

## ecta welcomes Neven Dilkov as new Chairman and appoints new Directors

Brussels, 21 January 2021. **ecta**'s Board of Directors elected Neven Dilkov, Managing Director, Neterra as new Chairman of the Board and Tiziana Talevi, Regulatory Affairs Officer, Fastweb as Vice-Chairwoman.

Neven Dilkov succeeds Emmanuel Forest who served as Chairman for the last two years.



Neven Dilkov, Managing Director,  
Neterra and **ecta** Chairman

*"I am honoured to take over the helm at this critical moment for the EU. Never have competitive digital markets be so instrumental to unleash the innovation potential in all sectors of the EU economy and hence guarantee a successful EU post Covid recovery. I hold the post with the clear goal of achieving concrete results! Therefore, I will continue to work to promote the principles of the organisation: **ecta** has always defended competition as market driver, and small and medium-sized operators are the backbone of the economy. They are the pioneers and pillars of good practices in the telecom industry: good quality service, investment, innovative services, more favourable and affordable conditions for customers", stated Neven Dilkov, **ecta**'s new Chairman.*

**ecta** further welcomes Anna Bigot, European affairs adviser, Bouygues Europe; Pablo Freire, Chief Strategy Officer, Masmovil; Keri Gilder, CEO Colt Technology Services and Maxime Lombardini, Vice Chairman of the Board, Iliad as new Board Directors and re-elected Cem Mehmet Çelebiler, Managing Director, Turknet İletişim Hizmetleri A.S. for a second term at the Ordinary General Meeting held on 15 December 2020.

Commenting the elections, **ecta** Director General Luc Hindryckx said: *"I am delighted with the broad and continued support of our members at the highest level, representing at large those operators who are driving the development of an accessible Gigabit society, who represent significant investments in VHC networks and who demonstrate unique innovation capabilities. This bodes well for continuing to advance the cause of competition that stimulates both innovation and investment for the benefit of consumers, businesses and society as a whole".*

**ecta** and the Board of Directors wishes to express their deep gratitude to Emmanuel Forest for his dedication and constructive leadership and to Meinrad Spenger and Malgorzata Zakrzewska, whose term of office as Board Director came to an end, for their commitment and valuable contributions.

The members of the **ecta** Board as from 1 January 2021 are:

- [Mr Neven Dilkov](#), Managing Director, Neterra - Chairman;
- [Ms Tiziana Talevi](#), Regulatory Affairs Officer, Fastweb – Vice Chairwoman;
- [Ms Anna Bigot](#), European affairs adviser, Bouygues Europe;
- [Mr Cem Çelebiler](#), CEO, Turknet;
- [Mr Pablo Freire](#), Chief Strategy Officer, Masmovil;
- [Ms Keri Gilder](#), CEO Colt Technology Services;
- [Mr Maxime Lombardini](#), Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Iliad;
- [Dr Marc Schütze](#), Head of Regulation, 1&1 Drillisch AG, Vorstand / member of the executive board, Drillisch Netz AG.

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**ecta** members are united in their belief that competition is the best driver of efficient investments and the greatest enabler of innovation, choice and benefits for citizens and businesses, as well as for the European economy overall. This is the key message that **ecta** and its members promote and also have promoted in the discussions about a [European Electronic Communications Code](#).

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