



Pictured: ENEP former President Jan Karel Mak with Kristof De Smet

PRESS RELEASE

Meeting in Rome last Friday (18th October), the General Assembly of the European Network of Environmental Professionals elected its new President, Kristof De Smet for the next four years.

Kristof succeeds, Jan Karel Mak, the Chief Executive of the Deerns Group an international engineering company from the Netherlands, who has been President for two terms since 2005. Paying tribute to the Former President, Kristof thanked Jan Karel for his hard work and dedication to the Presidency and his commitment and energy to driving ENEP forwards.

Kristof, the managing director of the sustainable brown field investment company BROCAP NV from Gent, spoke of the honour it would be to lead ENEP over the next four years: *“I am determined to bring ENEP to as many professionals across Europe as possible by helping them to engage with colleagues in other European countries and raise their profile with the EU Institutions”*. ENEP’s current priorities include a focus on European professional accreditation, exchange of knowledge and expertise and promoting the network to key institutions and businesses throughout Europe.

The European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP) was set up in 2002 and seeks to unite, through the national environment federations, over 45000 environmental experts from all over Europe working in academia, industry, government and NGOs.

In the next few weeks Kristof will convene the new Executive Committee with newly appointed members Adam Donan – Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES UK), Mario Grosso (AIAT IT), joining existing members Elisa Vignaga (AIAT IT), Herman Jan Wijnants (VVM – NL) and Bruno Weinzaepfel (AFITE – FR). In the short term he will oversee an ambitious programme of events and services will look for new opportunities to expand the network and increase its visibility.

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