

AIB Press Release

AIB elected its new President: Dirk van Evercooren

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At its recent General Meeting in Rome, the AIB elected its new President: Dirk van Evercooren. Dirk is currently the Director of Markets with VREG, the Flemish Regulator of Electricity and Gas Markets; and is also a member of the CEER Customer and Retail Markets Working Group and Chair of the CEER Customer Empowerment Task Force.

Dirk van Evercooren started working in 1989 as an expert in the studies department of a mayor Belgian employees' organisation. His areas of expertise included: fiscal policy, innovation policy, international trade sustainable development, mobility and energy policy. He represented the organisation in the Federal Council for Sustainable Development (acting as chair of the Climate Working Group) among others.

He also participated in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), aka 'The Earth Summit' held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Since 1 February 2002, Dirk van Evercooren has been the Director of Markets at VREG, the electricity and gas markets regulator in the Flanders region of Belgium. He is active within CEER, the Council of European Energy Regulators, as Member of the Customer and Retail Markets Working Group and Chair of the Customer Empowerment Task Force. In this role, he has given many presentations, including several to the Citizen's Energy Forum (London Forum), at the European Consumer Summit, and in the RECS Market Meeting. His areas of expertise include: energy policy and regulation, functioning of retail markets for electricity and gas, renewable energy, markets for green certificates and guarantees of origin, smart metering, external communications (having been responsible for VREG's external communication and contacts with the press), market surveys, etc.



VREG has been an active member of AIB since 2006, having Katrien Verwimp as co-chair of the Working Group Systems and, since May, Dirk van Evercooren as President of AIB. Dirk will act as AIB's ambassador, supporting AIB with all his expertise and knowledge about the Association: the growth of the organization, and improvements to the reliability and quality of EECS and of the Hub all in line with the new AIB mission statement:

AIB – guaranteeing the origin of European energy.

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