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DIRK FRANSAER, DIRECTOR GENERAL AD INTERIM OF LIST

The former CEO of VITO (B) will take up his new post on Thursday 1 June.

Eva Kremer, Chairwoman of the LIST Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that the Board has unanimously approved the appointment of Mr Dirk Fransaer as Director General ad interim of LIST from 1 June 2023.

A Belgian national, Dirk Fransaer has a vast experience in the world of research and technology organisations, which he will bring to LIST. From April 2001 to May 2023, he was Chief Executive Director of VITO, the Flemish institute for technological research, Belgium's largest research institute in the field of sustainable production and clean technologies.

Before joining VITO, he worked as an assistant professor at Ghent University in the field of hydraulic research, with Baxter, a major US pharmaceutical company, on artificial organs, and for 13 years in the field of aerial and satellite remote sensing.

He is the author or co-author of more than 30 scientific articles published in national and international journals. Dirk Fransaer is Chairman of the Audit Committee of the University of Antwerp and a member of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts. His extensive professional experience also includes setting up research collaborations with industry, and interactions with decision-makers at the European Commission and connections at the UN-level around issues of sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dirk Fransaer holds degrees in civil construction engineering from Ghent University (1980) and biomedical engineering from KU Leuven (1985), and has completed the Vlerick Advanced Management Program at the Vlerick School of Management in Leuven.

The arrival of Dirk Fransaer as ad interim Director General will enable LIST to serenely look for its new Director General and Deputy Director General, as provided for in the new law governing public research in Luxembourg.

About LIST

The Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST) is a research and technology organization (RTO) under the auspices of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, and its mission is to develop competitive and market-oriented prototypes of products and services for public and private stakeholders.

With 680 employees, 75% of whom are researchers or innovators from all over the world, LIST is active in the fields of information technology, materials, space resources and the environment, and works across the entire innovation chain, from basic and applied research to technology incubation and transfer.

By transforming scientific knowledge into intelligent technologies, data and tools, LIST:

- helps European citizens make informed choices
- helps public authorities make decisions
- encourages companies to develop

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