

## Press Release

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# Julie Kjestrup (VELUX), new President of EuroACE

**EuroACE - European Alliance of Companies for Energy Efficiency in Buildings is pleased to announce Julie Kjestrup, EU Affairs Lead at VELUX, as its new President for the period of 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.**

**With over 15 years' PA experience, including more than 10 years working on energy efficiency representing from a company, association and consultancy perspective, Julie Kjestrup will bring her invaluable experience to the table in a key period in regard to what efficiency in buildings legislation is concerned.**

During the last General Assembly of 2022 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of December, Julie Kjestrup, representative of the member company VELUX, was officially elected as the new president of EuroACE. Alongside Bertrand Deprez, Vice-President of EU Government Affairs at Schneider Electric, who got re-elected as Vice-President, they will form the executive body of the Association from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

In a period where EU legislation concerning the energy performance of our building stock will be taking central stage, with the ongoing negotiations in key files such as the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and its later implementation. The newly appointed Executive will play an essential role in steering the institutions in putting forward an ambitious regulatory framework that by putting energy savings in its forefront will boost our economy, strengthen our independence to external geopolitical play, and improve the well-being of our citizens while aiming to the achievement of our climate goals.

“I would like to warmly welcome Julie Kjestrup as the new President of EuroACE. During the lifetime of EuroACE, VELUX has contributed positively and effectively to the work of the Association, and I am certain that Julie Kjestrup will help steer important work ahead as we are entering the final stages of the negotiations on the Energy Performance of Buildings and the Energy Efficiency Directives”, says Adrian Joyce, Secretary General of EuroACE.

“I’m delighted to assume the Presidency of EuroACE at this important time of energy and climate crises, and with some very pertinent legislation on the table. EuroACE is a key and much respected platform in policy circles both in Brussels and beyond. Our ability to influence the overall debate and the final compromises reached will pave the way for the whole of the EU to reap the multiple benefits rooted in energy efficient buildings”, says President Julie Kjestrup.

EuroACE is confident that, with Julie Kjestrup at the wheel, the Association is in good hands to face all its upcoming challenges and work. At the same time, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Céline Carré for her great tenure as President during this past year.

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**About EuroACE – Energy Efficient Buildings**

EuroACE represents Europe’s leading companies involved with the manufacture, distribution and installation of energy saving goods and services for buildings. EuroACE members employ more than 220,000 people in these activities in Europe and have over 1,100 production facilities and office locations. The mission of EuroACE is to work together with the EU institutions to help Europe move towards a more efficient use of energy in buildings, thereby contributing to Europe’s commitments on climate change, energy security and economic growth.

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