31st December 2017. In line with ENEP's Byelaws, we offer this notice more than three months in advance of the commencement of ENEP's next budget year, on 1st January 2018.

The IES has had a long association with ENEP and has contributed a great deal in terms of staff time to attend meetings, sit on committees and to develop membership services. We still support the aims and vision of the organisation, but as a small membership organisation we have a responsibility to review all expenditure to ensure it delivers value for our members. It is the assessment of our governing board that the present membership offer from ENEP does not deliver this value. The notice of resignation tendered by VDI for 2018 was taken into account in our decision, compounding concerns about ENEP's ability to deliver on its aims.

We are aware that other UK members have also given notice that they shall not be renewing their membership in 2018. We would like to make clear to ENEP's Executive Committee and membership, that our decision to resign was reached independently. Nor does our resignation relate to the decision of the UK to withdraw from the European Union. The IES Council has previously unanimously agreed that a collaborative, pan-European approach is the most effective way to tackle environmental issues. As such, it is with sadness that we have reached this decision, and remain open to the possibility of collaborations with ENEP and its member organisations in future. We wish the organisation every success.

When the IES membership comes to an end, Robert Ashcroft will no longer be available to serve on ENEP's Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Donnan
CEO
On behalf of the IES Council