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PRESS RELEASE

The new FEAD President is Peter Kurth



The European Federation of Waste Management and Environment Services (FEAD) has a new President: Peter Kurth, President of BDE Bundesverband der Deutschen Entsorgungs-, Wasser- und Rohstoffwirtschaft e.V. (Federation of the German Waste, Water and Raw Materials Management Industry), will lead the European umbrella federation of private waste management businesses for the next two years.

The former Berlin Finance Senator and long-time Director of Alba AG, Kurth was elected President at the FEAD General Assembly held on 15 February 2011 in Brussels. He takes over the position from Italian Carlo Noto La Diega, who has been at the head of FEAD since 2009. The new FEAD Administrative Council comprises two Vice-Presidents - Christophe Cros (FNADE, France) and Michael Hellings (ESA, UK) - and three further members: Carlo Noto La Diega (FISE, Italy), Frank Dicker (VÖEB, Austria) and the new member Jorma Mikkonen (YYL, Finland).

Peter Kurth's Presidency comes at a time when the European institutions are setting the course for a climate-friendly and resource-efficient economy as well as for a secure supply of primary and secondary raw materials to industry, without which it will not be possible to secure the competitiveness of the European economy.

During his term of office, the new FEAD President will contribute actively to decision-making processes and impress on policy-makers the central role of the private waste management sector for the future of the European economy and for sustainable preservation of a prosperous society. In this context, he also regards monitoring of implementation of the European Waste Framework Directive as an important mission.

Peter Kurth: "Against the background of increasing – and sometimes dramatic – shortages of primary raw materials around the world in the coming years, waste management and material recovery will take on a strategic significance across Europe. The key for a stable supply to European industry with high quality raw materials is recycling. The five-stage waste hierarchy laid down in the Waste Framework Directive stipulates that recycling must in future enjoy clear priority over incineration. Only in this way can the foundations for a European recycling society be laid".

FEAD President Kurth describes the 50% recycling objective agreed in the European Waste Framework Directive and that all EU Member States must meet by 2020 as "an ambitious target for many countries". However, according to Kurth, there is no alternative to the shift within the sector from waste disposal to an effective recycling and resource economy. A precondition for the success of this change is that free market rules and competition must apply across Europe in this sector, said FEAD President Peter Kurth. FEAD therefore calls strongly for the creation of equal market conditions for private and public waste management companies. This includes, in particular, fair

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public procurement legislation without loopholes and without privileges for public-public cooperations, equal VAT treatment for public and private companies and the strict application of competition rules.

Kurth expressly welcomed the European Commission's new raw materials strategy: *"This strategy is proof that the macroeconomic importance of the waste management and recycling economy is widely recognised in Brussels as the sector of the future"*. The task now is to replicate the high level of recycling and recovery from waste that is already standard in individual EU countries rapidly across the entire Union.

The enclosed 'Brussels Declaration' which was made yesterday in Brussels at the occasion of his election as the new FEAD President sets out four strategic goals for the years to come: (1) Free and fair competition for private waste management businesses, (2) Consistent and comprehensive promotion of the recycling society, (3) Environmental technology and environmental standards at a high level as well as (4) The reorientation of structural funds towards PPPs (Public-Private Partnerships).

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Note to the editor:

FEAD is the European Federation representing the interests of private waste management and recycling companies in Europe. FEAD's members are national waste management associations from 20 EU Member States plus Norway. They have an approximate 60% share in the household waste market and handle more than 75% of industrial and commercial waste in Europe. Their combined annual turnover is approximately € 75 billion. FEAD represents about 3000 companies with activities in all forms of waste management. These companies employ over 320000 people who operate around 2400 recycling and sorting centres, 1100 composting sites, 260 waste-to-energy plants and 900 controlled landfills. They play an important role in the determination of the best environmental option for waste management problems.