



CEBR appoints new President and Vice-president at its Annual Meeting 2023

- CEBR celebrates its Board elections within the frame of its Annual Meeting 2023, taking place in Stuttgart on the 16th and 17th of May.
- Forty representatives from the members' organizations meet in Stuttgart to attend this key event for cluster managers.

Stuttgart, May 17th, 2023

The Council of European BioRegions celebrated its Annual Meeting 2023 on May 16th and 17th with a members-only event taking place in Stuttgart. The event was organized and hosted by BioRegio STERN, a member of CEBR.

The meeting was opened by Klaus Eichenberg, CEO at BioRegio STERN and Marc Dechamps, former President at CEBR.

On the first day of the event, the Board elections took place, where all CEBR members were able to vote for the new candidates. Once elected, the new Board members voted for the election of the President and Vice-president.

Montse Daban, Director of Science Policy and Internationalisation at Biocat, is appointed new President of the Board: "I feel honored to be appointed President of CEBR. Our association is in a great momentum, to a large extent thanks to the achievements of the former board and its President **Marc Dechamps** and of the **CEBR Executive team** with Anaïs Le Corvec, Marta González and Alberto Baldi, as well as the 44 members that currently are actively contributing to it. It's also a great momentum for European policies on health innovation, with many challenges and opportunities to which CEBR is aligned to and decisively engaging. We plan to not only increase our impact for our members and their ecosystems, but also continue to strengthen our position at EU and international level. After the pandemics, with the reconnection of the members, the growth of the network, its expansion and influencing strategy, now we're perfectly positioned to generate impact and make visible our capability to transform. I am willing to work with all my colleagues at the board and all the clusters of the network to achieve our shared goals."

Stamatiki Kritas, Business Development Manager at Hellenic Biocluster is appointed new Vice-president: “So honored and excited to be elected as the next Vice-President of CEBR! I am looking forward in working together with the new board and the wider, dynamic CEBR community in order to continue supporting and highlighting the impact Life Sciences clusters have in creating disruptive innovation and ultimately build a stronger and sustainable Europe. By creating strong links between industry and academia, CEBR continues to build bridges across all EU Life Sciences ecosystems and foster the growth of high impact SMEs.”

The members of the new Executive Board for 2023 – 2024 are:

- **President:** Montse Daban (Director of Science Policy and Internationalisation, Biocat)
- **Vice-president:** Stamatiki Kritas (Business Development Manager, Hellenic Biocluster)
- **Board Member and Treasurer:** Tero Piispanen (Senior Executive, Turku Science Park)
- **Board Member:** Kazimierz Murzyn (Managing Director, Klaster LifeScience Krakow)
- **New Board Member:** Sauro Vicini (Executive Director, Clust-ER Health)
- **New Board Member:** Margot Jehle (Project Manager, BioRegio STERN)
- **New Board Member:** Alexis Biton (European Project Officer, Genopole)
- **New Board Member:** Hickmah Tagaully (European Affairs Coordinator, Medicen Paris)

“CEBR is in a great moment of expansion and growth, and, with the appointment of the new executive board, we are sure that we will continue to grow and generate an impact in the European life sciences and healthcare ecosystems.”, points **Anaïs Le Corvec, Managing Director at CEBR.**

About CEBR

CEBR is a membership-driven network of life science clusters and regional ecosystems across Europe, representing 44 subscription members and hundreds of cluster partners across the world. Together, we represent and support a critical mass of SMEs, and hundreds of universities and research centers.

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