FERNAND REINIG CONFIRMED TO MANAGE LIST

Esch-Belval - At its meeting on the 9th of December, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) confirmed its decision taken on the 11th of October regarding the succession to the role of CEO following the departure of Gabriel Crean. The Board of Directors reiterates its confidence given to Fernand Reinig in October. Fernand Reinig will continue to act as Chief Executive Officer ad interim. "Ad interim" does not mean that he is only in place for a few weeks and that he only manages current affairs. Fernand Reinig has all the functions and prerogatives of the CEO at both the strategic and organizational levels.

The members of the Board of Directors have given him the task of completing all the matters related to the merger: adjustments to the organizational structure, setting up procedures, defining the strategy for the coming months, etc. The goal is that Fernand Reinig stabilizes in a sustainable manner LIST and its structures. Once this mission is accomplished, the Board of Directors will initiate the recruitment of its successor. In this way, the latter will be able to continue the construction of the LIST on strong and solid bases. But everything in its own time, and at this point no agenda has been set for this last stage.

The intermediate phase does not call into question the path that has been paved for nearly two years, since the launching of the research institution. LIST is and remains an International Research and Technology Organization (RTO) whose mission is to develop advanced technologies and offer innovative products and services to the economy and to the society.

LIST has just signed with Goodyear the largest collaboration agreement ever signed in Luxembourg for R&D between a company and a public research center. But this is not all, it has recently set up within its structure a Doctoral Education Unit to welcome young doctoral students. It has also signed a partnership with the University of Luxembourg, secured funding for 7 projects through the CORE programme of the Luxembourg National Research Fund, and has formalized new national and international collaborations with ENOVOS, PM International, NASA, CEA Tech and the University of Singapore. And let’s not forget the acceleration in the drafting of the roadmap for the HPC - Data Analytics project in which LIST has been heavily involved. So much evidence that LIST continues its momentum.

All these is well aligned with the ambitious performance indicators set with the Ministry of Higher Education and Research. With the confirmation of Fernand Reinig at the head of the LIST, the only Luxembourg RTO, has now an adequate organizational structure to achieve the objectives established with the Government under the performance contract 2014-2017.