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ECCO Board appoints new acting Chairman

Paris, France - September 27, 2017 - The Association Board has appointed Mrs Chantal Dagnaud as acting Chairman of ECCO following the resignation of Mr Joost van Gemert this summer.

Mrs Dagnaud is founder and president of Institutions et Stratégies (I&S), a consulting firm specialised in Innovative strategic partnerships management. I&S works for innovative companies, research centres and local authorities in Europe and abroad.

I&S has contributed to the generation of strategic alliances between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), start-ups, large groups and research organizations as well as to the funding of successful innovation projects involving partners from four continents and various technological fields (industrial technologies, health-medtech/biotech, eco-technology, ICT, chemistry, nanotechnology, photonics...).

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- supporting the agreement process with the view to settling management issues, trust and long-standing cooperation.

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I&S is in regular contact with national, community and international organizations supporting collaborative innovation and connected to international networks of consultancies to projects funded by the European Commission, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, or else the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Mrs Dagnaud will occupy this position until the next annual general meeting that will take place in June 2018. Mr van Gemert remains a member of the Board

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