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Brussels, March 29, 2019 - The European Confederation of Directors' Associations (ecoDa) has elected Jan Wesseldijk new chair of the confederation. Mr Wesseldijk is replacing outgoing chair Irena Prijovic. He is a board member of NCD (*Nederlandse vereniging van Commissarissen en Directeuren*), the Netherlands Association of Corporate Directors.

"Companies and associations are more and more changing into communities. We are true believers in information-sharing through platform models. Greater investment in open networks improves the exchange of best Corporate Governance practices. With this experience, I do believe that we can help European board members function in the disruptive environment in which their companies operate", says Jan Wesseldijk.

Jan Wesseldijk has a career of international governance. He worked and lived in nine different countries from Japan to Argentina, and from France to Venezuela. He worked in eleven different industries (from food ingredients to home appliances, and from base chemicals to international standards). He studied chemical engineering and business administration.

"Knowing Jan Wesseldijk for many years, I trust his capacity in bringing ecoDa to the next level. Given the high pressure on boards, and with the next Commission setting new priorities, his role will be key in preserving the competitiveness of our European companies. I wish him success in taking over this stimulating position", said Irena Prijovic, outgoing chair of ecoDa.

During her chairmanship, Irena Prijovic has been instrumental in advocating the diversity of Corporate Governance models in Europe. The board thanks her for her leadership role as chair, and for having set the tone towards a true community.

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About the European Confederation of Directors Associations

The European Confederation of Directors Associations (ecoDa) is a not-for-profit association founded in December 2004 under the laws of Belgium. Through its national institutes of directors (the main national institutes existing in Europe), ecoDa represents approximately 55,000 board directors from across the EU. ecoDa's member organisations represent board directors from the largest public companies to the smallest private firms, both listed and unlisted.